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### ✓ *UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2016*

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2 October 2016	<b>International Day of Non-Violence</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
10 October 2016	<b>World Mental Health Day</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
13 October 2016	<b>International Day for Disaster Reduction</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
16 October 2016	<b>World Food Day</b>	Melaka, Malaysia
17 October 2016	<b>International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</b>	Melaka, Malaysia



### ✓ ANGOLA: INVESTMENTS ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP ENCOURAGED

**Ondjiva, 5 September 2016**

- THE Nehone Commune administrator, in Cuanhama Municipality, southern Cunene Province, Quartez Saul, encouraged Friday the youth to focus on entrepreneurship, aimed at stimulating the country's economic growth.

Speaking to ANGOP, after

the meeting with young people in the area, the administrator said that entrepreneurship is a factor of economic and social development that identifies opportunities and searches resources to turn into profitable businesses. To him the participation of youth groups in entrepreneurial activities

help to create new jobs, contributes to the diversification of the economy and the fight against poverty in families.

The official stressed that young people often feel lost because their ideas are not taken seriously; sometimes they have no action plan and do not know how to

execute the plan.

He said young people should be more creative and invest in businesses that create jobs.

*[Angola Press]*

### ✓ MALAWI: YOUTH DEMAND INCLUSION IN DEVELOPMENT

**Lilongwe, 14 September 2016**

- YOUTH in Malawi have expressed dismay over their increase absence in development committees.

The development is said to be not answering youth demands in the society hence hampering development.

In question are Village Development Committees (VDCs), Area Development Committees (ADCs) and Village Health Committees (VHCs), among other community development assemblies.

According to the Executive Director (ED) of Chamanza Youth Organization (CYO), an NGO based in Ntcheu district, disclosed that composition of youths in such committees is

paramount in enhancing good governance and development.

Enock Chataika stated that since youths are over looked by many, their interest in the community are not answered hence resulting to under development of most areas.

Chataika stressed that with such a trend, youth feel inferior since their roles and responsibilities are over looked by those in authority.

"You might agree with me that youth constitute 80% of the world's population and undermining their presence in development committees is uncalled for."

"We are saying, gone were days when our interests were just being presented

by elders who cannot be able to respond to our demands effectively."

"As such, today onwards give us a room in all development committees so as we present our interest hence representing our fellow youths with a common understanding and contributes to meaningful development," Chataika explained.

The ED further revealed that the road shows CYO is conducting in the district will help to raise awareness on the importance of youth inclusion in development committees.

He challenged fellow youth to be proactive in demanding for a cake in village development committees to effectively

participate in matters of national interest.

"Our inclusion in village development committees need to be treated urgently so as we see great transformation of our respective areas."

Meanwhile, apart from road shows, the organization intends to meet with chiefs in a bid to raise awareness on the importance of youth inclusion in development committees.

CYO is conducting the awareness campaigns with funding from the Malawi Human Rights Youth Network (MHRYN).

*[Nyas Times]*

### ✓ NAMIBIA: YOUTH CALL FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

**Windhoek, 7 September 2016**

- YOUTHS are appealing for more vocational training centres to be established across the country.

This came out on the second day of the National Youth Development Seminar being held in Windhoek by the National Youth Council, in conjunction with the

youth ministry.

According to a survey carried out by the youth council countrywide, youngsters feel that there are not enough vocational training centres, and that they were not introduced to the option of vocational training early enough.

Tendayi Kureya, who presented the appeal of the

youth on behalf of the youth council, said there appears to be a reduction in the number of people who finish school.

He said in 2014, the primary school completion rate was 89%, the secondary school completion rate stood at 46%, while those attaining 30 points and

above at Grade 10 were 19%.

Apart from these results, there is an increasing need to focus on quality primary and secondary education.



The survey also highlighted the need to increase vocational training centres, as a larger number of pupils who fail Grade 10 and do not return to school contributes to the dropout rates. Of the 83% vocational training completion rate targeted in NDP3, only 50% was achieved in NDP3, while 53% was reached in NDP4, Kureya said.

The review also addressed the concern of school

dropouts and decreasing school completion numbers between Grade 1 and Grade 12.

According to NDP5 consultations, of the 66 736 pupils who enrolled for Grade 1 in 2001, 19 082 completed Grade 12.

Johannes Ashipala of the National Planning Commission said although the decrease in numbers may also be because of

pupils changing schools, they can be seen as indications of the education survival rates between Grade 1 and Grade 12.

Ashipala said education survival rates were also higher in urban schools, as compared to rural schools.

Only 1% of those who enrol for Grade 1 complete Grade 12 in the rural areas, while a 58% completion rate is recorded in urban areas.

The consultations furthermore revealed that one of the issues raised was the need for early learner specialisation.

This may also go hand in hand with the call for vocational training centres being made available all over the country, and for pupils to be introduced to them early.

*[The Namibian]*

### ✓ UGANDA: POOR ACCOUNTABILITY FAILING YOUTH PROGRAMME

**Nebbi, 7 September 2016** - THE effect of the Youth Livelihood Programme is little felt as many youth have failed to properly use the funds portraying poor accountability in recovery of the money, the Nebbi Resident District commissioner, has said.

While addressing district youth leaders during a

training on Tuesday, Ms Bessie Ajilong said recovery rate of the youth funds in Nebbi District is still very poor compared to other districts because of lack of stringent laws.

She said of the 100 youth groups from the 15 sub-counties that received Shs500m in 2013, the district has only managed to recover Shs40m.

"I do believe that the recovery rate of the youth livelihood fund in the district is getting out of hand since most of the youth are failing to show commitment of paying back the funds," she said.

She also blamed the youth for poor project selection and diversion from original project plans. She urged the district community

development office to follow up the defaulters.

The district focal point officer for the programme, Mr Hannington Ovona, said the poor recovery rate was due to lack of business skills among the youth.

*[The Monitor]*

### ✓ ZAMBIA: YOUTHS SHOULD BE INNOVATIVE

**Lusaka, 11 September 2016** - YOUNG people should become entrepreneurs rather than waiting to be employed.

Entrepreneurship is one of the avenues young people can use to make money.

For people who are already running businesses, be passionate about what you do if you are to be successful.

Formal jobs are meant to give you experience; you should endeavour to set up your own business.

You should remain resolute with what you want, then you will never depart from

your dreams.

It's time young people started making money from the God-given talents that they have.

The Ministry of Youth, Sport and Child Development should make it easy to access loans through the youth development fund for young entrepreneurs to grow their businesses.

Youths should use government opportunities by meeting the set standard required to access funds such as formation of youth co-operatives.

Lastly, other co-operating

partners should create a platform to support young people with ideas to develop mobile application and software.

The entrepreneurship concept can contribute to local social and economic development by harnessing the power of technology and the untapped potential of creativity.

*[Zambia Daily Mail]*



### ✓ BARBADOS: YOUTH DEDICATED

**Bridgetown, 10 September 2016** - DOZENS of young men and women are now equipped with the skills to work in the field, thanks to the “Youth in Agriculture Programme”.

Advisor on Poverty Eradication, Undene Whittaker, described the participants, who can be seen hard at work in the grounds of the Ministry of Agriculture, The Pine, St. Michael, as ‘dedicated’.

Through the programme they have been harvesting a wide variety of crops, such as cassava, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash, watermelons, lettuce and sweet potatoes. Also, engaging in rabbit husbandry.

The idea is to give them as

many skills as possible, both in crop and animal management so they can determine which they want to specialise in.

Participants are in an educational environment where they can learn skills and then seek employment across Barbados’ public or private sectors, or themselves.

She also shared with The Barbados Advocate that the programme has been going strong because of some very generous donors.

Ensuring an increase in crop yields through water and fertility management and reduced disease, the Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation (BADMC) has provided the programme with a Drip

Irrigation System.

This system will deliver water directly to the root zone of a plant, where it seeps slowly into the soil one drop at a time.

Whittaker is extremely grateful for this system which will allow almost no water to be lost through surface runoff or evaporation, and soil particles have plenty of opportunity to absorb and hold water for the crops.

Since the start of the programme the participants ages 17 to 35 years, have been taught farming techniques by the extension officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, but have also gained significant life skills from experienced counsellors, as a significant section of the Youth in

Agriculture Programme speaks to the importance of mentoring the youth in areas such as anger management and conflict resolution.

The Advisor on Poverty Eradication was also happy to reveal that some of the young men and woman have moved onto the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) in crop management and rabbit rearing.

The rabbitry component of the Youth in Agriculture Programme was made possible through the Maria Holder Memorial Trust and Reverend Peter Phillips. The rabbitry currently houses 63 various breeds.

*[Barbados Advocate]*

### ✓ CANADA: SUPPORTING CANADA’S YOUTH

**Ottawa, 2 October 2016** - INVESTING in Canada’s youth means investing in Canada’s future.

Our government is committed to ensuring young Canadians have what they need to succeed and a say in how their communities work.

Over the past year, we have initiated a number of programs to make things easier for families, from the Canada Child Benefit and the Canada Summer Jobs program, to making post-secondary education more affordable and striking a Prime Minister’s Youth Council so the voices of our young Canadians can be heard in Ottawa.

One of the most exciting

parts of this summer for me was visiting students employed in Oakville North -Burlington thanks to the Canada Summer Jobs Program (CSJ).

I was very impressed by the work the students were doing, the responsibility and professionalism they showed on the job and the amount of real work experience they gained through their employment.

The CSJ program will allow each of them to return to their studies this fall better prepared for future employment and with a newfound confidence thanks to their summer work experience.

Our government places a high priority on involving and engaging young Canadians in their communities and the issues that impact them.

One of the ways we are doing that is through the Prime Minister’s Youth Council.

Prime Minister Trudeau invited Canadians between the ages 16-24 to apply to become a member of the youth council, which will advise him on issues such as employment, access to education, building stronger communities, climate change and clean growth.

Young people are powerful and essential in creating change.

They bring new ideas and

optimistic perspectives on how to solve the greatest problems that the world faces.

Following the prime minister’s lead, I am establishing a Youth Advisory Council for students between the ages 15-19 in my riding.

It will meet once a month and offer an opportunity for students to have a say in their community and share their perspectives and experiences with leaders and citizens of Oakville and Burlington.

When youth and adults share the common interest of making their community a better place, we all win.

*[InsideHalton.com]*



### ✓ HAITI - ECONOMY: 84 YOUNG OF NIPPES TRAINED IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Port-au-Prince, 26 September 2016** - AS part of the Youth Alternatives program, 84 young people from 11 communes of Nippes department participated recently for a week to an entrepreneurship training seminar in Miragoâne and Anse-à-Veau by the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Civic Action (MJSAC).

These young people selected from over 500 candidates were supervised by 5 technicians from the

Directorate of Youth and Social Integration of the ministry that addressed some theme like: the creation of a micro-enterprise; the negotiation of the financing and the preparation of a business plan.

The Deputy Yvon Gesthe, the Departmental Delegate, Jamil Vincent and the Departmental Director of the Ministry to Nippes who attended the certificate ceremony for participants were unanimous in

recognizing that this initiative will help young people to participate in the economic recovery of the department and to reduce unemployment.

For senior officials of Nippes department, the country will change with dynamic entrepreneurs. Because this training in entrepreneurship and business creation seeks sustainable development.

Following the seminar, the business plans submitted by

the various participants will be funded by the Government of Haiti.

Depending on the value and scope of the business plan, costing between 100,000 and 250,000 gourdes will be given to young people to start and grow their own business.

This program will be replicated in other Department of country.

[Haitilibre.com]

### ✓ JAMAICA: JEF URGED TO HELP PREPARE YOUTH FOR JOB MARKET

**Kingston, 2 September 2016** - STATE Minister in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Hon. Floyd Green, is calling for greater collaboration between the Ministry and the Jamaica Employers' Federation (JEF) to provide career guidance for the nation's youth.

Mr. Green, who was speaking at the media launch for the JEF's National Employers' Month celebrations at the Federation's offices in Kingston, said the

partnership will better assist the Ministry to equip young people to meet the demands of the workplace.

"You are well placed to say to the Education Ministry, we need you to go in this direction.

As business people, you have to be ahead of the curve because you have to be constantly researching the trends to stay relevant.

As such, you should be able to tell us, far in advance, the skills we will need to have

for the professions that will be in demand in 10 years so we can put the proper systems in place," he said.

The State Minister hailed the country's employers, noting that they play a key role in economic growth. "Your role is (essential) in our drive towards prosperity," he said.

National Employers' Month seeks to highlight the work of employers and recognise their contribution to national development.

President of the JEF, David Wan, said activities this year will focus on workplace wellness.

"We are focusing on the employers' vision and strategy to facilitate the conditions for a decent work (environment) for employees under the International Labour Organization (ILO) developed best practices and standards," he informed.

[Jamaica Gleaner]

### ✓ TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: YOUTHS TOLD TO STRIVE FOR PEACE

**Port of Spain, 13 September 2016** - MINISTER of Community Development and the Arts, Dr Nyan Gadsby-Dolly says if all citizens make the decision to live for peace, then this country's crime rate will go down.

Gadsby-Dolly was speaking on Sunday following a peace walk hosted by the Laventille Police Youth Club through the Laventille /San Juan community.

"We are commemorating peace and that is something we have to live throughout our life," she said.

"We can't bring about peace in our country if there is war in our schools.

The gun play does not start just so. It starts from small conflicts.

It starts between families and neighbours who cannot get along.

This is where it begins and

then it escalates into what we have now."

She continued, "I want to ask the young people don't just walk for peace, live peace."

Gadsby-Dolly thanked the police youth club for its continued effort and hard work being put in to help the nation's young people. Meanwhile, Acting Police Commissioner, Harold Phillip, encouraged the youths to work with the

police within their districts. He said over the years they have seen a lot of effort from the police youth club to assist in making the youth's of TT productive.

"We channel their talents in culture, sports, music, dance and any activity including life skills.

[Trinidad News]



## ✓ BANGLADESH: BTB FOR PARTNERING WITH YOUTHS TO ATTAIN SDGS

**Dhaka, 17 September 2016**

- AS part of its move, national tourism organisation organised a day-long workshop on “SDG Implementation” in association with Stride Bangladesh at its office in the capital recently.

A total of 20 students including young travellers, youth community leaders and young professionals attended the workshop.

Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon distributed certificates among the participants.

Nikhil Ranjon Ray, director (Joint secretary) of Bangladesh Tourism Board said: “On January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit -

officially came in to force.”

The SDGs have certain similarities with its predecessor called “Millennium Development Goals” in terms of poverty, healthcare, education and environmental sustainability but the SDGs are more robust, ambitious and detailed in characteristics.

The SDGs touched all the key aspects of future development and denoted that all sorts of development have to be inclusive yet controlled in nature.

Among the SDGs, sustainable tourism has been given the highest priority.

In particular, the tourism sector has been focused in goals 8, 12 and 14, which address inclusive and sustainable economic growth, sustainable consumption and production (SCP) and the

sustainable use of oceans and marine resources respectively.

The goal eight of SDGs says: “To devise and implement policies by 2030 for promoting sustainable tourism that creates jobs and upholds local culture and products.”

The target of the Goal 12 is to develop and implement tools to monitor sustainable development impacts for sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products.

Goal 14 targets to increase the economic benefits to small island developing states and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism by its stipulated timeframe.

Akhtaruz Zaman Khan Kabir, CEO of Tourism Board said: “Bangladesh Tourism Board will work out a Comprehensive Tool Kits for measuring and monitoring environmental, economic and social impacts for the development of sustainable tourism under Tourism Master Plan.”

Under this plan, small potential offshore islands would come under sustainable development of tourism, destination and product planning, substantial investment in education and tourism infrastructure, adopting a proper strategy and policies to address inadequacy to domestic air connectivity as well as to boost growth of the tourism industry.

*[Dhaka Tribune]*

## ✓ OMAN: SESSION ENGAGES OMAN’S YOUTH TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC GOALS

**Muscat, 7 September 2016** - THE National Youth Committee (NYC) conducted an engagement session with the youth to shed light on the national programme for enhancing economic diversification ‘Tanfeedh’.

The session was attended by Idris Jala the minister and CEO of Pemandu, the Malaysian body established to support the implementation of Malaysia’s national transformation programme and helping Oman’s Tanfeedh and the management team of the national programme headed by Talal Al Rahbi, the general coordinator of Tan-

feedh and other members of the team.

The session took place at the Institute of Public Administration (IPA) on Tuesday. And Mohammed Al Hinai, member of Tanfeedh’s management team gave a presentation on the national programme and answered the audience’s inquiries associated with it.

Jala expressed the vital role the youth play in Oman’s future in general and the national programme for enhancing economic diversification in particular.

Representatives of youth initiatives, students, and job seekers attended the

engagement session to get an overall idea about the Tanfeedh.

Tanfeedh’s management team and the NYC assured the importance of engaging the young population of Oman, as more than 60 per cent of the country’s population below 40 years old.

Hence, the vital role they play in being part of the national initiatives toward solid and diversified economy to sustain the welfare of Oman.

Tanfeedh comes as a mechanism of action for achieving the goals of the 9th Five-Year Plan, and

overcoming the obstacles to achieving the goals of economic diversification and the growth of the size of the Omani economy that include making necessary amendments to the laws and regulations, identifying the priorities, providing the necessary project financing, agreement on the tasks and responsibilities and delivery dates, leading to an increase in the GDP, promoting of capital investment, providing job opportunities for citizens, and making the targeted sectors in the 9th Five-Year plan an active substitute of near-total rely on oil.



Tanfeedh is working on the formulation of a clear mechanism of action and according to a specific timetable, and indicators to measure performance, to be effective at the beginning of next year.

The programme is summarized into eight steps represented in starting with identifying the scope of work by defining the strategic areas of focus, labs attended by all relevant those concerned with the

domain or sector to develop it and find appropriate solutions to it, on the condition that the government agencies are represented in no more than 40 per cent in each lab, compared with 60 per cent

to private sector, academics, civil society and youth.

*[Times of Oman]*

### ✓ PAKISTAN: SAVE YOUTH

**Islamabad, 16 September 2016** - YOUTH is the backbone of every nation and constitute the main contributor for the development of a country.

In today's era the youth are facing several problems like child labour, drug addiction, child abuse and so on.

Above all, the youth in Pakistan is too backward

due to negligence of the society, the parents and also government.

The youth are deprived of enabling environment of education and health that has been badly impacting their mind and working potential and capabilities.

Majority of children don't know how to read and write and are without education.

More than 80% boys begin to smoke before they turn to 18 years in age.

3,768 cases of child abuse were reported in 2015 that means the number of abused children comes to 10 children per day.

The rate of crimes is increasing among youth due to indifference and apathy of all concerned in the

family, in the society and in the government.

The contributing segments to realize their responsibilities for the betterment of the nation and the country.

*[Pakistan Observer]*

### ✓ PHILIPPINES: YOUTH CAN BEAT POVERTY —VILLAR

**Manila, 12 September 2016** - SENATOR Cynthia A. Villar called on the youth to become entrepreneurs, saying they have one of the highest potentials in breaking the cycle of inter-generational poverty by empowering poor communities.

"You are a key component in the growth and development of the Philippines. The youth [with age ranging from 15 to 29] comprises 27 percent or about 27 million of the Philippine population," said Villar.

Through entrepreneurship, Villar told the youth they can create jobs. She noted that our country needs more "job creators."

She underscored the importance of job creation through entrepreneurship and livelihood generation through various programs, including social enterprises,

to reduce poverty in the Philippines.

"And that is what makes social entrepreneurs different from other entrepreneurs. While social entrepreneurs aspire for the sustainability of their ventures or enterprises, they are not focused solely on profits, they help develop and empower communities and the society in general. And in doing so, they also contribute to the country's growth and development," explained Villar.

Villar, a known social entrepreneur, has built almost 1000 livelihood projects all over the Philippines.

She intends to establish at least one livelihood project in each of the 1,600 towns and cities in the Philippines. The senator said this is the legacy she wants to leave to the Filipino people.

She said her journey to social entrepreneurship started with the livelihood component of her United Nations-awarded Las Piñas-Zapote river rehabilitation programs when she was Las Pinas congresswoman.

She said those livelihood projects under the Villar Social Institute for Poverty Alleviation and Governance or Villar Sipag are also considered green social enterprises since the raw materials come from wastes or garbage.

"We should really join efforts in changing mindsets, equipping entrepreneurial-minded people with concepts, tools and strategies to excel and succeed in pursuing opportunities," she said.

Villar said she is happy with the increasing number of schools and universities are now offering

entrepreneurship courses.

A few months ago, Villar co-authored Senate Bill No. 2212 or the Youth Entrepreneurship Act of 2014, which was passed in the Senate.

She said this will further promote entrepreneurship among the youth, since it calls for the inclusion of entrepreneurship as a separate subject in secondary education.

It also requires information on the availability of government assistance and other training programs and possible entrepreneurial and financial ventures will be provided to the youth.

"That provision of the bill is sending a message to the young people and future entrepreneurs that we support you," she said.

*[The standard]*



## ✓ QATAR: CAREER SUPPORT FOR QATARI YOUTH

Doha, 4 September 2016 -

A NEW integrated career guidance platform will be launched as a step to support Qatari youth to meet their professional goals.

Qatar Career Fair (QCF), in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, has recommended an integrated career guidance system following the 2016 edition of the Career Guidance Stakeholders Platform.

The new system will be based on a joint action plan to strengthen collaboration among career guidance stakeholders in Qatar.

The theme of this year's platform, which took place earlier this year, was 'Evidence-based insights into strategic collaboration among career guidance stakeholders in Qatar'.

It was the first event of its kind in Qatar and brought together over 150 experts in the field of career guidance.

Abdulla Al Mansoori, Director, QCF, said, "Through this meeting and subsequent recommendations, we are taking a step forward in empowering Qatari youth and helping young men and women to meet their professional aspirations, which will ultimately support Qatar's economic needs.

"Through collaboration, we aim at supporting innovation, knowledge-sharing, exchange of research findings, and promoting best practices in the field of

career guidance."

Experts wrapped up the event with recommendations, including the establishment of a national committee of all stakeholders in the area of career guidance from various government institutions and private organisations.

The panel will develop a strategy to coordinate efforts in the area of career guidance within the framework of Qatar's Education and Training Sector Strategy 2017-2022.

Participants also called for the establishment of a national body to promote career guidance.

The body is to develop and implement specific policies within a national joint action framework to ensure the workforce's access to professional development through education and training.

Other recommendations include making use of Qatar's advanced IT infrastructure to create and develop an electronic system for career guidance to help advance the human development pillar of Qatar National Vision 2030.

For short-term, participants recommended the preparation of booklets on the fundamentals of career guidance. The booklets in print and online will be accessible to the public, particularly youth.

The event featured a panel discussion and four breakout sessions, which focused on development of

career guidance policies and strategies; building organisational capacity of career guidance centres; professionalization of career guidance practices; and integration of information technology into career guidance practices.

[Peninsula On-line]

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### ✓ DENMARK: YOUTH INVISIBLE AND IMPECUNIOUS

**Copenhagen, 9 September 2016** - YOUNG people between the ages of 18 and 25 had a lower average income in 2014 compared to 2000 the only age group amongst adults in Denmark to experience a fall according to Danmarks Statistik figures reported by Metroxpress.

Broken down, 18-year-olds saw their income tumble by 13.8 percent, 18-year-olds by 9.2 percent and 23-year olds by 6.3 percent and 25-year-olds by 2.9 percent. Only by the age of 26, did they reach parity with a 0.5 percent rise.

And from then on, the

difference steadily rose until the retirement age, with people aged 30 earning 8.9 percent more, 35-year-olds (17.9), 40 (26.3), 50 (28.4), 60 (30.9) and 70 (29.5).

The figures also revealed a huge fall in the net worth of people under the age of 40. Back in 1997, the average was a net worth of 33,000 kroner, but by 2014, that figure was a 40,000 loss.

In contrast, people over the age of 60 have seen their total worth increase by an average 200,000 kroner.

Besides obvious factors, such as the rise in house prices and inflation, experts

attributed the development to a 12 percent increase in students and the kontanthjælpsreformen of 2013, which decreased benefits payments for the under-30s.

Johannes Andersen, an associate professor at Aalborg University, told Metroxpress that some young people risk getting left behind.

“They are the invisible youth,” he said.

“They are a growing group who neither study, work nor receive benefits.

It is especially girls in remote areas who live with

their parents and don't even leave the house because they lack the skills and confidence.”

According to Jonas Schytz Juul from labour organization Arbejderbevægelsens Erhvervsråd, they need help. “They are the ones we need to focus on,” he told Metroxpress.

“Without training they have a hard time getting a foothold into the labour market and could therefore have a low income for the rest of their working life.”

[CPH Post Online]

### ✓ GERMANY: TACKLING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

**Berlin, 15 September 2016** - THE statistics on youth unemployment (persons aged 15-24 years) in Europe are, to say the least, abysmal. The average rate of youth unemployment in the 28 member states of the European Union is 19 per cent.

We feel very little the impact of this issue as the rate of Malta is seven per cent the lowest in the EU. The comparable rate in Spain is 44 per cent and in Greece, 50 per cent.

It is evidently a situation that is not sustainable as we are risking having a significant part of a generation that has never worked. The economic and social implications of such a situation can be exceedingly negative.

What has led to this situation is the lack of new job opportunities in a

number of EU countries.

One other contributing factor has been the increasing number of persons who reach retirement age who continue working, either because they feel that they still have the energy to do so or because they cannot afford otherwise.

It could also be that such persons would be the only member in the household who is in a job and so needs to continue working to sustain the household economically.

Whatever the reason, it has become harder, especially for unskilled and semi-skilled young people across the EU to find work. Even graduates are struggling to find a job in line with their expertise. No wonder there are European leaders who are now clamouring for

immediate answers on economic growth and youth issues.

Last week's meeting of the Mediterranean countries, which are members of the EU, asked for an EU with less austerity and less regulation.

European politicians have all expressed sympathy for young people out of a job, as what was already a difficult situation became a catastrophic one after the financial crisis in 2008 and the subsequent economic recession.

If reforms in education, labour legislation, taxation and other areas are needed to address youth unemployment, then countries should be bold enough to have these reforms implemented. The policy response to this situation has been to place the unemployed youth into

work schemes and vocational training.

Germany's answer to the issue of youth unemployment has also been to devise work schemes and skills centres that aim to make the young ready for work at least by the time they are 30. These could include the use of internships, short-term and flexible contracts.

This has helped German companies to cut costs to afford the hugely expensive remuneration packages negotiated by older, often unionized, workers.

Young people who are in a job have invariably provided employers with opportunities for savings.

This has led to a new situation not just in Germany but in other countries as well.



There is now an increasing number of young people across the EU who continue living with their parents, whereas previous generations would have long left the family nest.

This is delaying the time by when young people achieve economic independence.

For example, in Italy, it is estimated that young people achieve economic independence by 35 years of age, later than previous generations.

I believe that each country needs to find its own solutions on how to best tackle youth unemployment.

Reskilling and/or upskilling could be essential to reach solutions, as could providing work experience to such persons in the public sector.

On the other hand, whatever measures are taken should not be simply attempts at postponing the problem. If

reforms in education, labour legislation, taxation and other areas are needed to address youth unemployment, then countries should be bold enough to have these reforms implemented.

[ABC Online]

### ✓ ITALY: ITALY TO PROVIDE CULTURAL BONUS TO COMBAT YOUTH RADICALIZATION

**Rome, 1 September 2016** - IN a bid to fight extremist ideology and youth radicalization, the Italian Government is set to launch a scheme to provide vouchers for recreational activities to 18-year olds.

Through this scheme, the country hopes to fight extremism through positive ideology and its rich Culture.

More than half a million 18-year-olds living in Italy will be eligible to receive vouchers valued at more than USD 500 each.

"It sends a clear message, a welcome for those who reach the age of 18 and a reminder of how crucial culture is, both for personal

enrichment and for strengthening the social fabric of the country," Tommaso Nannicini, the official in charge of the program, was quoted as saying.

When the scheme was announced last year, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi implied that extremists should be countered not only militarily, but also culturally and ideologically.

Italy being a well-known and appreciated cultural hub draws a flood of tourists every year.

Giving free money to the 18-year-olds in a country where the youth unemployment rate is more than 35 percent is aimed at

motivating younger Italians to have similarly positive experiences and to see their own country in a different way.

The idea of countering extremism through cultural and social incentives is becoming increasingly popular in Europe.

The Channel program, part of a broader "Prevent" counterterrorism strategy, also offers counseling and social support to youths who might be at the risk of radicalisation.

The Italian Government expects to spend about USD 300 million on the program, depending on how many eligible recipients claim the money.

Theoretically, all 18-year-old European Union citizens living in Italy are allowed to apply, regardless of ethnicity or religion.

The opposition parties have, however, criticized the scheme as populist, but counterterrorism experts and international observers say that it could be more effective than some other past efforts to counter youth radicalization.

Although the program clearly intends to counter radicalisation, the government has been careful to label it a "culture bonus."

[Business Standard]

### ✓ IRELAND: FOCUS NEEDED ON MEASURES TO PREVENT YOUTH SUICIDE

**Dublin, 9 September 2016** - THE representative body for psychologists has said there needs to be a greater focus on measures which could help to prevent Ireland's high rates of youth suicide.

Today is World Suicide Prevention Day and the Psychological Society of Ireland said the country needs to focus on the range of methods and therapies which help people who are experiencing behavioural, psychological and

emotional issues.

It said preventative measures for young people and adolescents were particularly important as Ireland has the fourth highest rate of suicide in the EU.

The World Health Organisation asserted suicide was the second leading cause of death among 15 to 29-year-olds globally.

[Irish Examiner]



### ✓ SPAIN: YOUTH IN BUSINESS PROGRAM TO EXPAND IN 2016

**Madrid, 10 September 2016**  
- A TOTAL of K1.3million in loan offers was presented to the 46 pioneering participants who have been undergoing the program that initially began in November last year and is being piloted in the National Capital District (NCD).

The first ever youth in business incubation program that provides an alternative opportunity for unemployed youths engage in business through training, mentoring, management and funding over a two year period.

Chief Executive Officer, Des Yaninen says youth can access funding from NDBI by registering to this scheme. "Successful applicants will go through the '10 Steps to Success' process of YES and qualify for funding after successfully completing these steps and submitting to us a satisfactory business plan."

Meanwhile, NDB Managing Director and NDBI Chairman, Moses Liu has called on the National Executive Council (NEC) and Members of Parliament to support the youth by including the program in next year's budget so the scheme can be implemented and carried out to other parts of the country come 2016.

Several MPs have already shown interest in the program for it to be implemented in their districts next year while others have expressed their interests for a business incubation program targeting women which

NDBI is looking forward to implementing in 2016 as well.

Mr. Yaninen has said that they anticipate funding K1.5 million per program.

"This averages out to about K15, 000 per young entrepreneur to grow their business.

We propose for MPs to provide the full security cover for these loans as well as meet the entrepreneurial training costs facilitated by Small to Medium Enterprise Corporation (SMEC)."

He reaffirmed that he is determined to roll out YES nationwide in 2016 and welcomes all MPs to commit part of their District Services Improvement Program (DSIP) funds towards the implementation of this program for the benefit of all young entrepreneurs in the country.

*[BBC News ]*

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### ✓ AUSTRALIA: QUEENSLAND YOUTH 'SICK' OF UNEMPLOYMENT

**Canberra, 22 September 2016** - A GROUP of young people in Townsville has taken to the streets to raise national awareness of the high rates of youth

unemployment in Queensland.

The latest regional unemployment figures for people between 15 and 24

shows Queensland is the worst affected state or territory in Australia.

Meet three of the demonstrators who want to

get off welfare and be given ago.

[ABC Online]

### ✓ FIJI: MINISTRY REACHES OUT TO YOUTHS

**Suva, 21 September 2016** - YOUTHS should have the passion and determination to make a living for themselves regardless of their geographical location in Fiji.

In an interview, Youth and Sports Minister Laisenia Tuitubou said Fiji's youths must be able to work and earn an income to support their personal and family lives.

"Life is not only in the urban areas, it is where they

live so we try and give them the confidence to survive within their means," Mr Tuitubou said.

"The underprivileged and underdeveloped youths should not feel that the privileged youths are those in the urban areas.

"This is why we are going right down to the youths and instead of the top-down concept, we now begin from the youths, sitting with them and giving them advice and the freedom to

choose what sort of project they want to embark on."

Mr Tuitubou said this was part of the ministry's mandate and a trip to Beqa scheduled for tomorrow would be a result of these discussions held with youths in the various villages on the island.

"My assistant minister has already visited Beqa and had informal talanoa sessions with the youths and we follow a process whereby after they make

requests, we assess and see whether the project is suitable to the area and resources available.

"Youths in Beqa have requested for sewing equipment and a mini sawmill as they have youths there skilled in carpentry and sewing."

[The Fiji Times Online]

### ✓ NEW ZEALAND: PACIFIC YOUTH TARGETED IN EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

**Wellington, 18 September 2016** - IT'S hoped an employment support programme for youth will lift incomes and living standards for New Zealand's Pacific population.

The government will spend \$4.5m on the Pacific Employment Support

Services programme. Photo: 123rf

Since its launch in 2010, the Pacific Employment Support Services pilot programme has seen more than 80 percent of its 1400 applicants placed into employment or training.

The New Zealand government this year

allocated \$4.5 million to extend the programme for another four years. Government figures show Pacific people are over-represented among the unemployed, low income and lower-skilled workers. Minister for Pacific Peoples Peseta Sam Lotu-Iiga is optimistic that the pro-

gramme will help change those figures.

"If we can get Pacific people into better training opportunities, high levels of education and achievement, then they get paid higher wages and incomes.

[Radio New Zealand]

### ✓ SOLOMON ISLAND: LATEST YOSI: SOLOMON ISLANDS' YOUTH DRIVING CHANGE

**Honiara, 15 September 2015** - IN its milestone fifth edition, the successful Youth of Solomon Islands (YOSI) magazine sheds light of "Narawei: Young Leaders Driving Change", a tribute to young people leading by example.

This latest issue takes readers to Choiseul Province, with a special feature dedicated to youth who are part of the Youth

Work initiative implemented by the Pacific Community (SPC) and its partners.

It shares stories of how young people are driving change by putting themselves on the forefront of fighting the effects of climate change and ensuring food security in their communities.

Feature articles also include young women at the heart

of Solomon Islands Parliament, as well as young Solomon Islands' Olympians to name a few.

"What YOSI has become over the last two years is a voice for Solomon Islands youth and a celebration of what it means to be a youth in their country.

Many young Solomon Islanders in Honiara have access to Facebook and the

Youth Work Facebook pages provide a great platform for youth to have their opinions heard as well as ideas and information exchanged," SPC Regional director Melanesia, Mia Rimon said.

Even those who don't have internet access and those in rural areas are able to share their life stories and achievements through the magazine.



YOSI is about changing the way the nation looks at their youth as youth are saying 'We are valuable, we are contributing, we are proud',” Ms Rimon said.

Work is already under way for the quarterly magazine's next edition which is expected to feature views and personal stories on inequality; land; corruption; cultural vs. national identity; law and order;

what these mean to young people of Solomon Islands and how it correlates to national peace building.

“YOSI magazine still proves to be a strong voice for young people, so we encourage all youth in Honiara to come grab a free copy from the Youth Work office at the Art Gallery.

The Youth Work programme is implemented by

SPC in partnership with Solomon Islands Ministry of National Unity, Peace and Reconciliation, the Ministry of Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and the Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs with funding from the Queens Young Leaders Programme (UK), the Australian Government Aid Programme, the Pacific

Leadership Programme and Plan International.

Youth Work is an initiative to tackle youth unemployment in Solomon Islands and to help youth of the Solomon Islands finds pathways to employment and entrepreneurship.

*[Daily Online Newspaper]*

### ✓ TONGA: HELPING TONGAN YOUTHS FIND JOBS

Monday, 5 September 2016

- A NON-PROFIT Organisation, Tonga Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship today launched a new recruitment website and donated computers that will assist their work in supporting youth access to information, trainings and job opportunities.

*[Matangi Tonga Online]*

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