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8 September 2018	International Literacy Day	Melaka, Malaysia
15 September 2018	International Day of Democracy	Melaka, Malaysia
21 September 2018	International Day of Peace	Melaka, Malaysia
30 September– 2 October 2018	13th Global Youth Peace Festival	Chandigarh, India



✓ BOSTSWANA: TO INCLUDE YOUTH IN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAMME

Gaborone, 16 August 2018

- THE Botswana government plans to rope in unemployed youth into its programme to wean the economy off diamonds, President Mokgweetsi Masisi said on Thursday.

Masisi said in a statement that he had told United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) executive secretary Vera Songwe in an earlier meeting that his government was keen to ensure that the youth play a

significant role in the transformation of the country's economy.

"During our meeting, we discussed how we can grow and diversify the economy, which is part of a plan on how Government can include the youth in the diversification plan," Masisi said.

He said other areas discussed with the UNECA official included strengthening of the energy, tourism and agricultural

sectors to enable them to create more jobs.

Meanwhile, Masisi was due in Namibia on Thursday for the 38th Southern African Development Community summit.

He is expected to give his maiden speech focusing on Promotion of Infrastructure Development and Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development.

The two-day summit of SADC heads of state and

government kicks off on Friday.

It has been preceded by meetings of ministers and permanent secretaries from the 16-member regional bloc.

The Union of Comoros is participating at the summit for the first time after it was admitted into the grouping in 2017.

[Mmegi Online]

✓ MALAWI: AGRIBUSINESS: A REMEDY FOR YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Lilongwe, 20 August 2018

- THE office of Agri-business in Phalombe has directed young people to embark on various agricultural activities for business purpose if the fight against unemployment among the youth is to be productive.

The call comes at a time youths in the country are facing a 40 percent unemployment rate.

Speaking during a Youth Technical Working Group meeting held in Phalombe on Saturday, Agri-business officer for the district Joseph Before said young people have more job opportunities in the agriculture industry, however all that they need are skills to turn their farming into businesses.

"The Ministry of Agriculture through African National Solidarity Trust Fund is implementing a project called Promoting Decent Rural Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship in Agriculture and

Agri-businesses in which it seeks to have more young people participating in agri-business.

I would like to urge young people to take interest in this project and see how they can benefit from its interventions," said before.

He added that given the opportunities, through agri-business, young people might be able to create jobs for their generation thereby relieving the pressure on government and the private sector for jobs.

Youths in some parts of Phalombe district such as Nkhulambe area are actively involved in farming, although not many of them conduct their agricultural activities as a business due to, among other things, lack of financial support.

Commenting on the call, District Youth Officer for Phalombe District Council McNeill Shire, encouraged young people in the district to develop passion for

agriculture in order to be self-reliant.

Shire said youths should be in the fore-front of opening doors for others to get employed and agriculture is one field through which they can be able to create jobs for themselves and others.

Chairperson for Nkhulambe Youth Network Dalitso Hankey called on Non-governmental Organizations implementing agriculture related interventions in the district to consider targeting youths with their interventions.

Meanwhile, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) have joined forces to increase jobs and business opportunities for young people in rural areas of African countries such as Benin, Cameroon, Niger and Malawi through a \$4 million grant acquired from the Africa Solidarity Trust Fund.

[Malawi24]



✓ NAMIBIA: YOUTH URGED TO LEARN DIFFERENT SKILLS

Windhoek, 21 July 2018 - RUNDU urban constituency councillor Vicky Kauma has urged the youth to learn different skills that will enable them to be self-employed.

She said this when she received a donation of 10 African djembe drums from the Hit the Beat Academy on behalf of the Home of the Arts (Hota) in a ceremony at Rundu on Monday.

The councillor said the youth should grab opportunities that can teach them skills in different fields, especially in performing arts, and be able to make a living from such.

“Learning different skills where one can make a

living can help the government to look into ways of how to assist [the youth], and will reduce the pressure on the government,” she observed.

Kauma also encouraged young people, especially in Kavango East, to stop waiting for government handouts, and to unite to fight unemployment. “Young people, you cannot continue to sit and wait for the government. Stand up and do something for yourself. Where there is a will, there is a way,” the councillor stated.

Kauma further applauded the founders of Hota, saying they should continue to equip young people with skills that they can use to do something good for their

communities.

Hota is a non-governmental organisation established to train the youth in the Kavango East region in visual and performing arts.

They have been receiving support from the National Arts Council of Namibia, and since the beginning of the year, have managed to offer workshops in different skills such as photography, graphic design and music.

Hota's founder and managing director, Nanyemba Katamba, applauded Hit the Beat for the donation, saying the drums will further their goals in encouraging young people to master the art of performing live music. Hit the Beat is an

organisation which has been in existence for about 20 years and aims to unify people through music, dance, arts and culture.

Founder and director of Hit the Beat, Simone de Picciotto, said they decided to donate the drums to Hota because drums can bring people together through rhythm.

“I feel happy to contribute drums because a drum is a basic instrument that everyone can play,” Picciotto added.

[The Namibian]

✓ NIGERIA: NIGERIA RED CROSS HOSTS WORLD YOUTH CAMP, TO TACKLE DRUG MENACE

Abuja, 27 August 2018 - THE Nigeria Red Cross Society (NRC) is set to host a weeklong International Youth Camp (IYC) aimed to tackle the menace of drug abuse, especially among the youth. Vice-Chairman of the society, Lagos branch, Mrs.

Adebola Kolawole said the camp is a yearly event aimed at promoting youths' emotional, social, cognitive and behavioural development.

She said the camp with the theme ‘Awakening Humanity in Youth and Fostering Generational Z Leaders’ would hold from August 26 to September 2 at the Resettlement Camp, Igando, in Ikotun-Igando Local Council Development Area (LCDA) Lagos State.

According to Kolawole, one of the major issues that will dominate discussions at the event is tackling drug abuse, especially among the youth. “In Lagos, drug abuse is something everybody is campaigning against, and we are working with the Lagos State Kick Against Drug Abuse (LASKADA).”

On the activities to expect, Kolawole said there would be a lot of arts and culture on display. “The IYC has been tagged ‘Eko Re’, meaning ‘this is Lagos.’”

Acting Chairman, National Organising Committee (NOC) of the camp, Mr. Nwapa Nwapa, said the IYC was one of the Red Cross' activities to appreciate its volunteers. About 1,000 youths were being expected from different countries in the

world.

“We want to encourage our volunteers to do more. We want to awaken the humanity in them so they can do more than they are presently doing,” he said. Lagos Branch Secretary of NRC, Mr. Olakunle Lasisi, commended LASEMA and the state's Ministry of Youths and Social Development for their contributions toward ensuring the success of the event.

[Guardian]



✓ ZAMBIA: EDUCATING ORPHANS AND TRAINING YOUTH

Lusaka, 7 August 2018 - IN Zambia, where 80% of rural families are living below the poverty line (UNICEF), this shipment has provided immeasurable support to schools, children's homes and unemployed youth in rural Zambia. Before the shipment arrived, staff described the lack of resources that is keeping community children in poverty in one of their target schools.

"The room is packed with a sea of small bodies in khaki uniforms, some sprawling on the dirt floor trying to balance their note books and write at the same time. The lucky few who get desks are tightly squeezed together on the on the same bench, elbows touching as they scrawl notes while the teacher talks and writes on the chalkboard.

The metal sheet that serves as a roof makes the room hot and stuffy."

When Crossroads' shipment arrived from Hong Kong, filled with school goods, toys, furniture and other items, excitement at the news spread quickly!

"You should have been here to see the tears of joy trickling down faces," they wrote.

Together we are making things happen. Some kids that came to witness were nervous at seeing what was going on. Some of them have never seen such BIG cars, let alone standing side by side."

Some of these goods have already been distributed, including:

Furniture to outfit the community's library
Toys and educational supplies for school children
Baby equipment, toys and supplies for an orphanage caring for 0-3 year olds
Still more of the goods, though, are now waiting onsite to be installed at the project's most exciting new endeavor: a new school building (right), which will be able to better cater to the community children's needs with more space, more classrooms and now, thanks to this shipment, better desks and chairs.

[Reliefweb]

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✓ BERMUDA: YOUTH TALK ON MANAGING MONEY

Hamilton, 11 August 2018 - THE importance of saving money will be the topic of discussion at a Generation Next town hall meeting on Wednesday.

Micah Davis, the general manager of the Bermuda Credit Union, will give a presentation on fiscal responsibility at the event, in the Bermuda Industrial Union's Dr EF Gordon Hall.

Mr Davis has worked in the

credit union movement in Bermuda and overseas for more than 30 years and has been appointed international credit union development educator by the World Council of Credit Unions in Madison, Wisconsin.

He has been general manager of the BIU Members Credit Union Co-op Society since 2008.

Generation Next member Aminah Simmons said: "Generation Next believes it to be of paramount

importance that all of Bermuda's young people are adequately prepared to make effective decisions with all their finances and resources.

"We are confident that through these efforts our young people will have a greater financial literacy and allow for a greater sense of financial independence.

"We are pleased to partner with the Bermuda Credit

Union to provide this youth town hall meeting focused on financial education among young people."

All young people in attendance will have the chance to open an account with the Bermuda Credit Union without any opening fees.

[Royal Gazette]

✓ BOLIVIA: VETERAN'S ORGANIZATIONS ASSIST YOUTH

Brunswick County, 19 August 2018 - AMERICAN Legion Post 543, St James, and the Wilmington's 40&8 Voiture 245 combined forces on June 4.

Representatives from both organizations visited Horseplay Farms/Our Heroes Inc. in Bolivia. Tuition assistance is

provided for veteran's dependents and children with physical, emotional and special needs.

These youngsters will be introduced to a five-hour "Horse Sense Workshop," learning skills from basic horsemanship, grooming, to personal space barriers. Equine therapy has been

proven to be quite beneficial in developmental therapy.

They also visited the Brunswick County Youth Council Inc. "LAX BBQ" fundraising event.

This fledgling organization is looking to introduce the children of Brunswick

County to opportunities combining fellowship, scholarships and programs that may have been underutilized until now.

[StarNewsOnline.com]

✓ CANADA: GIVES 128 BOLTON-AREA YOUNG PEOPLE JOB SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Bolton, 24 July 2018 - WHEN Canada's young people get the training and experience they need to be able to find and keep good jobs, the middle class grows and the economy thrive.

Today, Rodger Cuzner, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, on behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, announced that the Government of Canada will provide funding to help 128 young people who need it most overcome barriers to getting a job or returning to school. Caledon

Community Services' LIFE for Youth project will receive close to \$1.5 million from the Government.

Through the LIFE for Youth project, youth will attend workshops that are tailored to their needs.

These include sessions on job searching and networking, time management, communication skills, conflict resolution, stress management and health and safety certification.

They will also get valuable work experience in sectors like retail, food services, construction and manufacturing.

[Canada NewsWire]



✓ JAMAICA: GOV'T INITIATES 'YOUTH CLUB CHARGE UP' TO PROMOTE PEACE

Kingston, 17 August 2018 - THE Government has initiated a youth-development programme to engage young people in the promotion of peace while building the capacity of youth clubs to steer community growth.

According to State Minister in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, Floyd Green, under the youth club rebuilding initiative,

dubbed 'Youth Club Charge Up', from which the groups are provided with grants, young persons are encouraged to foster conflict solving through joint club and community projects.

We are saying to young people that where conflicts exist, come together, use the youth club as the umbrella to discuss the issues, and come up with a project that can build peace throughout the communities," the

minister told JIS News in an interview.

Following the launch of the programme recently in St Thomas, the youth clubs are now able to grasp opportunities for financial support, training, mentorship and strengthening from the Youth Division in the ministry while also enabling young people to access programmes for their personal development.

It encourages youth to take charge and offer leadership

in their communities, and to actively get involved in community-development projects.

The state minister said the programme forms part of Jamaica 55 initiatives. "Let us set a new paradigm; let us come together and look at joint projects across communities and clubs," he urged.

[Jamaica Observer]

✓ TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: URGES YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM TROUBLE

Port of Spain , 25 August 2018 - YOUNG people are being urged to be focused, engage in positive activities and stay out of trouble during the holiday period.

The advice comes from the Trinidad and Tobago Youth Convention.

Nikoli Edwards, founder of the group, in a News Power Now interview this afternoon appealed to young persons to avoid getting into trouble and, instead, participate in events that will help empower them.

[Power 102 FM]

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✓ CHINA: ENCOURAGES YOUTH'S DEVOTION TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

Eijing, 24 August 2018 - CHINESE Vice Premier Sun Chunlan encouraged Friday young people to carry forward the spirit of science and master scientific methodology to make new discoveries, inventions, and technologies.

Sun made the remarks during her speech at the 11th China Youth Science

and Technology Innovation Award ceremony.

Sun also called on Chinese youth to incorporate their individual aspirations into the state and national enterprises and pass on their predecessors' fine tradition of serving the country with scientific achievements.

The whole society should provide a favorable

environment and opportunities for young people to create and invent, and build up innovation platforms and mechanism to help them realize their scientific dreams, Sun said.

The award was based on the will of late Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and established in 2004 as a commemoration of his 100th birthday.

Administered by institutions including the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China and All-China Youth Federation, the award is given to around 100 young people every term ranging from primary school to university students.

[Xinhua]

✓ MALAYSIA: OTHERS HAVE TECH, WE HAVE OUR YOUTH

Kuala Lumpur, 9 August 2018 - AS Malaysia celebrates International Youth Day on Sunday, there is much to rejoice.

The young in this country have made us proud and are steering the nation to a brighter tomorrow.

Malaysia is blessed to have a youth bulge in our demographics.

The National Statistics Department says there are 14.6 million Malaysians aged between 15 and 39, or 45.4 per cent of the population.

This means youth account for a majority of our population, ensuring a stable future for our economy based on a long-lasting workforce and a sizeable market to support our businesses.

All businesses, infrastructure, systems and policies will be supported, used, maintained and executed by our youth for decades to come.

It is these young people who will start businesses, work factories, build homes, take loans, study, become

consumers of our goods and services, and be our leaders.

While other countries may have more advanced technology or more national resources, some of them have a problem with their demographics when it comes to a shortage of youth to drive the economy.

Some have an ageing population that will require their existing youth to generate enough value for their care.

Some countries encourage their populace to have children to ensure there will be enough people for the next generation of workers and consumers.

While we do have relative quantity, what about quality? Are our youth on a par with young people in the world?

In the United States, young leaders such as Emma Gonzales and David Hogg have shown the way towards social revolution, particularly in gun control.

Listening to them talk, it is easy to marvel at the deft powers of these budding orators who have achieved

so much at such a tender age.

It also goes to show that young people are resilient in the face of tragedy, perhaps more so than many elders.

Their amazing achievements are testament to the education they have received a key factor in shaping their young minds.

Malaysia has always invested in education, which accounts for over a fifth of the federal budget in recent years.

We are producing professionals in filmmaking, astrophysics, medicine and engineering.

Our young talent is recognised locally and internationally, working with prestigious bodies, such as the United Nations, as well as video game developers and automotive companies.

Game developer Wan Hazmer Wan Abd Halim put Malaysia on the digital map by featuring roti canai, satay and teh tarik in *Final Fantasy XV*, one of the latest instalments in the globally popular *Final*

Fantasy series.

He is now working on game projects in Malaysia, and hopefully, he will transfer what he has learned from working with video game companies.

Robiah Ibrahim discovered a method to predict lightning strikes on buildings so lightning rods can be placed in optimal locations.

On the entrepreneurial front, Malaysian-based companies powered by youth, such as Grab, are making global waves, acquiring massive foreign investment and even buying over other tech giants.

Malaysia's youth is one of the busiest and hardest working in the world.

On average, Malaysian workers commit 15 hours more than their contracted hours and more than 56 per cent sleep less than seven hours a night, said a study by AIA Vitality last year.



However, the same study shows this tendency to overwork may decrease productivity.

A new approach in work-life balance and how work is done could increase productivity.

Our youth are willing to work hard.

They are not lazy.

Therefore, tweaking their working habits and work-life balance could increase productivity.

It is a fallacy to say this or that generation has stepped up to the plate and is standing up for a better Malaysia, because each generation will eventually step up to the plate and carry this country forward.

All countries, all civilisations are built on the back of youth. However, it must be said that advances in the economy, in all sectors, is due to this current generation of maturing youth.

The World Bank projected Malaysia's gross domestic product to grow 5.4 per cent this year, up 0.2 per cent from an earlier estimate.

This shows global confidence and recognition of a country that has the most valuable resource: youth. It is vital for youth to realise and embrace their new role as they age further.

[New Straits Times Online]

✓ PAKISTAN: EDUCATE THE YOUTH

Islamabad, 25 August 2018 - DEVOTED and determined, a husband-and-wife team has built a remarkable primary school in Naltar Valley.

Each year, Zahid and Shahnur Farooq spend nine months away from family and friends, just running the school.

Shahnur, the de facto principal, teacher-trainer,

class mentor and social motivator and psychological evaluator at Parha Likha Pakistan School.

Shahnur and Zahid (now retired from the Pakistan Air Force) run a state-of-the-art primary school for the children of the community living within a distance of 40 kilometres around Naltar Bala a tiny settlement nestled in the middle of nowhere around the

mountains north of Gilgit.

In just three years of formal operation, the school has 300 children between the ages of four to 15 years lined up for morning assemblies, squatting on rush matting in two brick-built and tent classrooms, learning lessons and craft, or playing in the open.

The students are always

found in the school despite the harsh weather, even reading under the open sky, or even with no facilities. Tents are set up for classes, open place for playing.

This is a huge service to the humanity and we pray for the organizers to continue their mission with more and more dedication.

[Pakistan Observer]

✓ QATAR: NAMA HOSTS SECOND PHASE OF YOUTH PROGRAM

Doha, 2 August 2018 - SOCIAL Development Center- NAMA concluded the second phase of "Youth Capability Enhancement for Lifestyle" program.

It came in an effort to empower our youth and enhance their self-confidence and abilities, to help them overcome obstacles and meet challenges that would assist youth to become active and influential in society, in line with the aspirations of our beloved country Qatar and leadership.

The two-day program targeted 13-17-year-old male/female students. It aimed to enable students to build a confident and

responsible personality and to raise parents' awareness of the importance of bridging the gap between them and their children, in addition to emphasizing the need to build a positive relationship with children, to reflect on their future.

The program provided the young people with the needed knowledge that contributed positively to their preparation, development, and guidance towards proper thinking and planning, to define their goals and their way of life to discover themselves and to become active.

Program has also sought to educate parents and provide them with the necessary knowledge and expertise

that would contribute to building and creating an environment conducive to making positive personalities.

In its second phase which began on July 8 and concluded on July 19, program focused on the psychological, health and life skills of students that help them to believe in themselves and their abilities, to gain confidence in themselves and develop their abilities and ideas.

Program depended upon a number of important areas to achieve the desired goals, like sparking the internal motivation of the students, enhancing country belonging and desire to build it, and self-discovery

of the future they wish to make.

Goals included evaluating their current life considering all areas, prioritizing them to improve them, as well as focusing on improving speech skills, self-confidence, speaker qualities, nonverbal communication such as body language, tone of voice, and others.

Training was held at the Social Development Center- NAMA while collaboration with youth centers have been activated when program was delivered at Barazan Females Center.

[The Peninsula Qatar]



✓ THAILAND: IN YOUTH LIES THE ECONOMIC 'MUSCLE' THAILAND NEEDS

Bangkok, 20 August 2018 - HERE are sharp contrasts between a good economic outlook and a bad income-gap, but if the latter is fixed, it could turn out to be the muscle needed for the country's future growth, not a burden.

The economists at the Krungthep Turakij roundtable discussion agreed that economic growth this year be between 4.2 and 4.7 per cent, in line with estimates by the National Economic and Social Development Board.

They said 5 per cent growth this year is possible if exports and investments expand more than expected.

However, Somprawin Manprasert of the Bank of Ayudhya gave an interesting comment, saying 5-per-cent growth was less important than long-term growth, so the main focus should on "building muscle" for future growth.

What does "building muscle" mean? It should mean human resources.

So the question is how to create the muscle for sustained future growth.

In reality, people could help economic growth if they produce goods and services. If they're more productive, they're more beneficial. But I was stunned to learn that more than 600,000 Thai students characterised as "very poor" had just Bt42.7 in their pockets most days.

This is what they had to spend on a nutritious breakfast, two other meals and other daily requisites.

Another one million students were classed as "poor".

A study last year by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development revealed that poor students with the potential to achieve high scores at the international level (called resilient students) made up 3.3 per cent of all students.

If this group could be fully supported both economically and socially, it could grow in number into tens of thousands.

Lowering the student income-gap by providing support to develop their potential would make their muscles stronger and give them a chance at future growth.

At the least, it could help reduce their risks as they enter the unskilled labour market.

[The Nation]

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✓ ARMENIA: ARMENIA TO INCREASE YOUTH JOB PLACEMENT SUPPORT

Yerevan, 11 August 2018 - ARMENIA will increase youth job placement support in 2018.

As of 1 March, 96,200 people of which 62,300 are women are registered in the regional centers of State Employment Agency (SEA)

of Armenia, the press service of the agency informed Armenian News.

Thanks to the efforts of the center, 1159 people have found jobs, nearly 950 people being involved in the SEA programs.

In the program of lump sum compensation to non-competitive employees, 264 people were involved in the 1st quarter of 2017.

The program lasted for a year. Instead of 751 people, it is planned to involve 4500 people in this program in

2017, while the number of participants of support program to youth without experience will be increased from 477 to 1,200.

[Public Radio of Armenia]

✓ AZERBAIJAN: AZERCELL ANNOUNCES NEW COMPETITION FOR YOUTH

Baku, 19 August 2018 - AZERCELL Telecom LLC has announced a competition for the youth who wish to take part as a reader in "The youth is reading" project, designed for booklovers.

To join the competition, young individuals aged 18-29 with distinguished public speaking and reading skills are required to send a resume, photo, contact number and a voice sample to bookmate@azercell.com. The applicant should read aloud 2-3 sentences from

their favorite book. Voice samples can be recorded by any recording device (cell phone, dictaphone).

The best readers will be selected by Azercell experts to read to an audience in Starbucks coffee shop in the frame of "The youth is reading" project.

The qualifying competition will be held on April 19-23, 2017. The winners are expected to be announced on April 26. For detailed information about the competition, please visit

Azercell's official website or Facebook page.

"The youth is reading" project is aimed to promote the culture of reading and national authors among the young generation, as well as give an opportunity for intellectual resting in our hectic lives.

During the reading days in Starbucks cafe, Ganjlik Mall the booklovers will be read the works of literature which are included into Bookmate application, launched by Azercell 2

years ago.

So far Azercell has conducted a number of projects to promote the culture of reading in the country.

The leader of the mobile communication industry of Azerbaijan and the biggest investor in the non-oil sector Azercell Telecom LLC was founded in 1996.

[Daily Newspaper]

✓ DENMARK: DENMARK SET TO HOST YOUTH FASHION SUMMIT

Copenhagen, 8 August 2018 - A Youth Fashion Summit will take place in Denmark. This will attract students from around the world.

Young talents will engage in discussions about the industry they will soon inherit and how to address the major problems of fashion manufacturing and consumption.

They will draft and negotiate the first-ever United Nations resolution on fashion.

The resolution will be negotiated with industry leaders such as H&M and Swarovski and NGOs such

as Greenpeace before being presented on stage at Copenhagen Fashion Summit.

Later this year, the resolution will be presented to the UN in New York. The Youth Fashion Summit is collaboration between Global Fashion Agenda and the Copenhagen School of Design and Technology in partnership with Swarovski.

At last year's Youth Fashion Summit, students explored how the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals represent opportunities for companies to align their sustainability goals with broader societal aims: from

gender equality and poverty reduction to responsible consumption and climate action.

Educators and fashion education leaders will meet prior to Copenhagen Fashion Summit for their respective events, Educators Summit and Academic Leaders Roundtable.

While Educators Summit is a platform for teachers to exchange ideas and experiences on how to effectively teach sustainability and build a strong international network around it, Academic Leaders Roundtable convenes the most influential decision-makers

from across fashion education, industry and nongovernmental organizations for an intimate discussion informing the development of sustainability in global fashion.

[Hereford Times]



✓ SPAIN: THE YOUTH GUARANTEE IN SPAIN: HOW DOES IT WORK?

Madrid, 7 August 2018 - MORE than 4.2 million young people are unemployed in Europe today, with Spain among the worst affected countries.

The EU launched the Youth Guarantee as an attempt to turn this situation around, but how does it work? Young people have borne the brunt of Europe's economic downturn.

According to Euro barometer, "more than half of young people in Europe (57%) have the impression that, in their country, the young have been marginalised and excluded from economic and social life by the crisis".

Nowhere is this marginalisation more clearly illustrated than in the youth unemployment figures for the EU's

southern member states. Greece (44.2%), Spain (42.9%) and Italy (40.1%) have the highest proportions of unemployment among people under the age of 25.

This is far above the EU average (18.6%) and the best performers like Germany (6.5%) and the Netherlands (10.2%).

In his State of the Union speech last September, European Commission

President Jean-Claude Juncker said, "I cannot and will not accept that Europe is and remains the continent of youth unemployment." He promised to expand the Youth Guarantee scheme to reach out to the young people most in need.

[EurActiv]

✓ SLOVENIA: YOUTH POORLY INFORMED OF HIV, DEBATE HEARS

Ljubljana, 12 August 2018 - Young Slovenians are poorly informed of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, and there is no systematic sex education at schools, agreed participants of a round table debate on preventing HIV transmission in Ljubljana on Wednesday.

[Slovenska Tiskovna Agencija]

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✓ AUSTRALIA: YOUTH HOMELESSNESS STILL A GROWING PROBLEM IN AUSTRALIA

Cranberra, 1 August 2018 - MORE than 100 thousand Australians are waking to another day of homelessness. Mission Australia says

many of them are young aged just 15 to 19. Its latest research found that one in six young people had experienced homelessness

in the last year. And while other researchers in the field may quibble over that figure they all agree it's a significant and growing problem.

[ABC Local]

✓ FIJI: YOUTH ROLE IN CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES

Suva, 23 August 2018 - YOUTHS play a vital role in combating the issue of climate change.

This was a comment highlighted by PHD student in Geography and the Environment at the University of Oxford in England, Liam Saddington

while presenting on climate change at the University of South Pacific (USP) at the Laucala Campus in Suva yesterday.

"Youths are really important because they will set the frontline for years to come and even when they enter other sectors they can

always be thinking of climate change," he said.

"I think it is really important that we have allowed youths' voice to be on a national and an international stage when it comes to climate change."

He said with the issue of

climate change, using energy wisely was one way of how we in the Pacific could practice to curb the effects of climate change and live in a more sustainable manner.

[Fiji Times]

✓ GUAM: \$951K FEDERAL GRANT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR GUAM YOUTH

Hagåtña, 26 August 2018 - THE Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center has been awarded \$951,560 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This multi-year federal grant will support the Center's "Project Tulaika," providing mental health and transition services for Guam's youth and young adults (ages 16-25)

suffering from serious emotional disturbance and/or mental illness, including that associated with substance abuse.

This federal grant will support the Center's ongoing work starting in fiscal year 2019 through the end of fiscal year 2023.

Each year, Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) works in Congress

to secure federal funding to improve mental health services, youth counseling, and substance abuse recovery programs on Guam.

"Young people suffering from mental illnesses, abuse, and substance addiction deserve our support, so I am very pleased to see this new federal grant for the Guam Behavioral Health and

Wellness Center," said Bordallo.

"I applaud director Rey Vega and his GBHWC team for their invaluable work, recognized by this new federal grant for the Center's programs." (PR)

[Saipan Tribune]

✓ NEW ZEALAND: PACIFIC BUSINESS PROGRAMME IN NZ STRUGGLING WITH FUNDING

Wellington, 29 August 2018 - A business innovation programme targeting Pacific youth in New Zealand says it needs to find funding soon to stay afloat.

HATCH was launched in December last year by the Pacific Business Trust and is about to enter its second phase.

But the programme's chief executive Tim Swann said the programme has no dedicated budget and is relying on funds held by the

trust. "When you're doing something new there's an element of risk there, and we've had to just really leverage off of our personal relationships, our professional connections and that's kind of typical for a lot of community initiatives that are a bit different," said Tim Swann. The Pacific Business Trust held \$NZ4.7 million in assets, according to its 2014 annual report.

The trust was established in

1985 and receives around \$NZ1.2 million in government funding each year, Mr Swann said.

Using trust funds has forced HATCH to skimp and save, while the government is unlikely to provide specific funding because of the risks involved, he said.

HATCH offers support including grants, mentoring and legal assistance to six teams of Pacific business people and entrepreneurs a Mr Swann said HATCH is

playing an important role in fostering a pathway for Pacific people to get involved in business.

"We've had this really strong push towards getting people into tertiary and high-paid professional roles," he said.

[Radio New Zealand]



✓ SAMOA: INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES OPEN DOORS FOR YOUTH

Apia, 20 February 2016 - THE 2016 Internship Programme ended last week and the feedback has been positive both from the interns as well as the work placements.

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The main purpose of the programme was to allow the interns to gain work experience in a formal setting and skills that can further their chances of securing employment.

At the end of the programme, three interns were offered full time roles while five secured part time roles in their work placement.

One of the interns, Santyao Misa, said she found the programme very helpful, “the work experience and skills I have gained has been great.

It was my first time working and I enjoyed it, everyone was nice and helped me a lot”.

Another intern, Toetu Faatoaga, stated that one of the most important skills he took from being a part of the programme was learning to adapt to a work environment, “I was able to learn from my work colleagues and found the working environment very supportive”.

[Samoa Observe]

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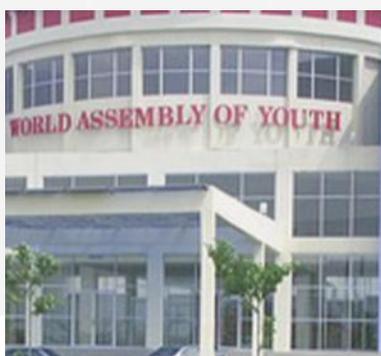
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