

# YOUTH BULLETIN

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2 Oct 2011	International Day of Non-Violence				
17 Oct 2011	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty				

## Botswana: Inspire One Million Campaign Comes to Botswana

### Gaborone, 13 Sep -

EXTRAORDINARY young entrepreneurs' Inspire One Million campaign brings him to Botswana this September from the 15th to the 29th. He was diagnosed with epilepsy at 11, lost his first job at 13, started a company at 14, became a junior trader at 16 and self-published his first book *The World at Your Feet* at 17 which sold over 42,000 copies.

Now aged 20, Sabirul Islam, a trailblazing entrepreneur, globally demanded speaker and author of two books, has set off on a larger than life mission to infect fellow youths with success mentality and a winning spirit in 20 countries worldwide, in 12 months. "JCI Gaborone and Botswana National Youth Council have teamed up with Sabirul to inspire at least 100, 000 young Batswana to become successful entrepreneurs and contribute positively towards poverty eradication," Mokgeti Nyatseng JCI

Botswana National Vice President and Project Director for the Inspire 1 million campaign, told *The Business Diary*. "My vision to inspire young people has expanded to a global scale. I have reached out to millions of people across the UK, USA, Nigeria and South Africa with a world tour following November (2010)," said Sabirul, CEO of Veyron Technology – a website designing company. Here Sabirul will travel the country to interact with aspiring young entrepreneurs at various youth centers. One of JCI's 2010 world's Ten Most Outstanding Young Persons (TOYP), the young East Londoner learnt the ropes about investment and trading at age 16 in New York courtesy of Merrill Lynch, one of his first customers. At 18, he designed a business board game called *Teen-Trepreneur* which is popular in 450

schools across the UK. Apart from inspiring young people, Sabirul wanted to educate them about the world of entrepreneurship and taking risks which led him to launching *Teen-Trepreneur*. "The vision behind the game is to teach young people the basics of running a real business and all the daily costs and risks involved. The game is currently being piloted in schools across London, as it introduces 15 of 25 units taught for BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Business," explained the whiz kid. He launched alongside the board game his second book, *The World at Your Feet: Three strikes to a Successful Entrepreneurial Life*. Sabirul's entrepreneurship experience has enabled him to meet many famous faces and received many prestigious awards such as the Mosaic Entrepreneur of the Year, awarded by the Prince of Wales and Princess of

Jordan in 2008. Other awards include The Growing Up CEO Award at Harvard Business School and JCI World Top Ten Outstanding Young Person's Award, which he received in Osaka, Japan last November. Junior Chamber International (JCI) is a membership based group of over 200,000 young people aged 18 to 40 in 5,000 communities and more than 100 countries around the world. With a vision to be the leading global network of young active citizens, JCI provides development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change through four areas of opportunity namely: individual development, business, community (development) and internationalism.

[thebusinessdiary]

## Gambia: National Youth Employment Summit Ends

### Kololi, 27 Sep -

THE national youth empowerment summit organised by the National Council of The Gambia YMCA wrapped-up Friday at the Paradise Suites Hotel in Kololi.

The three-day summit was supported by the Y'Care International and the UK Big Lottery Fund. The YMCA is also currently implementing a four-year project in life skills and enterprise development for marginalised and disadvantaged young people between the ages of 16-30. "Creating market unleashing entrepreneurship" was the theme of the conclave with a cardinal objective of giving young people the economic

empowerment and sustainable livelihood through free vocational skills training and micro-finance support. During the summit, participants held thorough discussions and debates on challenges in mainstreaming youth in national development, and creation of decent jobs for young people, amongst others. At the end of the summit on Friday, many of the participants expressed satisfaction about the training and explained how it has impacted on their lives. The executive secretary of the YMCA Africa Alliance, Simon Bajan told the summit delegates in his closing

remarks that as young people, they must always ensure that they are ready and stand strong to effectively discharge their responsibilities. He urged them to be thinking of transforming the level of development in the country forthwith. Sam Thorpe, the national general secretary of YMCA commended the delegates for their tireless participation in the activities of the summit. Sally Touray from Gamjobs challenged participants to endeavour to adequately disseminate the information they have gathered from the summit. Joseph Taiwo Peacock, the project coordinator expressed gratitude for the participation

of the delegates. He opined that such a move shows that young Gambians are truly ready to take up all the challenges that are impeding their lives.

[allafrica]

## Namibia: Youth Appeal for More Funds

**Swakopmund, 28 Sep -**

THE Chairperson of the Erongo Regional Youth Forum, Ernst Weather, is calling on the government, through the Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture, to increase its funding to the National Youth Council (NYC). Weather feels that the current budgetary allocation from treasury to the NYC is not enough to tackle youth

programmes in the country. Weather, who was in the company of Mandela Kapere, the Executive Chairperson of the NYC, and officials from the Ministry of Youth, National Service Sport and Culture, made the remarks at a youth leadership development workshop sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, in Swakopmund yesterday.

"At least if we can get N\$70 million from treasury we will be able to implement all programmes of the NYC in collaboration with regional youth forums," he said. The NYC received about N\$10 million from the treasury. The youth leadership development programme is offered to out-of-school youth. The programme's

objectives are to develop future political and social leaders from different political persuasions and different walks of life to gain knowledge and leadership experience through the programme. Participants are drawn from all regions and the programme is implemented in all 13 regions.

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## Nigeria: Youth Council Harps on Self-Employment

**Abuja, 08 Sep -**

THE National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) has identified self-employment as a solution to youth unemployment in the country.

Acting President of the Council Comrade Esse Gerald Umoh, who spoke in Abuja Tuesday, said government could not provide jobs for all the youths in the country, admonishing them to be self-reliant.

"The reality is that the government cannot employ all

the graduates in the country. I implore the youth to consider the option of going into farming and artisan work, rather than focus on white collar jobs alone. If this is done, the problem of unemployment would be wiped out in the next two years. While it is impossible for the government to employ everyone, it should put in place loan facilities without collaterals in the interest of the youth who want to be self-employed", he said. On the recent bombing of the United Nations Headquarters,

Abuja by the Boko Hara sect, Umoh described the act as barbaric and urged the sect to embrace peace.

"The Council commiserates with the families of the victims of bomb attacks and ethno-religious crisis in Jos, Plateau State and the North-eastern part of the country", he added. He commended efforts made so far by the security agencies and urged them to do more to tackle the current security challenges in the country.

The youth leader also called

on all Nigerians to be security-conscious, saying that his Council had put in place plans to sensitize the youth on the security challenges facing the country.

Umoh, who denied that the Council was in crisis or factionalized, reiterated the support of the Council to the transformation agenda of President Goodluck Jonathan and called on Nigerians to do same in the interest of the country.

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## SOUTH AFRICA: KZN ANC Youth League's Wings Clipped

**Cape Town, 29 Sep -**

THE ANC Youth League has stripped its KwaZulu-Natal executive council of all powers amid mounting "factionalism".

The provincial youth league structure yesterday confirmed that it had received a letter from the ANCYL national working committee informing it that all powers of the council have been "shelved".

ANCYL deputy provincial secretary and MPL Siboniso Duma blamed it on "factionalism" in the league's national executive and said that the letter would be

ignored.

"We will defy them and also ask the ANC to intervene on the issue. We are the ANCYL for the ANC. The youth NEC has no power to disband or take powers of the PEC," he said.

ANCYL general secretary Sindiso Magaqa confirmed that the letter was sent to KwaZulu-Natal.

The drama follows the KwaZulu-Natal group's refusal to bus members to Johannesburg to support league president Julius Malema and his executive when they were hauled before a disciplinary

committee.

The youth league's new pro-Malema leadership in Cape Town says it is investigating ghost branches set up by business people who pay membership fees for non-existent members.

The business people allegedly give league members R1000 to pay the R10 membership fee of 100 "members" - the minimum number needed to establish a branch.

[timeslive]

## Uganda: Youth Call for Govt. Support

**Kampala, 08 Sep -**

KARAMOJA youth have urged the Government to engage them in policy making. Youth representatives said many government policies like the National Youth Policy alienated the youth.

They made the request during a two-day regional youth consultative meeting, which began on Tuesday, at Moroto Core Primary Teachers College, in Moroto district. The meeting was, organised by Restless Development,

a Jinja-based youth-led development agency and funded by the British Department for International Development. It ran under the theme; 'Young People's civic rights and responsibilities: accelerating development through participation in decision making processes'.

"Most policy makers take young people for granted. They always consult the elders and we, the youth, are ignored," said Grace

Adome, a Moroto district female youth councillor. Adome, who is also the district secretary for works and technical services, said young people should also be involved in constructive peace building and development of Karamoja region.

The chairperson of the National Youth Council, Sammy Kavuma, said youth account for 78% of Uganda's population, adding that with that percentage, Uganda still faces the highest level of

unemployed youth. He urged the youth to strengthen partnership with civil society organisations and NGOs in order to support fellow youth in hard-to-reach rural areas.

[newvision]

## EGYPT: National Youth Council and Save Children Sign A Cooperation Protocol in Partnership with ExxonMobil Egypt

**Cairo, 27 Sep -**

THE National Youth Council, headed by Dr Safey Al-Din Kharboush, signed a cooperation agreement with Save the Children to launch Ishraq Plus, a 3-year program sponsored by ExxonMobil Egypt. It is aimed to improve life and economic opportunities of rural adolescent girls and women in Upper Egypt. Chairman and Managing Director of ExxonMobil Egypt, Andrew Wells, along with Mr Geof Giacomini, Country Manager of Save the Children Egypt, graced the signing ceremony with their presence. Mr Wells expressed his pleasure at the new cooperation, stressing that Ishraq program was a pioneer in aiding of out-of-school adolescent girls in Upper Egypt. "I was thrilled to meet a group of the participating girls in Ishraq's program last week. That avid, ambitious

look I saw in the eyes of one of the girls who said she aspires to be a lawyer, was just unforgettable! That determination and great love of life was a manifestation that Ishraq program succeeded to put those girls on the right track of developing oneself and participating actively and effectively within their families and communities; achieving their full social and economic potential and thus driving their societies forward," he said. ExxonMobil is always keen on participating in development initiatives. As part of their CSR strategy Exxon Mobile will endorse the Ishraq program with an estimated fund of LE 4.5 million, Said Mr Wells. Believing in the imperativeness of the program and its profound effect to entice girls into resuming their basic

education and becoming actively involved in developing their societies, Mr Kharboush expressed the council's readiness to provide all necessary means and facilities at youth centers in villages where classes are held.

Mr Giacomini, Country Manager of Save the Children Egypt, extended his thanks to Mr Andrew Wells and Mr Safey Al-Din Kharboush for endorsing the project, noting that by providing them with key life skills, girls can generate substantial benefits from Ishraq program by being empowered to play a pivotal role within their communities.

"We will work towards expanding the project in the near future with a view to reach out to a large number of girls in rural villages in Egypt. Relying on special human resources reports, we will decide on the most

underprivileged villages that are in dire need for the project," he clarified. Ishraq Plus, that capitalizes on Save the Children's Ishraq project, was launched in September 8. It will provide 400 out-of-school rural adolescent girls with a comprehensive 3-year program of literacy, life skills, sports and entrepreneurial training which will enhance their life and economic opportunities and promote the creation of a new generation of women and business leaders. In its first phase, Ishraq reached out to 1000 girls in 21 rural villages in the governorates of Beni Seuf, Minya and Assuit.

[ameinfo]

## New Zealand: Youth Leaders Warn of Lost Generation, Social Conflict in Pacific

**Auckland, 08 Sep -** PASIFIC youth leaders on Thursday warned the region was bringing up a “lost generation” of young people trapped in a lack of education, unemployment, poverty, addiction and other problems and the potential for social upheaval. By far, unemployment is the “strongest challenge” for Pacific nations, Vanuatu Youth Council president Leinasei Simon told Youth Matters Now, an official site event of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Pacific Island Forum (PIF) Leaders Meeting in Auckland. “Young people account for one third of the adult working population in the Pacific, yet they are at risk of becoming a lost generation beset by a lack of opportunity,” China’s news agency Xinhua quoted UNICEF (UN Children’s Fund) Pacific representative Dr Isiye Ndombi as saying. “If Forum leaders are serious about (the meeting theme) ‘converting potential to prosperity,’ they need to start by investing in Pacific youth. This means giving them the opportunity to become better educated and healthier, and to create pathways to decent and meaningful work,” said Ndombi. “They also need to listen to the voice of young people and encourage them to actively participate in

decision making that affects them in their social and economic development, he said. A report by UNICEF and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community released on Wednesday to PIF governments at the event said poverty, a lack of access to health and education services and dwindling job opportunities were preventing Pacific youth from reaching their full potential. Government would be paying the price of failing to invest in their development in the long run, said the State of Pacific Youth Report 2011, which was presented at Youth Matters Now event. Young people aged 15 to 24 accounted for 20 percent of the region’s population, and their challenge had become “more critical” since the last State of Pacific Youth report in 2005. On average, one in four lived below national poverty lines and education systems were failing youth by not equipping them with the right skills to transition to work; health service were not appropriate to their need; and they felt isolated from political processes, said the report. It warned of the potential for social conflict and upheaval as a result of a large and rapidly expanding urban

youth population with few jobs, growing inequalities and government instability in some countries. Failing to invest in preparing youth for productive lives could even lead to a dependent young population engaging in crime and violence, creating higher cost for government and higher levels of social insecurity. It called for major investment from Pacific Island government to prevent a whole generation faltering and undermining the capacity of Pacific Island countries to escape on aid, to develop economically and, in some cases, remain viable as societies. The report urged government and donor agencies to improve the governance of youth issues, to develop youth employment strategies, and strategies to improve education and literacy levels and to encourage young people to remain in education. Data collection and analysis also need to be improved as no Pacific country or regional agency reported regularly on a standard set of youth indicators, making it difficult to systematically track youth progress. It called on government to set up a youth challenge fund to call for proposals from government, NGOs, churches and youth association for

projects to address the challenges. “We have an opportunity to make a difference for young Pacific Islanders and for the region, but it is an opportunity that could be lost if government fail to make the right investments,” said Ndombi. The Pacific Islands Forum is an inter-governmental organisation which aims to enhance cooperation among the independent countries of the Pacific Ocean and represent their interest. It was founded in 1971 as the South Pacific Forum and became the Pacific Islands Forum in 2000. The forum’s member states are Australia, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, the Marshall Island, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Fiji was suspended from the Forum in May 2009 after it failed to meet a deadline to announce a general election date.

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## Philippines: Youth Tapped to Support Govt. Crime Prevention Programs

**Baguio City, 09 Sep -** "CRIME prevention is everybody's responsibility", this was stressed by National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) Regional Director Pedro Magannon, in kapihan media forum, Thursday, at the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regional Office in celebration of the 17th National Crime Prevention Week(NCPW). According to Magannon, the celebration of the NCPW aims to promote awareness to the communities the government's crime prevention programs, in line with overall objective of attaining peaceful communities, which is essential for progress and development not only by the local communities but the country as a whole.

For this year's National Crime Prevention Week, the celebration adopts the theme, "Pinoy Ako, Crime Prevention Misyon Ko", complemented by the slogan, "Knock Out Crime!". Magannon explained that this year's NCPW celebration focuses on children and youth in line with the ongoing International Youth Year (IYY) celebration with the overall objective of creating awareness and increasing commitment, youth participation and partnerships in the promotion of proactive approaches in reducing crime. "Crime prevention is everybody's responsibility not only by the government or by the police alone", Magannon reiterated. He mentioned that the Cordillera Police Regional

Office (PRO-Cor) as a whole, has a very high morale having been recently adjudged as the Best Police Regional Office. "We are very happy and proud for the PRO-Cor and this is also one reason why we, the public, the community, must continue supporting them, for their morale to remain high in doing their mandate", Magannon said. On the 2011 NCPW local celebration, Magannon stressed that Steering Committee, which is composed of various government line agencies, in partnership with the different local government units (LGUs), NGOs and the academe, has lined-up various activities for a month - long celebration. In line with the NCPW's goal of strengthening the participation of youth in

crime prevention and to pro-actively address other youth problems, such as youth violence, juvenile delinquency, school crimes, drug abuse and cyber related offenses, among others, Magannon bared that they are planning to conduct a youth summit on September 28 to 30. In partnership with the National Youth Parliament, the Brotherhood for Peace, the president of the Student Supreme Council and the National Service Training Program (NSTP), they hope to gather at least 150 leaders of the different student councils in the different colleges and universities and other youth organizations or federations in Cordillera. \* (JDP/LD- PIA CAR)

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## United Arab Emirates: Gargash Calls on Women, Youth to Participate in Polls

**Abu Dhabi, 08 Sep -** Sharjah: The chairman of the national elections committee is calling on the Emirati youth and women to play a greater role in the Federal National Council (FNC) election to be held on September 24. Dr Anwar Mohammad Gargash, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Minister of State for Federal National Council Affairs, and Chairman of National Election Committee, made the call on Sunday night in an interview aired over Sharjah TV. Gargash said that a positive response would encourage the leadership to further enhance the electoral experience. Gargash also said that he was optimistic that the strong challenge among candidates

would be decided by a higher number of voters. **Dynamic experience** "This is a dynamic experience in which we have to monitor and comprehend the surrounding conditions to develop an experience that preserves the UAE's achievements and enhances its stability," said Gargash. "We cannot draw comparisons with the experiences of other countries, because every country has its own historic experiences. We have to rise up to this unprecedented and historic challenge of the electoral process. "We took the necessary measures to ensure that the elections are a success, and more importantly, the process reflects the democratic movement in the UAE and

further enhances our contributions to serve the nation. This is a dynamic process. "The steps we have already taken are steps towards the ongoing process of developing the FNC, which played a very important role in the past four years, discussing almost 30 issues and 70 laws related to various fields such as education and health, and forwarding hundreds of proposals to the Cabinet, which received them in a positive manner," said Gargash.

[gulfnews]

## England: BYC Champions Youth Participation in Local Government

**London, 6 Sep -**

THE British Youth Council (BYC) will head up a government scheme to give advice to public agencies and organisations on how to increase youth participation. The Youth Voice service is intended to support young people in influencing local and national government decision-making in England, promoting greater positive recognition and respect for youth achievement and opinion.

Children's minister Tim Loughton said: "As part of

our Positive for Youth strategy, we want more young people to get involved with local decision-making, helping to shape the services that affect them.

"Whether it is through youth mayors, local youth councils or the UK Youth Parliament, every local authority should be actively seeking and listening to the views of young people."

The contract is worth £350,000 in 2011/12 and £500,000 in 2012/13. BYC chair Liam Preston described the news as a great

opportunity for young people to deliver an agenda that is positively youth led.

"The BYC will be inviting young people to get involved both in representing their local communities and representing the views of their peers in local and national decision-making forums," he said.

"What really excites me about this initiative is the potential for young people to get greater recognition from the general public, not only for their terrific talent and achievements, but greater

recognition for those taking on a leadership role in communities, by taking up seats at decision-making tables up and down the country.

"This is an opportunity for young people themselves to be positive for youth and for us to foster young leaders to take forward that agenda – to decision makers, to the communities and to the public."

[cypnow]

## Malta: Youth Call for Apprenticeships

**Valletta, 15 Sep -**

YOUTHS attending the National Youth Parliament yesterday called for apprenticeships to supplement tertiary education.

The proposal was one of several made by attending youths, aged between 13 and 17, during the junior session organised by the National Youth Council (KNŻ), which took place at Parliament and was moderated by Speaker Michael Frendo.

The session had three themes: equality, youth participation in society and

alternative energy. The themes were represented by three "parties".

The Youth Participation Party proposed a system which guaranteed work placements for those in tertiary education institutions such as the University and the Malta College for Arts, Science and Technology. They argued that young people were graduating without any work experience whatsoever. Among other proposals were extending the law on the vilification of the Catholic church to include all religions as well as teaching

about all religions in school, and the lowering of the voting age to 16, starting with local council elections as a trial.

The Alternative Energy party proposed the construction of a biomass facility which would use organic waste imported from other countries to generate renewable energy. Another of their proposals involved generating electricity from gym machines.

Parliamentary Secretary for Youth and Sport Clyde Puli said he was pleased to see such timely issues being

discussed, adding that Parliament should be "a powerhouse of ideas". While joking that it was strange to see Parliament so full, Labour spokesman Luciano Busuttil said that some youths were not interested in politics because they were not given enough opportunities to participate in it. He said youths should be taught how to be confident when expressing their views from an early age.

[timesofmalta]

## UNITED STATES: Project to Reduce Youth Shooting Get City Panel's OK

**Chicago, 29 Sep** - A trial program to analyze and hopefully reduce youth shootings in two of the city's most violent neighborhoods was endorsed Wednesday by a City Council committee. The Chicago Youth Shooting Review would look at all shootings involving people younger than 21 in the Harrison Police District on the city's West Side and the South Chicago Police District on the Southeast Side, said Evelyn Diaz, commissioner of the city's Family and Support Services Department. The effort "could make our neighborhoods safer and improve the quality of life for all Chicagoans, especially for Chicago's school-age young people," Diaz said. Youth shootings in Chicago

have been a growing concern in recent years and have attracted national media attention. On Sunday, 15-year-old Antonio Johnson, a sophomore at Marshall High School, died after being shot while standing on the front porch of his West Side home with his mother.

That shooting was in the Harrison District, which Diaz said had the highest number of murders of the 25 Chicago police districts in 2009. The South Chicago District had the third-highest number of murders that year, she said. The project, modeled after one in Milwaukee that helped reduce homicides in focus areas, would share police data among several government and nonprofit agencies to come up with

new police and public-health tactics to reduce crime. The plan was endorsed by the Health and Child Development Committee and is slated for a full council vote next week. City approval is needed so all the agencies can share confidential data that otherwise might be confined to police and agency files. The panel would include representatives from the Police and Health departments and Chicago Public Schools, as well as county, state and social-service agencies. Also in on the effort would be Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, a child policy research center.

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## ABOUT WAY

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is the international coordinating body of national youth councils and organizations. The full members of WAY are national youth councils. WAY has 120 member organizations from all continents.

Founded in 1949, WAY has general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and works in close cooperation with several UN agencies including UNAIDS, UNEP, ILO UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO.

WAY works for promotion of youth and youth organizations in program areas such as: youth employment, environment, human rights, democracy, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training.



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