



**IV
WAY-PRIME MINISTER OF
MALAYSIA**

WORLD YOUTH AWARDS

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**HEJA GAME LODGE,
WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

ABOUT WAY

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is the international coordinating body of national youth councils and organisations. The full members of WAY are national youth councils. WAY has 94 member organisations from all continents.

Founded in 1949, WAY has consultative with various agencies in the United Nations System, including UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNEP, UNESCO, WHO and UNCTAD. It acts as a bridge between the youth and the UN.

WAY recognises the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the basis of its action and services. WAY works for the promotion of youth and youth organizations in programme areas such as: democracy, environment, human rights, population, health, drugs, community development and leadership training.

As enshrined in its Charter, the World Assembly of Youth seeks to:

- Increase inter-ethnic respect and to foster inter-cultural and international understanding and cooperation.
- Facilitate the collection of information about the needs and problems of youth.
- Disseminate information about the methods, techniques and activities of youth organisations.
- Promote the interchange of ideas between youth of all countries.
- Assist in the development of youth activities and to promote, by mutual aid, the extension of the work of voluntary youth organizations.
- Cooperate in the development of national youth councils of voluntary youth organizations.
- Promote the democratic participation of young people both in their own organisations and in the society as a whole.
- Establish and maintain relations with the international organisations, both voluntary and governmental.
- Support and encourage the national movements of non-self governing countries in their struggle for national liberation.
- Promote tolerance, understanding, solidarity and cooperation among young men and women irrespective of race, sex, language, religion or political orientation.
- Encourage the full participation of young men and women in the development process of their countries.
- Improve the equality between young men and women.
- Act as a representative body of national youth councils to the UN and other appropriate governmental and non-governmental international bodies.

INTRODUCTION

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) on its 40th anniversary instituted the World Youth Award to encourage national youth councils to become central agents in nation building and to commit themselves to addressing social and economic development of young people in their countries. The World Youth Award honours outstanding national youth movements and illustrates the examples and models that they set for the world.

The then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, became the sponsor and patron of the award and supported all the past three ceremonies. The current Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Hj. Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, has assumed patronage of the awards.

The World Youth Award is awarded to the youth organisation at the national level that has made excellent, noteworthy and effective contributions in national youth development. The Award is also presented to outstanding individuals who have contributed to the advancement of the cause of young people, and inspire them.

The objectives of the World Youth Award are:

1. To evaluate the success of national youth movements in promoting social and economic development;
2. To provide incentives to youth organisations to work harder in achieving greater success in their youth development agendas;
3. To inculcate the spirit of self-reliance amongst national youth movements;
4. To encourage youth movements to play major roles in highlighting challenges of youths and in attempting to solve as many of them as possible; and
5. To accelerate the involvement of youth in nation building.
6. To honour outstanding individuals who are exemplary and inspirational to young people worldwide.

The award is open to all national youth councils. The panel of judges considers the following criteria for the evaluation of each participating organisation:

- Leadership Effectiveness
- Organisational Structures
- Management Systems
- Utilisation of resources
- Quality of Membership
- Effectiveness and impact of programmes

The Fourth WAY-Prime Minister of Malaysia World Youth Awards Ceremony and Gala Dinner was held at Heja Game Lodge, 42 kilometres south of Windhoek. Surrounded by wildlife and a beautiful, rustic African scenery, participants dined in a lakeside restaurant.

The panel of judges for the World Youth Awards was composed of:

Hon. Roger Boynes, Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago

Hon. George Chilunmanda, Deputy Minister of Youth and Child Development, Zambia

Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Hj. Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam, WAY President

The winners were:

Winner - National Youth Council of the Gambia

1st Runner Up - All-Mauritius Youth Council

2nd Runner Up - Croatian National Youth Council

The Hon. Roger Boynes announced the results and made the following recommendations on behalf of the panel of judges:

- National youth councils should write more detailed project documents that can convince the judges of the merits of its activities
- Physical, documentary and pictorial evidence is essential to prove that written detail is true and accurate
- Entry forms should be completed in full and provide all required information

During this round of awards, a special award for individuals was introduced. The winner was His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma, President of Namibia, who was conferred the **World Youth Award for Exemplary Leadership in the Struggle for Total Emancipation of the African People**. This was presented to Dr. Nujoma by WAY President, Datuk Seri Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam, during the Opening Ceremony of the General Assembly.

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