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**2014**



# FOREWORD



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***PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY)***

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It has been a great 2014, and in this annual report I would first of all like to lengthen my heartfelt appreciation to all members of the Secretariat, Executive Committee, member organisations, and all participative parties who incessantly exhibit their unending efforts toward the service of youth and sustainability of their future as well as those of the succeeding generation.

My greatest pleasure it has been leading from the front as the President of this wonderful organisation, and having the first privilege to greet you all reading this report. This 2014 annual report contains a compilation of all efforts and accomplishments of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) and other collaborative bodies towards serving youth, worldwide, for the whole course of the year 2014. Our prospect is that this 2014 annual report would be able to gratify the interests of our members, partners and other respective parties regarding WAY's progress towards realization and fulfillment of our Millennium Plan of Actions 2010-2014.

The challenges of the year 2014 are not far from knowledge, but we take positives in the commitment of everyone to bridge boundaries and make ways for the youth all around the world. The year has come and gone with so much to remember, including the fact that it draws another focus to an end which is the Third Millennium Plan of Action. A couple of activities and programmes were also conducted in agreement with the Plan of Action and the Aims of the organisation to help the youth around the world. These turned out fruitful contributing to government's policies, public investments and non-governmental organizations' plan of actions to remarkably strive for youth-development and maintain their welfare.

As we look into the future ahead of us, the trend of the past and present would differ from the type soon to emerge. These entire changing environments affect the youth and their reaction to it. That is why it is important for World Assembly of Youth to be supported by all means possible to continue its devoted work of not just dealing with youth issues now, but to develop strategies on how to prevent one from happening. In light of this, we shall attempt to tailor our future programmes and activities to fit this rapidly changing way of life. As the year ended with our 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly conducted in Tirana, Albania, we are optimistic that year 2015 would be a great one to break and conquer newer grounds.

Ultimately, to our respected colleagues, partners, members, and leaders; our vocation, our youth, our lives, our hearts, call not for subsidence, merely they all request to set adrift towards development as many of us promised to our youth and other dependents.

I hereby urge us to unite together towards this common goal to make a memory out of the good year forward!



**MS. EDIOLA PASHOLLARI**

**SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
(WAY)**

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It is my pleasure, as the Secretary General of WAY, to present our 2014 Annual Report on behalf of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) Secretariat and Executive Committee. This annual report of 2014 houses all specifics concerning our undertakings, commendable publications and other pertinent information. With the procedural notes aside, this report obliges as a substantiation of the hard work contributed by all elaborate parties in ensuring 2014 as yet another productive year.

With utmost gratitude, I would like to pay compliment to our brilliant volunteers and members of Secretariat; without whose fortitude, keenness and cooperation, our attainments may have been unreachable. My gratitude goes to all of our distinguished colleagues on the Executive Committee and also to our member organisations for their inestimable support, contribution and instrumental confidence, even in the face of unpredictable atmosphere of the year. Not forgetting all partners and stakeholders, our appreciation goes out to them all, youth inclusive, for their absolute support and assurance in our efforts towards serving young people, worldwide.

Looking back the whole year of 2014, there have been lots of challenges but they did not make our expedition towards the end to be less exciting and gratifying. In spite of all the uncertainties and obstacles encountered throughout the year, WAY has prolifically kept on track in acting as a better and more youthful international organization serving as an advocate for youth around the world. As the year 2014 draws to an end, WAY productively planned and organized its 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly themed “Youth Leadership Succession: Past and Future”, which was held in Tirana, Albania. It saw a restructure in the leadership of WAY Executive Committee, with new strategies and renewed commitment and strength to serve the youth better.

As 2014 brought to a productive end of our Third Millennium Plan of Action, I strongly believe that year 2015 would be a more fruitful and dynamic year as we kick off with a new and exciting Fourth Millennium Plan of Action, with the theme: *“The Role of Youth on Sustainable Development”*.

Do enjoy reading this report and we surely welcome any responses. (For feedback, please write to us at [info@way.org.my](mailto:info@way.org.my).)



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## BACKGROUND

*The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), since 1949, has taken an active role in its position as the international coordinating body of 140 member organisations consisting of National Youth Councils and Youth Organisations from around the world.*

*WAY acknowledges the Universal Human Rights as the foundation of its actions and services for the young people and youth worldwide.*

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According to the WAY Charter, WAY aims to:

1. Increase inter-ethnic respect and to foster inter-cultural and international understanding and cooperation;
2. Facilitate the collection of information about the needs and problems of youth;
3. Disseminate information about the methods, techniques and activities of youth organizations;
4. Promote the interchange of ideas between youth of all countries;
5. Assist in the development of youth activities and to promote, by mutual aid, the extension of the work of voluntary youth organizations;
6. Cooperate in the development of national youth councils of voluntary youth organizations;
7. Establish and maintain relations international organizations, both voluntary and governmental;
8. Support and encourage the national movements of non-self-governing countries in their struggle for national liberation;
9. Promote tolerance, understanding, solidarity and cooperation among youth men and women irrespective of race, sex, language, religion or political orientation;
10. Encourage the full participation of young men and women in the development process of their countries;
11. Improve the equality between young men and women
12. Act as a representative body of national youth councils to the U.N and other appropriate governmental and non-governmental international bodies.



# INTRODUCTION

World Assembly of Youth (WAY), instituted in 1949, has retained a universal consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and toiled side-by-side with several agencies of United Nations such as: UNEP, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNEPA, UNV, UNDP and UNAIDS. Until date, WAY has acted as the international coordinating body of 140 members consisting of National Youth Councils and Youth Organizations around the world.

The realization of WAY aims and initiative in unraveling youth potential has been steered by the numerous networks it has across the globe and the cooperation and support from all of its members, stakeholders and volunteers. Reporting the year 2014 is with all pleasure, as we underscored more than a few significant aims towards enabling the collection of information about both needs and issues of youth; stimulating the interchange of ideas between youth from different countries; supporting in the development of youth-based activities; and boosting full participation, democracy participation inclusive, of young people in their countries' developmental process.

It's been 65 years now since our establishment, and we always have, and will continue to bestow our fullest efforts towards providing and burgeoning the right environment that tolerates young people to advance extremely. As part of our internal enhancements, at WAY-headquarters, we unceasingly heighten our working system and resources to whole-heartedly serve the youth and members.

In our quest for success and sustainability, we, as a team, have been developing and designing activities and programmes which have been and will continue to be implemented in line with our Millennium Plan of Actions (MPACs) that was specially designed to unlock the true potential of young people and to add value towards the progression of societies as a whole. In addition to all events which have been productively conducted in 2014, we, at our Headquarters, in fact, have been offering a platform for youth to grow further through our internship and volunteers programme.

The year 2014 saw to an end the Third Millennium Plan of Action (MPAC-3) with the theme: "The Catalyst for Transformation and Improvement", which has been a guide to all WAY activities and objectives used systematically over the 4 years period to tackle youth issues. It has been a good year as it ended on high note with the main organ of the WAY being organised, the XVI General Assembly in Tirana, Albania. The theme was "Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future", where we saw many youth leaders stir the assembly to a resounding success.

World Assembly of Youth (WAY) shall carry on to fundamentally tackle youth issues with practical emphasis on internal excellence and further expansion in geographic handling.









*'THE CONSCIENCE OF EUROPE' INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE*

*FINNISH PARLIAMENT, HELSINKI, FINLAND*

*18 – 19 MARCH, 2014*

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**About:**

In the Europe of today everything is being materialized and numbered. Equality and human rights cannot lag behind in the past. In the name of progress, leaders with authority delegate cosmetic measures from top to bottom. Will they be able to implement sustainable development in minority issues?

Although Europe is ethnically multicultural, **we lack the necessary functional tools and goal-oriented competencies in matters of law, bureaucracy and education.** In 2014, we are still dealing with ethnic and cultural minorities **in the margins.** In Finland, marginalization provides employment for hundreds of thousands of members of the majority and in Europe for millions, while excluding minorities. Minorities should be treated and addressed within a globalized European context. A people cannot exist without its authors, artists, Nobel Prize winners and academics. The relevant question is how to provide status for minorities that have been pushed into the margins, such as, for example, the Roma people.

The future is based on young people, who gain their strength from their cultural heritage. Veijo Baltzar underlines that **culture, education and moral considerations are the most important tools for creating multiculturalism.** To achieve a living and viable multinational Europe, the countries of the EU must empower national minorities and their cultural identities. We are inviting influential decision-makers, cultural figures and researchers to engage in an inter-cultural dialogue. The future should not be built on disposable commodities. We function in direct interaction with leaders who have the power to integrate minorities on the path of survival.

Our goal is to awaken Europe and to permanently reform the EU's national minority policies.



## **The partners of the project:**

Institut Français de Finlande  
Goethe-Institut Finland  
The Embassy of Estonia, Helsinki  
The Embassy of Hungary, Helsinki  
The Embassy of the Czech Republic, Helsinki  
The Embassy of the Netherlands, Helsinki  
The Embassy of Slovakia, Helsinki  
The World Assembly of Youth  
The Museum of Romani Culture, Brno, Czech Republic  
The National Museum of Finland  
The Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland  
The Alexander Theatre, Helsinki, Finland  
The Cultural Affairs Office of the City of Raasepori, Finland  
The Association for the Loviisa Cultural Centre, Finland  
The Cultural Affairs Office of the City of Iisalmi, Finland

## **The Goals of "The Conscience of Europe"**

The goals of this project are:

- to reform the EU's policies of multiculturalism
- to bring together leading decision-makers, cultural figures and researchers to create jointly with them tools for building a multicultural Europe
- to build a multicultural Europe on the basis of equality where everyone is entitled to cultural identity and self-esteem.

## **The products of "The Conscience of Europe"**

### **1. A letter to the European Commission**

As a result of the conference, practical propositions of action will be presented to the European Commission.

### **2. An essay competition for schoolchildren**

In connection with Miranda exhibition we encourage schools to organize writing competitions for pupils. We will give awards to the best results nationwide. Awarded writings will be published on DA's homepage and in the Finnish media.

### **3. The continuation of "A Philosophy of Experience"**

After the realization of the project, Cultural Counsellor Veijo Baltzar will produce a continuation work, to reflect the results of CE and to guide the leaders of the future onto a constructive and empowering European path.

#### **4. Final written report/evaluation + anthology**

- evaluating the success and impact of the CE project
- booklet format
- 500 printed copies
- to be delivered to the project partners by post

#### **5. A documentary**

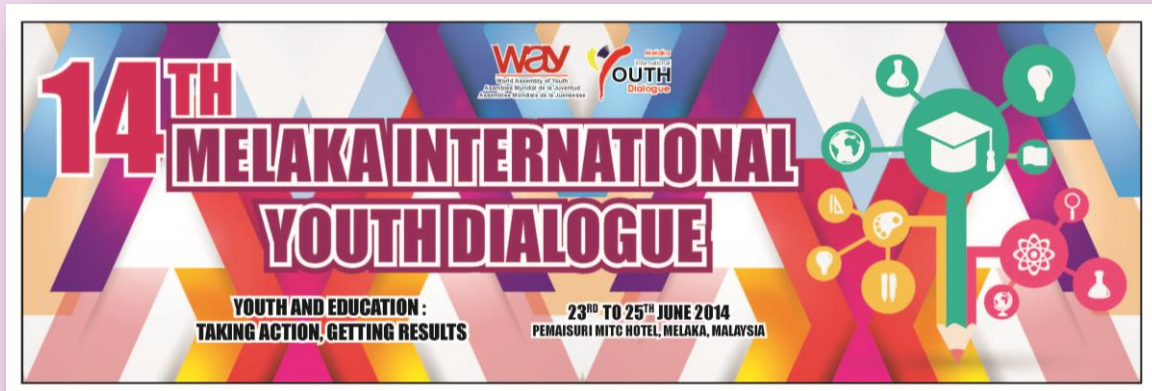
- made by students of media in cooperation with the Arcada University of Applied Sciences, Finland
- documenting the different stages of the project
- 500 copies (DVD)
- to be delivered to the project partners by post

#### **6. Website**

[www.en.drom.fi](http://www.en.drom.fi)

A web page for the CE project will be published in connection with DA's homepage.

- for advertising and advance information
- for presenting the results of the project



## **14<sup>TH</sup> MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE**

**“YOUTH AND EDUCATION: TAKING ACTION, GETTING RESULTS”**

**PERMAISURI MITC HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA**

**23 – 25 JUNE 2014**

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### **About MIYD:**

The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is an annual programme of the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) which brings together young people and youth leaders from around the world to discuss relevant youth issues. Since 2001, the MIYD has convened on a wide range of issues. The MIYD has witnessed an escalating number of youth participants over the years, willing to participate in the decision making process. With the view of building a stronger partnership between the youth and the society, the MIYD produces a declaration which serves as a guideline for youth to address the selected issues.

### **Theme:**

Henceforth, we have made it a point to focus on **‘Youth and Education: Taking Action, Getting Results’** as our theme for this year. This theme has been realized to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of young people towards the Post 2015 Development Agenda on education. An interactive dialogue on this topic will be of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth in the different levels of society that they represent.

Therefore, with the above anticipated theme, all participants present, such as: the young people, youth leaders, public and private sector officers, and NGO representatives will gather to call for action and structure experience on the issue of education and chart a course towards the Post 2015 development Agenda. The outcome document will also enhance youth contribution towards a better and sustainable future.

## Organisers:

The MIYD is organized by the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in collaboration with the Melaka State Government, Asian Youth Council, Malaysian Youth Council and Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia).



## Objectives:

Throughout the dialogue all participants gathered to call for action based on the following objectives:

- To raise an informative generation on the current situation of youth and education with anticipated behaviour adaptation and consequently admission to decision making amongst youth;
- To foster youth action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of the societies;
- To address the challenges and determinants of education faced by youth today;
- To promote equality of opportunities and facilities between young men and women;
- To formulate the environmental, political, economic and cultural factors that are associated with education;
- To ascertain the obligations of society to respect, protect and fulfil the right to quality education among the young people;
- To classify the role and the contribution of the national youth councils and other stakeholders towards improving and sustaining resourceful youth educational policies;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing youth and education for the present and future;
- To integrate networking, collaboration and cooperation between public and private sectors, civil societies and other stakeholders to address the issue of youth and education;



**Participants:**

The participants should be between the ages 18 and 35, gender balanced groups representing the respective National Youth Councils, Youth Organizations, Ministries of Youth, Ministries of Education, Education related organizations, International Organizations and other establishments. The total number of participants in this programme shall be 200 from at least 80 different countries.

**Outcome:**

The expected outcome document from the MIYD shall be, the MIYD 2014 Declaration, which will contain recommendations from the present youth and youth leaders to NGOs, Media, Education Institutions, Public and Private Sectors, etc. The recommendations will outline how youth rights on migration can nationally and regionally be improved and strengthened more fully and actively towards a sustainable global development effort.

**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:**

Date	Time	Agenda	Venue	Dress Code
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	All Day	Arrival and Registration	KLIA - Hotel	Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Casual
	1800HRS	<b>Ice Breaking Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Introduction</li> <li>➤ Video Presentation: Education</li> <li>➤ Briefing on 14<sup>th</sup> MIYD</li> <li>➤ Activities</li> </ul>	Hotel	Casual
	2000HRS	Welcoming Dinner	Hotel	Casual
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	0800HRS	Breakfast	Hotel	
	0900HRS	<b>PLENARY SESSION 1: <i>Opportunities and Challenges towards Attaining Education for ALL (EFA) among Youth</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><i>“Family Leadership in Education and Learning”</i></b> Mr. Mohammed Hassan Khan, Vice President and Executive Director, Asia Pacific Forum on Families International (APFAM International), Fiji</li> <li>➤ <b><i>“Smart Transition from School to Work: Feasible or Unattainable”</i></b> Mr. Mihai Sebe, Adviser, International Youth Unit, Ministry of Youth, Romania</li> </ul>	Hotel	Formal

- ***“Youth Engagement: Creativity in Education”*** Mr. Tahmidul Bari, Joint Secretary, IUT Debating Society, Bangladesh
- ***“End of Education is Character: Are we There?”*** Mr. Sunil Hasmukharay, Head of Special Projects, National Youth Wing, Sathya Sai Baba Central Council of Malaysia, Malaysia
- ***“Transforming the World through Youth Education”*** Dr. Lynn Wilson, Founder and CEO/Executive Director of SeaTrust Institute, USA
- Q & A Session

1030HRS

Refreshments

Hotel

Formal

10.45HRS

**PLENARY SESSION 2: *Advancing the Education for All (EFA) Goal through Collaborative Efforts of Youth Organisations***

Hotel

Formal

- ***“The Role of Youth and Youth Organisations: Advancement of Education, Employment Creation and National Building”*** Mr. Alhaj Mohammad Fazlul Haque, Chairman and CEO, National Youth and Social Welfare Council (JTS), Bangladesh
- ***“Emerging Leaders and Emerging Society: The Role of Youth in Taking Action!”***, Mr. Okonkwo Chinedu Collins, Member, Nigerian Youth Parliament, Nigeria
- ***“Technology and Education Key to Youth Success”*** Mr. Wemel Cumavoo, Co-Founder and CEO, MyMobileUniversity, Malaysia
- ***“The Crucial Necessity of Delivering Life Skills Education to Youth in Mongolia”*** Dr. Ganchimeg Zagdaa, President, Youth International

	Education Corporation, Mongolia		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>“Towards ASEAN Community: Malaysian Youth Perspective”</b> Dr. Wasitah Mohd Yusof, CEO, Malaysian Institute for Research in Youth Development, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Malaysia</li> <li>➤ Q &amp; A Session</li> </ul>		
1300HRS	Lunch	Hotel	Formal
1400HRS	<p><b>OPENING CEREMONY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Welcoming Remarks by the <b>WAY Secretary General</b>, Ms. Ediola Pashollari</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Address by the <b>WAY Goodwill Ambassador</b>, Ms. Masiela Lusha</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Video Presentation ‘<b>Journey of MIYD</b>’</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Address by the <b>WAY President cum Chief Minister of Melaka</b>, Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Official Opening Address by the <b>Minister of Education II, Malaysia</b>, Hon. Dato’ Seri Idris Jusoh</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Souvenir Presentation</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Photo Session</i></li> </ul>	Hotel	Formal
1530HRS	VIP Press Conference	Hotel	Formal
1530HRS	Refreshments	Hotel	Formal
1545HRS	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION 3: Attaining Education for All (EFA) and Post-2015 Development Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>“Remodeling Education System to Achieve Economic Growth and Post 2015 Development Agenda”</b> Mr. Raphael Obonyo, External Adviser, Un</li> </ul>	Hotel	Formal



		Habitat's Youth Advisory Board, Kenya		
		➤ <b><i>“Egalitarian of Education in Post 2015 Development Agenda”</i></b> Dr. Rohani Mohd Tahir, Director for Center of Foundation Studies, City University College of Science and Technology, Malaysia		
		➤ <b><i>“Attaining Education for All (EFA) and Post 2015 Development Agenda: A Namibian Case”</i></b> Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism, Namibia		
		➤ <b><i>“Future Friendly Schools: Advancing the post 2015 Development Agenda within the Classroom”</i></b> Ms. Shobana Nair Saseesharan, Member of Advisory committee, TakingITGlobal, Canada		
		➤ <b><i>“Youth and Education: Nigeria’s Strides towards Education for All (EFA) – 2015 Goal”</i></b> Mr. Preye J. Ketebu-Brown, Founder, Offshore Oil and Gas Host Communities Youth Development Association (OGHYDA), Nigeria		
		➤ Q & A Session		
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	2000HRS	Dinner	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	2100HRS	<b>Cultural Performances by:</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual/ Traditional Attire
		➤ WAY Volunteer		
		➤ MIYD Participants		
24 <sup>th</sup> June	0800HRS	Breakfast	<b>Hotel</b>	

	0900HRS	<b>Workshop: The Role of Public and Private Sector, NGOs, Media, Society on Youth Education and Post 2015 Development Agenda</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1045HRS	Workshop (Continues)	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1400HRS	Workshop (Continues)	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1530HRS	Refreshments	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1545HRS	Workshop: <b>Group Presentations</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	2000HRS	Dinner	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	2200HRS	<b>Drafting Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
25 <sup>th</sup> June	0800HRS	Breakfast	<b>Hotel</b>	
	0900HRS	<b>Presentation of 14<sup>th</sup> MIYD Draft Declaration</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1030HRS	Refreshments	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1045HRS	<b>Adoption of 14<sup>th</sup> MIYD Declaration</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual
	1300HRS	Lunch	<b>Hotel</b>	Smart Casual

	1400HRS	<b>Field Trips / Cultural Tour:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>University Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), Melaka</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Limkokwing Academy of Creativity and Innovation, Melaka</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Politeknik Merlimau, Melaka</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Tour in Melaka</i></li> </ul>	<b>Melaka Town</b>	Casual  MIYD T-shirt
	1700HRS	Free and Easy	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	2000HRS	<b>Farewell Gala Dinner and Closing Ceremony:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Welcoming Remarks by the <b>WAY Secretary General</b>, Ms. Ediola Pashollari</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Address by the <b>WAY Goodwill Ambassador</b>, Ms. Masiela Lusha</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Video Presentation</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Address by the <b>WAY President cum Chief Minister of Melaka</b>, Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Official Closing Address by the <b>Minister of Youth and Sports (Malaysia)</b>, Hon. Khairy Jamaliddin</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Certificate and Award Presentation</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Souvenir Presentation</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Photo Session</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Musical and Cultural Performances</i></li> </ul>	<b>Seri Bendahara</b>	Formal/Traditional Attire
26 <sup>th</sup> June	0800HRS	Breakfast	<b>Hotel</b>	Casual
	All Day	Departures	<b>Hotel - KLIA</b>	Casual



*THE 25<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM*

*"YOUTH AND WORLD PEACE"*

*SEOUL AND MUJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA*

*20 – 27 AUGUST 2014*

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**SUB-THEMES:**

- Types and Features of Youth Action for World Peace
- Scope and Direction of Youth Action for World peace
- Understanding of Confrontation and Conflict in Era of Globalization

**BACKGROUND**

- A. Though the Cold War has ended, there are lots of conflicts are going on around the world such as territorial dispute of East Asia, Crisis in Ukraine, a series of coups in Thailand.
- B. Most conflicts are stemmed from differences in views and values: and thus an opportunity to share ideas and thoughts with others and to understand each other should be given.

**OBJECTIVES**

- A. To make youth aware of global issues, offering an opportunity to tackle them and to find alternative ways or solutions
- B. To improve cooperation and mutual understanding among youths across diverse cultures

C. To spread goodwill around the world and to build interactive global citizenship through networking among youths

**ORGANISERS**

A. Host: The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the Republic of Korea (MOGEF)

B. Organizer: The National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK)

C. Sponsors:           World Assembly of Youth (WAY)  
                               Asian Youth Council (AYC)  
                               ASEAN University Network (AUN)

**PARTICIPANTS**

A. Overseas participants: 60 delegates

B. Korean participants: 20 delegates

C. Organizing Committee: 10 people

D. Qualifications

- Youths between the ages of 18 and 26 who are significantly interested in the topic

- Participants should have a good command of English

**PROGRAMME**

August 2014	Activities
20 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)	Arrival / Registration Opening Ceremony and Welcome Dinner Orientation Recreation and Ice-breaking Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> (Thu)	Lectures on the theme <b>I</b> Moving to Muju Taekwondowon Group Discussion <b>I</b> Group Discussion <b>II</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> (Fri)	Cultural Lesson on Korean Tradition(Taekwondo) Case Study Presentation Group Discussion <b>III</b> Group Discussion <b>IV</b>

23 <sup>rd</sup> (Sat)	Group Discussion V Group Discussion VI Activities for Community Building
24 <sup>th</sup> (Sun)	Moving to Seoul Lectures on the theme II Taking a break
25 <sup>th</sup> (Mon)	General Assembly(Drawing Up Seoul Declaration) Friendship Night
26 <sup>th</sup> (Tue)	Seoul City Study Trip (Outing) Closing Ceremony (Adoption of Seoul Declaration)
27 <sup>th</sup> (Wed)	Departure



## **WAY XVI GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### ***“YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN SUCCESSION: PAST AND FUTURE”***

#### **TIRANA INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, TIRANA, ALBANIA**

**7 – 11 DECEMBER 2014**

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#### **ABOUT**

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY), for the first time in history, held its 16th General Assembly in Tirana, Albania from 7th to 11th December 2014. The Assembly was attended by over 200 participants from over 50 different member countries and various international organisations.

#### **MANDATE**

The WAY General Assembly is the supreme organ of WAY. It determines the main lines of policy and assumes responsibility for the direction and administration of WAY.

The Assembly receives from the Executive Committee a report on the implementation of WAY policy and activities carried out by WAY since the previous Assembly. It decides on the future programmes of WAY and elects the Executive Committee.

The Assembly meets every four years and is convened by the Executive Committee. The Chairperson of the Assembly is the President of WAY assisted by five Vice Presidents.

#### **DELEGATES**

Qualified delegates to the WAY General Assembly are the members of the World Assembly of Youth. In accordance with Article VI (C) of the WAY Charter: “Each member of WAY shall appoint up to six delegates to the Assembly. Members from countries whose populations exceeds 10 million may appoint one delegate for each additional 10 million or fraction of ten million, up to 16 delegates. Delegates shall be elected representatives of youth organisations. National youth councils should make every effort to ensure their delegations include both genders and half of the members are under the age of 30.”



To register, delegates are required to fill in the Delegate Registration and Accreditation Form, to be received by the WAY Secretariat by November 10, 2014. All delegates will receive their letters of accreditation by 1 October 2014. All accredited delegates are required to pay a registration fee of USD\$ 200 by November 10, 2014. This will include food, accommodation and local transportation for the duration of the General Assembly. Some scholarships may be available for paid-up WAY members who are unable to raise the registration fees.

## **OBSERVERS**

National and international organisations, governments, civil society organisations, United Nations agencies and other entities are welcomed as observers to the WAY General Assembly, subject to accreditation and endorsement by the Executive Committee. Observers may participate, without speaking or voting rights, in the open sessions of the General Assembly. Some closed sessions are not open to non-members.

All observers are required to register in advance by submitting the Observer Registration and Accreditation by November 10, 2014. All credited observers will receive their letters of accreditation by 1 October 2014 and are required to pay a registration fee of USD\$300 by November 10, 2014. No fee waiver or scholarships are available for observers. The registration fee will cater for food, accommodation and local transportation for the duration of General Assembly.

## **VOTING**

Decisions made by the assembly are taken by a majority vote of the members present except where a different procedure is indicated in the Charter. Each full member, whose membership has been accepted in the Assembly, shall have one vote in the Assembly. Only those members who have paid all their membership fees since the last normal Assembly can vote.

## **THEME**

The selected theme for the sixteenth WAY General Assembly, to be held in Tirana, Albania is **'Youth Leadership in Succession: Past and Future'**. This theme has been chosen to draw attention to the importance of youth leadership-possession taking into consideration the fact that youth, worldwide, amount for approximately 3 billion people, making up almost half of the global population.

Never has it been clearer that young people hold a critical role in leading initiatives and developing policies especially when they make up such substantial portion of the overall world population. In fact, inclusion of young people in the design, implementation and evaluation of youth related development and leadership programmes, policies and services can ultimately result in more effective and sustainable solutions.

Thus, it goes without doubt that many programmes and policies developed should continue to focus on developing leadership skills in young people and encouraging their contribution and participation. Additionally, in order to achieve sustainable youth leadership, strong commitment, investment and support from young leaders and youth organizations is still required.

Acknowledging the significance and importance of youth-leadership World Assembly of Youth (WAY) hopes that exploring the issue during the XVI General Assembly shall be an appropriate platform to elevate all challenges related to youth-leadership, its development and advancement. Thereafter, Action Plans shall be developed and implemented at international, national and local levels.

**ORGANISERS:**

The General Assembly will be organized by WAY, in partnership with the Melaka State Government, Malaysia, the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth, Albania and the Albanian Youth Council. This will be held in Tirana, Albania, from 07-11 December 2014.

**PROGRAMME FOR THE XVI GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**THEME: “YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN SUCCESSION: PAST AND FUTURE”**

DATE	TIME	AGENDA	VENUE
<b>Sunday 7Dec</b>	All Day	Arrival, Accreditation and Registration	Tirana International Airport
	2000 hrs	Welcome Dinner	Xibraku Restaurant, Tirana
<b>Monday 8Dec</b>	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Tirana International Hotel
	0800 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	Tirana International Hotel
	0830 hrs	Arrival of VIPs	Tirana International Hotel
	0900 hrs	<p><b>Opening Ceremony:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Address by <b>Ms. Ediola Pashollari</b>, Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth</li> <li>• Address by <b>Ms. Masiela Lusha</b>, WAY Goodwill Ambassador</li> <li>• Address by <b>Mr. Andrew Rabens</b>, Special Advisor for Global Youth Issues, Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, USA</li> <li>• Address by <b>Hon. Erion Veliaj</b>, Minister of Social Welfare and Youth, Albania</li> <li>• Address by <b>Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron</b>, President of the World Assembly of Youth</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Opening Address by <b>Rt. Hon. Edi Rama</b>, Prime Minister of Albania</li> <li>● Presentation of Souvenirs</li> <li>● Photo Session</li> </ul>	
1100 hrs	Tea Break	Tirana International Hotel
1115 hrs	<p><b>Leadership Session I :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Building Practical Youth Leadership For Tomorrow’s Leaders, Today</b>, by Mr. Patrick Louis Sciarata, Executive Director of the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, USA</li> <li>➤ <b>Gender Intelligence Leadership</b>, by Dr. Pauline Teresa Crawford, President World Association of Visioneers and Entreprenologists (WAVA), USA</li> <li>➤ <b>Empowerment Of Youth As Economic Citizens Towards More Empowered Youth Leadership</b>, by Ms. Kimberly de Rose, Youth Coordinator, Child and Youth Finance International, Netherlands</li> <li>➤ <b>Cyber Pandemic : A Proposed Response By The Global Youth</b>, by Mr. Sanjay Bavisi, President of EC-Council, USA</li> <li>➤ <b>Importance Of Colour Vibrations And Numerology In Leadership</b>, by Dr. Rusidah Mohd Tahir, Founder, Ahrisaa Health and Beauty Centre, Singapore</li> <li>➤ <b>Youth Transforming Communities And Leading Change</b>, by Mr. Antonio Palazuelos Prieto, International Adviser, Cabo Verde Youth Federation, Cape Verde</li> </ul> <p><b>Chairperson:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Argyrina Jubani</b>, President of Albanian Youth Council</p>	Tirana International Hotel
1330 hrs	Lunch Break	Tirana International Hotel

	1430 hrs	<b>General Assembly Session I : Messages, Agenda, Reports &amp; Committee Formation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Delivery of Statements of Solidarity, Messages from Head of State and Governments and from friendly Organisations</li> <li>➤ Adoption of the General Assembly Agenda</li> <li>➤ Report of Activities 2010-2014</li> <li>➤ Formation of the Credentials Committee</li> <li>➤ Formation of the Election Committee</li> <li>➤ Formation of Political, Administrative and Development Commissions</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
	1800 hrs	Break (Credentials Committee Meeting)	Tirana International Hotel
	2000 hrs	Dinner	Bujtina e Peshkut, Tirana
<b>Tuesday 9 Dec</b>	0600 hrs – 0730 hrs	Breakfast	Tirana International Hotel
	0830 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	Tirana International Hotel
	0900 hrs	<b>Leadership Session II :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>The Role Of Student Organizations In The Society</b>, by Mr. Edison Jakurti, President, Student Union, American University in Kosovo, Kosovo</li> <li>➤ <b>Youth And Trendy World</b>, by Mr. Mohd Zefri Ariff Mohd Zain Ariff, Secretary General, Brunei Youth Council, Brunei</li> <li>➤ <b>Youth Toward Future Or Future Towards Youth?</b> by Ms. Anisa Hysesani, Lecturer, University of Tirana, Albania</li> <li>➤ <b>Youth Leadership: Bringing Minorities To The Equation</b>, by Mr. Esmael Muhammad Shabbir, Founder, African Neighbourhood Initiative, Mauritius</li> <li>➤ <b>Are Leaders Only People Who Are Nominated So?</b> by Ms. Ena Peeva, Project Leader, Tiverija Solar Systems,</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel

		<p>The FYR of Macedonia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>The Legacy Youth Must Leave Behind For Next Generation</b>, by Mr. Sunil Hasmukharay, Managing Director, Human Capital Consultants Group, Malaysia</li> </ul> <p><b>Chairperson:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Chet W. Sisk</b>, Founder of Leadership Development Specialist (LEAD)</p>	
	1100 hrs	Tea Break	Tirana International Hotel
	1115 hrs	<p><b>General Assembly Session II: Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Receive and Adopt the Report of the Credentials Committee</li> <li>➤ Receive and Adopt Reports by Vice Presidents, Executive Committee Members, Secretary General and President</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
	1330 hrs	Lunch	Tirana International Hotel
	1430 hrs	<b>Leadership Session III : Workshops</b>	Tirana International Hotel
	1530 hrs	Tea Break	Tirana International Hotel
	1545 hrs	<p><b>General Assembly Session III : Commission Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Political Commission</li> <li>➤ Administrative Commission</li> <li>➤ Development Commission</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
	1700 hrs	<p><b>General Assembly Session IV : Commission Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Receive and Adopt Reports from Political, Administrative and Development Commissions</li> <li>➤ Formation of Drafting Committee</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
	2000 hrs	Dinner	Bujtina e Peshkut, Tirana
<b>Wednesday 10 Dec</b>	0600 hrs –	Breakfast	Tirana International Hotel

0730 hrs		
0830 hrs	Arrival of Delegates and Invited Guests	Tirana International Hotel
0900 hrs	<b>General Assembly Session V : Elections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Receive and Adopt Report of the Elections Committee</li> <li>➤ Elections of Office Bearers for 2014-2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President</li> <li>- Vice – Presidents</li> <li>- Executive Committee Members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
1100 hrs	Tea Break	Tirana International Hotel
1115 hrs	<b>General Assembly Session VI: Plan of Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation of Millennium Plan of Action IV by the Secretary General</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
1330 hrs	Lunch	Tirana International Hotel
1430 hrs	<b>General Assembly Session VII: Closing Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Adoption of 15<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Declaration</li> <li>➤ Address by the Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth</li> <li>➤ Address by the President of the World Assembly of Youth</li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel
1700 hrs	Break	Tirana
2000 hrs	<b>Closing Ceremony / Gala Dinner:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome Address by the newly appointed Secretary General of the World Assembly of Youth, <b>Ms. Ediola Pashollari,</b></li> <li>- Closing Address by the newly elected President of the World Assembly of Youth, <b>Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron,</b></li> <li>- World Youth Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up: <b>General Union of Yemeni Youth</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Tirana International Hotel

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up: <b>National Youth Committee of Indonesia</b></li> <li>• Winner: <b>General Sudanese Students Union</b></li> <li>- Certificate and Award Presentation</li> <li>- Souvenir Presentation</li> <li>- Photo Session</li> </ul>	
<b>Thursday 11 Dec</b>	All Day	Departures	Tirana International Hotel - Tirana International Airport



The image features a solid blue background with a fine, woven texture. On the left side, three hands of different skin tones—light, medium, and dark—are shown reaching out towards the center. The hands are layered, with the lightest hand at the top, the medium hand in the middle, and the darkest hand at the bottom. The word "PUBLICATION" is centered in a white, serif font, positioned between the middle and bottom hands.

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**“ Injustice anywhere is a threat  
to justice everywhere.”**

- Martin Luther King Jr.

World Social Justice Day  
Feb 20, 2014

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WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE  
DATE: 20 FEBRUARY 2014

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*In matters of truth and justice, there is no difference between large and small problems, for issues concerning the treatment of people are all the same.*

- Albert Einstein

Social Justice is the ability people have to realize their potential within society, and generally used to make reference to a set of institutes that will allow people to lead a satisfying life and be influential contributors to their society. The idea of social justice determines that people have equal rights and opportunities, from the impoverished on the margins of society to the wealthiest deserves to be treated the same.

Today, there are many vulnerable demographics in need of protection, as per the current statistics pointing to a widening gap between the rich and poor, the unequal distribution of resources and wealth. Even with advent of the internet, which has fostered a new interactive society and communication medium as well as enlightening society, social injustice is still prevalent within our societies.

Acknowledging the above, the World Day of Social Justice is commemorated and observed to inspire and motivate young people to have an idea on how social justice affects the pursuit of; poverty eradication, full employment, gender equality and justice as the pillar for social groups. United Nations General Assembly determined to observe this day with ceremonies of respect. World Day of Social Justice is a day for all countries to take existing and real actions to give a meaning to the values of human dignity, worthy of honor and respect.

Here at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we recognize the World Day of Social Justice together with the international community, and the importance of the youth addressing the issues of inequality, justice and integrity, so as to promote harmony, unity and equal rights within society.

Thus, we urge that this day be used as a reminder of the importance of knowledge of basic human rights. Our encouragement is also extended to the young people fighting for social justice, to take a stand, however small, to affect others' lives in a positive way, especially those in need of protection. So, let us unite to hail a halt toward injustice and take a step towards a just World!

HAPPY WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY  
DATE: 21 FEBRUARY 2014

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*If you talk to a man in a language he understands, it goes to his head If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart*  
- Nelson Mandela

Language is an essential aspect of our everyday lives; we tour the world through language. It facilitates communication, builds our collective interests and to date, remains the oldest known form of preserving our culture and tradition. It is what we stand for, it is our identity.

Today, we observe the International Mother Language Day, a day through which we promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity. This day represents the year 1952 where the students of Dhaka University in Pakistan were shot and killed by the police. Their only crime was in protesting for the recognition of their language Bengali, in modern day Bangladesh, which at the said time was part of and ruled by Pakistan. Since February 2000, the lives of these students have been commemorated in honor of their sacrifice while fighting to establish a rightful place for their language in society.

In honor of this day, we, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), hope to bring more awareness to this issue and implore society to embrace mother languages worldwide. Youth today should work towards preserving this priceless gift from our ancestors, and promote respect for linguistic and cultural diversity.

We would like to reiterate our appreciation of the beauty and splendor of mother language; it is what makes us unique. It is a symbol of our cultural diversity, broadens youth capacity to imagine, explore and experience one another's cultures. We at WAY would like to wish all young people A HAPPY INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY.

Let us make this day, a day where the beauty of mother language blooms in all the hearts of young people.



# International Women's Day

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: 'EQUALITY FOR WOMEN IS PROGRESS FOR ALL'

DATE: 11 MARCH 2014

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*The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights*  
-Gloria Steiner

What could possibly be more hurtful than witnessing a woman full to the brim with potential, only to be hindered and constrained by gender-discrimination? Over the past decade, the issue of gender equality has attained widespread awareness, and has been addressed with increasing urgency in support of the rights of women.

The discussion of women's rights has been at the forefront of human rights endeavours, since the boom of industry in Europe and the USA in the late 1880s, particularly when women begun working in industry alongside men, combatting disparities in treatment, wages and entitlements.

Celebrated annually on the 8th of March, International Women's Day thrives for the recognition of the achievements of women without regard to segregation in linguistic, ethnicity, cultural, political or economic. It is a day set aside for us to look back on the past struggles of women, their accomplishments and the journey ahead towards attaining comprehensive gender equality.

The new millennium has seen a significant transformation and attitudinal shift in society's view on women emancipation, resulting in greater equality in legislative rights and an increased viability as impressive role models in all aspect of life, taking on roles and occupations initially dominated by the male gender.

Today, however apparent progress in gender equality may seem, many efforts still need to be engaged towards a society where gender equality is absolute. Towards such efforts, we, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY) continue to partake in the global initiatives for enlivening the principle of gender equality. In line with this year theme 'Equality for Women is Progress for all', we urge young women to step up and work to realize their true potential as part of a gender neutral society, and strive even harder to alleviate the hardships still being faced by fellow women, around the world.

As a global community, we cannot truly achieve progress and growth, until we address the concerns of those closest to us, let us work hand in hand towards levelling the playing field, and let us work towards attaining gender equality. Change will always be what you make of it, and it starts with you.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

DATE: 21 MARCH 2014

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*Non-violence can truly flourish when the world is free of poverty, hunger, discrimination, exclusion, intolerance and hatred - when women and men can realize their highest potential and live a secure and fulfilling life. Until then, each and every one of us would have to contribute - collectively and individually to build peace through non-violence.*  
-Anwarul Chowdhury

As a child is born to the world, a sense of relief, joy and happiness engulfs the atmosphere. A new life has graced the face of earth, free from troubles, free from chains and pure in mind and soul. Everything else after that, the child learns from the world by whole heartedly taking in every insight and knowledge whether good or bad.

Every parent dreams of having a morally upright and successful child, but at what age should a child master the moral value to respect the differences in ethnicity and culture among people so as to numb this hatred? Hatred has been taught, it has been displayed for others to see, it has been displayed on people. One writer said if a child can be taught to hate, a child can be taught to love.

Racial discrimination has been at the center of several conflicts throughout history. 21st March 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against the Apartheid laws in Sharpeville, South Africa. The United Nations General Assembly called on the international community to fortify its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination, and in 1966 declared the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Today, our fight against racial and ethnic discrimination continues, the hindrances to progress for millions of people around the world becoming more apparent. In acknowledgement of that, we, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), urge all stakeholders to continue their efforts of nurturing peace and love amongst children and young people halting any forms of racism and discrimination. We believe that racial discrimination



differentiates between individuals on the basis of real and perceived racial differences. This day reminds us of our collective responsibility for promoting and protecting these ideas.

We must join forces to end racism. Let us recommit to ending racial discrimination and realizing our vision of justice, equality and freedom from fear for all.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD WATER DAY  
DATE: 24 MARCH 2014

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*We must treat water as if it were the most precious thing in the World, the most valuable natural resources. Be economical with water! Don't waste it! We still have time to do something about this problem before it is too late.*

*- Mikhail Gorbachev*

Since 1993, the 22nd of March has been set aside by the United Nations as the World Water Day, to draw attention to the importance for advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater and clean water both at international and local levels. In many parts of the world, accessibility to a clean supply of water is extremely limited, this most basic of necessities and sustenance.

This year's theme aims to highlight the interdependence of water and energy; utilizing water to generate energy and likewise; utilizing energy during the process of water purification. Ultimately, efforts on this day go towards facilitating the development of policies and crosscutting frameworks that bridge ministries and sectors, leading the way to energy security and sustainable water use in a green economy.

In support of the above, we at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), urge the youth and our extensive network of youth councils, to support initiatives and endeavours within their immediate communities, which drive for the conservation of energy and the delivery of safe drinking water wherever it is inadequate. Let us strive to ensure adequate sanitation and the implementation of green technologies within our communities.

This year, efforts on World Water Day, aim to contribute to a policy dialogue that focuses on the broad range of issues related to the interdependence of water and energy and identify key stakeholders in the water-energy nexus in order to actively engage them in further developing the water-energy linkages. This will ultimately allow them to make relevant contributions to the post-2015 discussions in relation to the water-energy interdependence.

To quote Margaret Atwood "Water does not resist. Water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stand against it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away a stone. Remember that, my child. Remember you are half water. If you can't go through an obstacle, go around it. Water does."

We at WAY we wish you all a Happy World Water Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD HEALTH DAY 2014  
DATE: 8 APRIL 2014

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7<sup>th</sup> of April marks the anniversary of the founding of (WHO) in 1948. This Day provides an opportunity for individuals to get involved in stimulating and health-oriented activities.

This year's theme is "Vector – borne diseases", transmitted through blood-feeding arthropods, such as mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas, also referred to as vectors. The deadliest of these diseases are malaria, dengue fever and sleeping sickness. These account for 17% of the estimated global burden of all infectious diseases. In 2010, malaria alone caused an estimated 660 000 deaths, while dengue, was responsible for a 30-fold increase in disease incidence over the last 50 years. However in recent years, renewed commitments from ministries of health, regional and global health initiatives have helped in combating these diseases and reducing the rates of infection.

World Health Day 2014 aims to raise awareness to the threat posed by vectors and vector-borne diseases as well as stimulate families and communities to take action to protect them. A core element of the campaign will be to provide communities with information and to equip them with proper knowledge to combat these diseases.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), coinciding with this year's World Health Day, aim to enlighten the society, youth inclusive, to fight against these vector-borne diseases and take action towards protecting their immediate community. We continue to strive towards healthier standards of living and the implementation of programs that enhance health indices of the society.

As was said by Tom Stoppard, A healthy attitude is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others, be a carrier! So, let us all be the carriers and together, share in healthy attitudes and lifestyles!

HAPPY WORLD HEALTH DAY!



PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY  
DATE: 22 APRIL 2014

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*We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children - Native American Proverb*

For many years, she, our mother earth, has inhabited humans, animals and plants providing a haven to accommodate all living things without asking for much in return, merely a pledge to live in harmony. Regarding the vast benefits that have been rendered to us, it is sad to know that society has repaid with little or almost nothing; instead, society continues to act as an agent of destruction posing many challenges and annihilations suffered by her.

To acknowledge the significance of Mother Earth, 22nd of April has been specially observed as the International Mother Earth Day, held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally. It recognizes that the Earth and its ecosystems provide its inhabitants with life and sustenance. It also aims to raise awareness that humans have a collective responsibility to promote harmony with nature and to balance the economic, social and environmental needs of present as well as those of future generations.

This year's theme, 'Green Cities', focuses on making communities all over the world, green, healthy and sustainable. In fact, recent days are the high time when societies are mostly determined to invest in efficient and renewable energy, rebuild cities and towns, and solve the climate crisis. Over the next couple of years, with a focus on Earth Day 2014, the Green Cities campaign will mobilize a global movement to hasten the transition of blending a modern urban-lifestyle with a touch of nature. Its aim is to help cities accelerate their transition to a cleaner, healthier, and more economically viable future through improvement in efficiency, investment in renewable technology and regulation reform. In addition, all stakeholders will work on the ground by strategically placing cities and towns to organise grassroots efforts to improve local codes, ordinances, and policies that will help in realization of green cities.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), are observing the selected theme "Green Cities" to highlight the awareness of measures taken to protect our mother earth. We strongly believe the time has come to halt all actions which degrade our mother earth; instead, we should seek proper ways of tailoring nature and green environment to the metropolitan life. We, especially young people, are all accountable and shall take up the responsibility by increasing efforts, raising awareness; taking initiative, and righting the wrongs of our ancestors. It's time for youth to invest in efficiency and renewable energy, rebuild cities and towns, and begin to solve the climate crisis. Small efforts and contributions of youth such as usage of environmental friendly products and involvement as volunteers to conduct activities pertaining to green environment are highly encouraged.

Today possesses a scared opportunity for all people to unite, to seek harmony and peace to nature, for our children, families, societies, and for all inhabitants of Mother Earth. Thus, let us join hands in love, compassion and understanding to call for a new era of green cities revolution.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY  
DATE: 23 APRIL 2014

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*A book, I think, is very like, A little golden door, That takes me into places, Where I have never been before, It leads me into fairyland, Or countries strange and far, And, best of all, the golden door, Always stands ajar. - Adelaide Love*

Books are a necessary part of every functioning civilization. They transmit history, teach morals, keep laws, maintain a stable language, codify both religion and philosophy and spread ideas. There is no end to the importance of this treasure called the book.

The link between 23rd April and books was first made in 1923 by booksellers in Spain to honor the author, Miguel de Cervantes, who died on that day. As for today, the World Book and Copyright Day is observed in over 100 countries, where schools, private businesses, voluntary organizations and lots of more people and groups come together to pay a tribute to both books and their authors.

The annually celebrated World Book and Copyright Day, which is also known as International Day of the Book or World Book Day, is organized by UNESCO to promote reading, publishing and copyright amongst all public worldwide. This day symbolizes the celebration of the world well-known authors and encourages everybody, especially youth, to discover the gratification of reading.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), recognize that youth, nowadays, are struggling in extremely various situations with diverse traces and perspectives, mental and social growth. In addition, the existence of technology, which with no doubt brings in a lot of amenities into our life, has influenced young people's preferences on entertainment leading most of them spending lesser leisure-time on reading.

Acknowledging on the challenges encountered in our society today, we urge young people to develop a habit of reading regularly so as to increase their knowledge on various subject matters. Our encouragement towards reading has even gone further than just raising



awareness amongst young people as we continue to publish resourceful reading materials such as news, press releases and even book especially those related to youth issues which can be found at [www.way.org.my/publication](http://www.way.org.my/publication).

Therefore, through the commemorate of World Book and Copyright Day, we wish to reiterate our intention of encouraging young people to continuously appreciate books and treasure the value obtained by reading them. As we, at WAY, believe that books are the treasure of literacy; they are miraculous in their every word and imaginative sentences. They are the magic bean of creativity and the well of knowledge!

HAPPY WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY  
DATE: 3 MAY 2014

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*For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others - Nelson Mandela*

Each person has the right to freedom of opinion and a better future. This right includes freedom to hold opinions without obstruction and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through media regardless of any boundaries.

The United Nations General Assembly declared third day of May to be the World Press Freedom Day to raise awareness of the magnitude of press freedom by reminding all stakeholders of their duty to respect and uphold the right to freedom and expression enshrined. It is the opportunity to pay a tribute to all journalists who have lost their lives in the line of their duty. In this day, stakeholders should unite their hand together finding a way of defending the media from attacks of their independence, assessing the state of press freedom throughout the world as well as celebrating the fundamental principles of press freedom.

For 2014, World Press Freedom Day, which is celebrated in about 100 countries globally, will highlight the need to include freedom of speech and access to independent media and information in Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals. The Post-2015 Development Agenda refers to a process led by the United Nations that aims to help defining the future global development framework which will succeed the UN Millennium Development Goals. Their influence in shaping flows of development aid, national policies and practices is incredibly significant.

Understanding on the significance of Post 2015 Development Agenda, this year's celebration focuses on the global theme "Media Freedom for a Better Future: Shaping the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and explores three interrelated ideas which are media's importance in development, safety of journalists and the rule of law and the sustainability and integrity of journalism.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), have always been endlessly supporting and acknowledging the Universal Declaration of Human Rights especially those rights of young people including the right of press. In line with that, WAY celebrate World Press Freedom by encouraging and developing initiatives in favor of press freedom, as well as assessing the status of press freedom worldwide. Our efforts incorporate the promotion of human rights including media expression to young people serving as a reminder of the need to respect the importance of press freedom. In reflecting the issue of press freedom and professional ethics amongst media, we believe that young people should be exposed to different opinions, freedom of speech and freedom to publish their desires.

Thus, it is for today, we stand to encourage young people to value this day and support all young journalists to carry on their hard work without having the fear of expressing themselves responsibly.

Happy World Press Freedom Day!

**International Day of Families**  
15 May



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES  
DATE: 15 MAY 2014

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*Family is the most important thing in the world - Princess Diana*

Family life is full of major and minor crises, the ups and downs of health, success and failure in career, marriage, divorce and all kinds of discrepancies. Its beauty is tied to individuals with their unique personalities, places as well as events engraving both memories and histories.

It is difficult to imagine anything more nourishing to the soul, than the companionship offered by family. Family quarrels have a total of bitterness unmatched by others. Yet, it happens that they also have a kind of tang, pleasantness beneath the unpleasantness, unspoken compassionate which based on mutually tacit understanding; that any limb you climb out on will still be there later for you to climb back.

Family gives everyone the feelings of worth which can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated, communication is unwrap, and rules are flexible.

Each year, May 15th is observed worldwide as the International Day of Families. In 1993, the UN General Assembly proclaimed this date to be an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic, and demographic processes affecting families. The United Nations Programme on the Family stresses the importance of having healthy and happy familial relationships.

As for year 2014, the celebration of International Family Day whose theme emphasizes on 'Families Matter for the Achievement of Development Goals', will be merrier than before as this year marks its twentieth anniversary.

In favor of this year theme, we, at World Assembly Youth (WAY), believe that family is a vital foundation of any individual's positive development that will lead to overall betterment of societies. Interestingly, the education field recognizes the significance of family as children's first place of learning institution. This recognition is also expressed in first goal of Education for All (EFA) which emphasizes on expanding early childhood care and education which mainly obtainable from family. WAY, with the support of all the stakeholders and member

organizations, will continue to achieve ideas among the youth of all countries and address the family matter issues that directly and indirectly affect them.

In line with that, WAY group has even contributed in writing one of the many articles published in a book pertaining to Family Futures, in person of Ediola Pashollari, Secretary General of WAY, titled as 'the Role of Youth in Strengthening Inter-Generational Solidarity within the Family', which focuses on enabling situations where generations view each other in a progressive way. This book was published under UNDESA/DSPD to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014. The digital edition of the book can be found at <http://digital.tudor-rose.co.uk/family-futures/family-futures.zip>.

Together with this year International Day of Families, we reiterate our encouragement to young people to embrace the importance of family especially its role in Education and Achievement of Development Goal. It is undeniable that family is the 'basic core' of our society. We are all part of one and some of the most important developing years of our lives are spent growing up with it.

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY

DATE: 17 MAY 2014

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*And the more broadband we can get globally, the better. It's better for the world...*

*- Eric Schmidt*

Broadband, a product of digital growth, is a transformative device that allows fast transfer of information which indirectly supports a sustainable development of a country. For realizing its full potential, it is vital to roll out the high speed networks while making the broadband affordable and available for all layers of societies.

The annual observance of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is celebrated each year on 17th May and marks the anniversary of the signature of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865 which led to the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. The purpose of this observance is to help raising awareness of all potentials that internet and other information and communication technologies could bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.

The theme for WTISD-14, "Broadband for Sustainable Development", will mainly focus on multi-stakeholder commitment to achieve universal access to broadband connectivity. They are objectives to be achieved like; identify key gaps in broadband research and development, infrastructure, and packaged development of applications and services; define policy priorities for action in the areas of allocating radio frequency spectrum for broadband, particularly in the extension of broadband access into rural areas, least developed countries and small island developing states.

In line with this year theme, we, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), value broadband and its infrastructure development as two of the important aspects in achieving one nation's sustainable socio-economic growth. Broadband is also world-widely appreciated due to its role as a delivery vehicle for major matters in societies including health, education, trade and commerce.

Besides, we also call upon young people and youth leaders to promote the adoption of policies and strategies that will assist in the development of access to broadband connectivity towards sustainability of a digital divide. Our focus is to develop priorities on programmes, projects and initiatives particularly those that have a common aim of meeting

the goals of sustainable development. We collectively believe that today generation should be the most approachable fraction of societies especially in the case of changes caused by the existence of newly established or innovated technology.

Thus, we reiterate our encouragement towards youth to be involved in all sections of society to create awareness and consensus on the issues underlying this year's theme of 'Broadband for Sustainable Development'.

Happy World Telecommunication and Information Society Day!





WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 21 MAY 2014

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*Cultural differences should not separate us from each other, but rather cultural diversity brings a collective strength that can benefit all of humanity." Also "Intercultural dialogue is the best guarantee of a more peaceful, just and sustainable world. - Robert Alan*

Our cultural diversity is a motivation of creativity which invests in the inspiration that can change societies. It is our duty to develop education and intercultural skills in young people to maintain the diversity of our world and to learn to live together in the melange of our languages, cultures and religions, to bring about change.

Cultural diversity is a dynamic force of development, which brings a value to economic growth and also serves as a means of leading a satisfying intellectual and ethical life. It is an asset that is vital for scarcity reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is annually held on May 21 to help people learn about the importance of cultural diversity and harmony. The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to learn to live together as one family with the presence of mutual appreciative.

This year's theme, "Do One Thing for Diversity and Inclusion", aims to build a world movement and to express public support for Diversity, to build inclusive societies and enhance dialogue and understanding among people and cultures. It also focuses on the World Day for Cultural Diversity as a landmark in public activism, to gyrate cultural diversity into a power for peace, security and development for all.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), intend to integrate culture into all development principles, especially those related to youth issues such as education, migration, health and environment. We also promote cultural diversity and mutual respect among different age of groups from all over the world especially young people, as well as contribute to the development of harmonious society in general.

Furthermore, we even raise knowledge worldwide about the importance of intercultural dialogue, diversity, inclusion so as to build a society of individuals who embrace and appreciate diversity with real and every day-life gestures. The Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) is our consistent commitment of conducting such platform which brings

young people from all around the world coming from different backgrounds and cultures to discuss about youth related issues and work in constructing declaration which contains the relevant recommendations.

Thus, with today celebration of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, we acknowledge that within both Inclusion and Diversity is where magic resides. We believe that every one of us can do something for the development and enhancement of diversity and inclusion; even one very little action could make a global impact if we all take part in it. So, let us all ensure we never forget to be inclusive, maximizing every opportunity with the diversity that we have, for the betterment of our society.

Happy World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY  
DATE: 5 JUNE 2014

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*The stars shone in the night sky, The moon was sitting bright and high, The sun shone in the morning sky, The birds were flying, The rubbish sways in the cool breeze, So take your litter home please, We keep the forest neat and clean, So there is no pollution to be seen, The tall grass is spiky and green, When the wind blows it is clearly seen, Upon the mountain the trees sway, The leaves blow way -Amelia Bester*

The celebration of the World Environment Day began in 1972 and has developed to become one of the main platforms through which the United Nations encourages positive action for the environment. Through the World Environment Day, it enables everyone to realize the task to care for the Earth and reminds all individuals about their power to become agents of change. Remember that every action of an individual counts, and when it is multiplied by a global chorus, it becomes exponential in its impact.

The World Environment Day is a big celebration, engaging millions across the globe through events such as clean-up campaigns, art exhibits or even tree-planting events on the ground in over 70 countries. It is celebrated on 5th day of June 2014 and marked as a day that braces awareness of the environment and enhances both public attention and action. The agenda for this day includes advocating partnership which will grant all nations and people a safer and more prosperous future environment, promoting an understanding about the pivotal role of communities towards environmental preservation and empower people to become active agents of sustainable and equitable development of environment.

In support of the UN designation of 2014 as the International Year of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), World Environment Day this year will adopt SIDS in the broader context of climate change as its theme. The objectives are to help build momentum towards the Third International Conference on SIDS in September and encourage a greater understanding of the importance of SIDS and of the urgency in protecting the islands in the face of growing risks and vulnerabilities, particularly as a result of climate change. Spotlight Small Island Developing States is a diverse group of more than 50 low-lying coastal communities and their unique development challenges as well as successes. Many of these countries have been victorious in overcoming a number of their environmental challenges including adapting to and mitigating the effects of climate change.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), aim to listen to young people's voices from all around the world, to capture their thoughts, their aspirations for the future as well as reactions on environmental issues. Furthermore, World Environment Day is also a day for us to inspect the state of our environment. In this day, we support all stakeholders to mobilize everyone, especially young people, enlighten them on the exigency of sustainable development issues and encourage their contributions in the environment preserving activity. Besides, coinciding with the theme, we also believe that this year World Environment Day will be a brilliant opportunity to raise a call for solidarity with the societies of the islands.

Thus, we encourage all young people to be a part of the celebrations and obtain the opportunity to share their ideas and activities for making our world cleaner, greener, better and brighter. So let us all pledge to do something, at least one thing, as our contribution of the World Environment Day.

Happy World Environment Day!



## WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

### PRESS RELEASE

### WORLD REFUGEE DAY

DATE: 20 JUNE 2014

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*In the midst of migrants in search of a better life there are people in need of protection: refugees and asylum-seekers, women and children victims of trafficking. Many move simply to avoid dying of hunger. When leaving is not an option but a necessity, this is more than poverty. -Antonio Guterres*

Imagine being the parent of a sick and hungry child and having to decide between risking your life staying in a conflict or leaving behind everything in search of safety.

For years, many countries and regions have been holding their own events similar to World Refugee Day. One of the most widespread events is Africa Refugee Day, which is celebrated on June 20 in many countries. The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to express its solidarity with Africa. The resolution noted that 2001 marked the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees, and that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) agreed to have International Refugee Day coincide with Africa Refugee Day on June 20. The Assembly therefore decided that June 20 would be celebrated as World Refugee Day from 2001 onwards. This day was designated by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees to bring attention to the plight of approximately 14 million refugees around the world.

World Refugee Day is an era for us to reflect on the refugees and displaced people around the world who bear these terrible burdens through no fault of their own. It is a day for governments around the world to augment their work to support refugees, to recommit themselves to the resolution of conflicts, and to make greater efforts to prevent them.

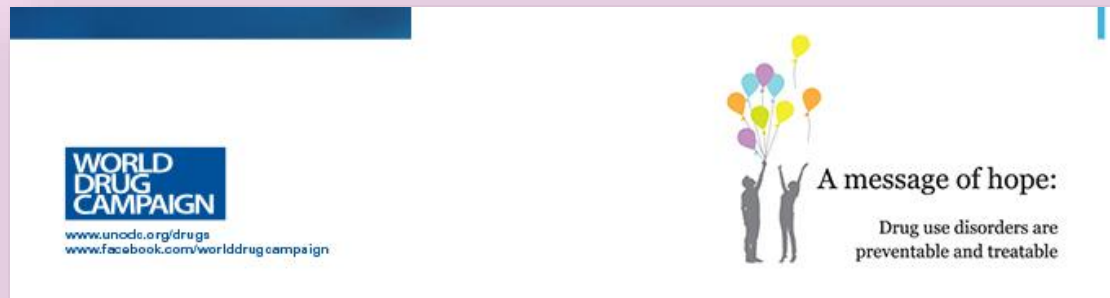
Every year on the 20th of June the United Nations and numerous civic groups around the world celebrate World Refugee Day, dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world. This day was established by the United Nations (UN) to honor the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.

This year's theme is titled "1 family torn apart by war is too many" it reminds us that the casualties of war are ordinary people, mothers, fathers, sons and daughters. Recent conflicts have forced record numbers of families to leave everything behind. In fact, it is estimated

that two families flee from violence or persecution every minute. On World Refugee Day, the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) asked the public to reflect on the same perilous journey, if only for a moment, by contemplating what they would take if forced to flee.

As youth encompass a rising proportion of refugees in the world, we at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), join other establishment on this day in recognizing refugees from all around the world. We extend our support and respect to their strength to sustain, persist and struggle against suffering. We urge the government agencies and organizations to assist and protect the refugees. Last year, on the 13th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), we tackled 'Youth Migration: A Step from Haven'. This theme was selected to highlight the reasons and factors of migration and to acknowledge the principal opinions of young people. For more information on the outcome document please visit: [http://www.way.org.my/files/Program%20Outcomes/2013/Declaration-\\_13th\\_Melaka\\_International\\_Youth\\_Dialogue.pdf](http://www.way.org.my/files/Program%20Outcomes/2013/Declaration-_13th_Melaka_International_Youth_Dialogue.pdf)

Thus, on this World Refugee Day, let us take time to recognize and draw inspiration from these ordinary people who have shown such extraordinary courage towards the world's millions of refugees and displaced.



## WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

### PRESS RELEASE

## INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

DATE: 26 JUNE 2014

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*No one is immune from addiction; it afflicts people of all ages, races, classes, and professions.*  
- Patrick J. Kennedy

Drug abuse poses significant health challenges to the whole world. They are globally prevented due to its serious effects on health, social, economic and security matters. This problem is no longer limited to one type of drug or to a particular country or a specific class of the community.

In 1987 the United Nation (UN) decided to give focus to the phenomenon of drug abuse and drug trafficking and called for a concerted global effort to fight the rise of drugs which has become a global trade. The poignant question we need to ask ourselves as responsible citizens of our countries is: What have we done to raise awareness and report drugs related crimes that happen in our countries?

Today, 26th June 2014, is the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a day which was created by the General Assembly of the United Nations to raise awareness of the negative impacts of drug abuse and trafficking and as a determination to strengthen action as well as cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society, free of drug abuse. This day is supported by individuals, communities and various organizations all over the world.

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has, over the years, been actively involved in launching campaigns to mobilize support for drug control. According to the UNODC, nearly 200 million people are using illicit drugs such as cocaine, cannabis, hallucinogens, opiates and sedative hypnotics. The General Assembly recognized that despite the continued and increased efforts by the international community, the world drug problem continues to constitute a serious threat to public health, the safety and well-being of humanity, in particular those of young people.

As such, we at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we tackled drug abuse as one of our youth issues so as to help young people to arise and extinguish the use of illegal drugs. We empower youth leaders and organizations to collaborate together to achieve drug free zone. The collaboration is needed to implement new ideas and strategies to combat drug abuse



including improvement of policies which support the achievement towards a Drug Free Generation. One of our efforts was the 8th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, 'Towards a Drug Free Generation' which elevated not only awareness but also improvements in attaining Drug Free Generation. We also believe that something has to be done as a matter of national priority to restore the social fabric of our nation before it is too late to correct the situation from deteriorating further. The youth need to be empowered to take control of their lives and not let drugs control them. Philip K. Dick said "Drug misuse is not a disease; it is a decision, like the decision to step out in front of a moving car. You would call that not a disease but an error of judgment".

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
DAY 1:- 14<sup>TH</sup> MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE  
“YOUTH AND EDUCATION: TAKING ACTION, GETTING RESULTS”  
DATE: 22 JUNE 2014

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Melaka, 22nd June 2014 – THIS day marked another memorable occasion for the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), as over 200 highly enthusiastic and vested participants have gathered for the 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), which is taking place at Permaisuri MITC Hotel in Melaka, Malaysia.

This year’s theme, “Youth Education; Taking Action, Getting Results” was designed to raise the issues on Youth and Education and suggestions as to how to achieve Education For All (EFA) and Post 2015 Development Agenda on Education. It was our pleasure to receive delegates from different youth bodies and organizations as this already hinted the premature success of the dialogue.

To welcome the delegates, an ice breaking session was held which served as an informal means to get participants to interact with one another. Delegates were honored by the surprised visit by the Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Ali bin Mohd Rustam, former president of WAY, where he met and greeted all delegates present. In honor and respect to various nations, participants sang their national anthem and told stories about their countries and cultures.

With day one done, everyone is looking forward to the plenary sessions, where participants will get to hear variety of speakers who will challenge, inspire and motivate them to promote the necessity of education globally.

Stay tuned, as our social media outlets will keep you posted on the progress and turn outs of the event.

## WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

### DAY 2:– OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

“YOUTH AND EDUCATION: TAKING ACTION, GETTING RESULTS”

DATE: 23 JUNE 2014

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Melaka, 23rd June 2014 - THE Opening Ceremony of the 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) was held, today, at Permaisuri (MITC) Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia with the honorable presence of YB P. Kamalanathan S/O.P. Panchanathan, the Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Learning II of Malaysia who officiated the opening ceremony, Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, the Chief Minister of Melaka cum WAY President, Masiela Lusha, the WAY Goodwill Ambassador, Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism of Namibia cum Vice President of the WAY and our very own WAY Secretary General, Ms. Ediola Pashollari. We also had the presence of WAY Executive Committee member, ambassadors and various other government representatives from both regional and national levels.

The Secretary General of World Assembly of Youth, Ms. Ediola Pashollari, during her welcoming remarks introduced the theme of the MIYD, ‘Youth and Education: Taking Action, Getting Results’. She welcomed the participants to the dialogue and thanked all the youth organizations, government bodies, sponsors, speakers, delegates and dignitaries for contributing their time and making themselves available for the event.

It was an honor that WAY first ever Goodwill Ambassador, Ms. Masiela Lusha shared her experience in her speech on her support as part of the movement of change towards the youth challenges especially in the education field. She reinstated the importance of education; that it is not only for the youth but also for the future generations and our world. She encouraged the participants to share the passions they have towards youth education and listen with open hearts to their esteemed acquaintances. After WAY Goodwill Ambassador’s speech, all participants and delegates were presented the video on the journey of the dialogue.

President of WAY, Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, who was present during the opening ceremony, gave his speech by touching on the statistics from the UNESCO institute that reports on 67 million children who are still out of school. He emphasized on how education is still a pertinent issue in our society today, and that this dialogue will nurture and help to shape future leaders. He encouraged the delegates to actively take part in the event as well as enjoy their stay in Melaka and Malaysia. In addition, YB P. Kamalanathan S/O.P. Panchanathan also presented a speech on the efforts of the Malaysian government particularly on education.

During the plenary sessions, we had motivating speakers from different countries talking about the opportunities and challenges towards attaining education for all, advancing the education for all Goals through collaborative efforts of youth organisations and attaining education for all and Post-2015 Development Agenda. The sessions were informative as speakers shared their knowledge and advised the youth on actions that could be taken so that the results could be achieved in attaining Education for All, how to be creative with education and to adapt to life-long learning.

The day commenced with three plenary sessions and the opening ceremony was held in the afternoon. It was then concluded with the presentation of tokens of appreciation to the Guests of Honor and dignitaries present. Photos were also taken with all representatives from different countries. After that, the day was continued with the last plenary session and it was ended with brilliant cultural performances from all participants, volunteers and staff.

Overall, it was an excellent way to get through another day of 14th MIYD and we look forward to more brilliant days!

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
DAY 3:– 14<sup>TH</sup> MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE  
“YOUTH AND EDUCATION: TAKING ACTION, GETTING RESULTS”  
DATE: 24 JUNE 2014

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TODAY, 24th June 2014, was full of fresh ideas and excitement! It was a day when all young leaders from all around the world sat together to discuss and work in expressing their opinions and thoughts in form of recommendations which will be adopted for enhancement of education policies.

Opportunities were also given for all participants to take action and get results for attaining better education for all. They were divided in groups of 10 and asked to propose solutions, develop ideas, interact with one another and present their discussions.

The workshop was based on the role of public and private sector, NGOs, Media as well as society on Youth Education and Post 2015 Development Agenda in which participants were given the opportunity to share their ideas and recommend ways to improve them. Some of the roles that were discussed were youth education as the empowerment of the young people aged between 15 and 35 so that they could have better quality of life either through formal, non-formal and informal education.

As the day progressed, the participants had a meeting to draft the declaration of recommendations pertaining to education betterment in post 2015 Development Agenda. The purpose was for all participants to give their different views and perspectives related to the issue of education so as for them to come up with the most suitable and ideal ideas. These different ideas were then discussed upon which the most appropriate solution is derived. Interesting philosophies, knowledge and thoughts were passed around to both speakers and participants creating breathtaking discussion upon which some agreed and others agreed to disagree.

It was a tremendous way to get through another day of fruitful 14th MIYD.

## WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

### DAY 4:– CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE

“YOUTH AND EDUCATION: TAKING ACTION, GETTING RESULTS”

DATE: 25 JUNE 2014

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Melaka, 25th June 2014 - THE last day of the 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue was filled with many remarkable events. The day began with the presentation of the 14th MIYD Draft Declaration which was later adopted for implementation. Everyone present participated well proving that they indeed paid attention to the advices and feedbacks given by various speakers for the past two days.

Later during the day, the participants were divided into three groups and went on a field trip to three prominent universities in Melaka: University Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM), Limkokwing Academy of Creativity and Innovation and Politeknik Merlimau. It was an overwhelming experience for the participants and volunteers as they were briefed on the progress and development of education in Malaysia particularly in Melaka.

The farewell gala dinner and closing ceremony were held later that night at MITC Ballroom where WAY Secretary General, Ms Ediola Pashollari, welcomed all esteemed guests and participants.

The atmosphere was lit up by the crowd and it was heated up even more when Rt. Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Idris Haron, President of World Assembly of Youth cum Chief Minister of Melaka arrived accompanied by Hon. Khairy Jamaluddin, Minister of Youth and Sports.

Besides, the closing ceremony was also attended by WAY Goodwill Ambassador, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of Namibia, Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism of Namibia cum Vice President of the WAY, Ambassador of Ecuador to Malaysia, High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia to Malaysia, Acting High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to Malaysia, President of Malaysian Youth Council, Deputy Director General of Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia, two other WAY Vice Presidents and Executive committee member of WAY as well as other EXCO members of Melaka State Government.

The closing ceremony was started with the welcoming remarks by WAY Secretary General, Ediola Pashollari. She mentioned how grateful she was for the adoption of the declaration and the level of commitment demonstrated by everyone present during the entire dialogue. She also acknowledged the input of all dignitaries, and organizers and she hoped for a continuous relation and cooperation between the youth, WAY, National Youth Councils, Youth Organizations and Government Youth Representative Bodies.

WAY Secretary General's welcome remarks were then followed by a speech from the WAY Goodwill Ambassador, Ms. Masiela Lusha, who spoke on youth, being young and filled with limitless potentials and enthusiasm and urged all young people to engage in more positive leisure activities.

The night was then continued by the speech of the WAY President encouraging everyone to partake in ensuring the declaration presented today becomes a reality. He reminded young people of today to represent not only the future but also the present.



WAY's commitment towards young people was also articulated in the action of signing partnership between Ms. Ediola Pashollari and Mr. Wemel Cumavoo, the founder and also CEO of MyMobileUniversity.

Afterward, the closing ceremony was officiated by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Hon. Khairy Jamaluddin who gave an outstanding speech about the young people's bravery of bringing up changes especially those in education. He urged all young people to engage in more positive leisure activities and for the stakeholders to unite their efforts together in creating a more conducive environment which offers a wide variety of prolific activities for young people.

The closing ceremony was concluded with a dinner, followed by certificate and awards presentation, and photo session. The night was ended with dignitaries, participants, organizers and volunteers celebrating the end of the dialogue as one.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD POPULATION DAY  
DATE: 11 JULY 2014

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*A finite world can support only a finite population; therefore, population growth must eventually equal zero. - Garrett Hardin*

Population is still technically growing and according to the United Nation Population Division's numbers, that growth is slowing dramatically. World population day is a global awareness operation that is celebrated all over the world by bringing a population revolution internationally and seeking to raise understanding of global population issues.

In 1968, world leaders proclaimed that individuals had a basic human right to determine freely and responsibly the number and timing of their children. Since that day, 11th July is continued to be observed to reiterate the significance of human right to plan for a family by encouraging activities and disseminating the right information to help make this right veracity.

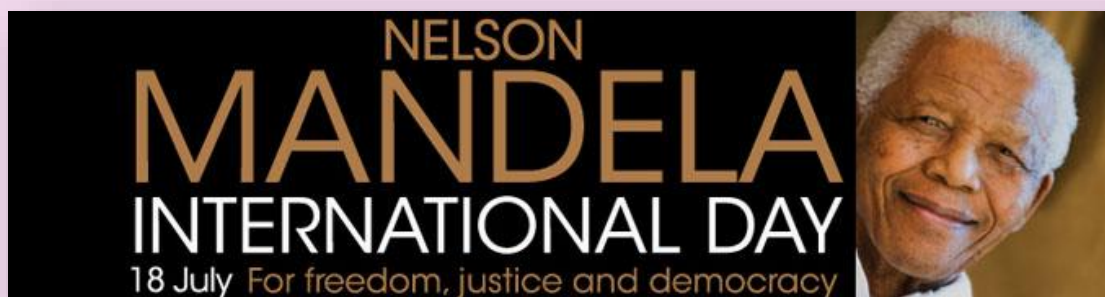
However, realization of the right to plan a family encounters many challenges including the fact that many modern contraception remains out of reach for millions of women, men and young people. Regardless, the growth of population will continue to increase despite the dramatic declines in the average number of children per woman.

Acknowledging on the threats possessed by the world population growth, the UN authorized this day as a vehicle to build an awareness of population issues and the impact they have on development as well as the environment. Each year a theme is selected to highlight a priority area of concern pertaining to population issues.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), are fully aware that over population growth is occurring all over the world but the growth often multiplies mostly in less developed countries. We believe that as more and more individuals share our planet, new challenges arise daily. Thus, it rests on individual decisions and actions to control global population growth particularly those from young people considering them as the largest portion of world population. Therefore, taking into account the urgency to solve the current population challenges, we urge young people to educate others including their peers especially those living in less developed countries on effective family planning, sex education amongst adolescents and the importance of using contraceptive.

Thus, at this point, we cannot know with certainty when or if world population can feasibly be stabilized, nor can we state with assurance the limits of the world's ecological "carrying capability", but we can be certain of the desirable direction of change that we seek which is to ensure reproductive health through the channel of education.

Happy World Population Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY  
DATE: 18 JUNE 2014

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*As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison. Nelson Mandela*

Mandela was a true representation of selflessness and a blessing to human kind. His legacy lives on from generation to generation. He was a symbol of boundless unity that has no race and shares one common good, a human kind.

In November 2009, the UN General Assembly declared 18th July as International Day of Nelson Mandela in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom. Nelson Mandela devoted his life to the service of humanity as a human rights lawyer, a prisoner of conscience, an international peacemaker and the first democratically elected president of a free South Africa.

Acknowledging on his great efforts, every year on his birthday, UN joins a call with the Nelson Mandela Foundation to devote 67 minutes of time to helping others as a way of honoring his good deeds throughout the world and encouraging individuals, communities, governments and non-profit organizations to take one small step towards the larger leap of making a positive imprint.

The idea of Mandela Day was inspired by Mandela at his 90th birthday celebrations in London's Hyde Park in 2008, when he said: "It is time for new hands to lift the burdens. It is in your hands now." Understanding that underlying idea, it is obvious that the purpose of this day is not only about doing well; but also about building the cultures that will make a difference in the world.

Since then, the birthday of Mandela at 18th July is celebrated annually as Nelson Mandela International Day or known in shorter term as Mandela Day. This year's commemoration also marks the first Mandela Day when he is no longer around to anchor the occasion. Due to his absence, it is then more important than ever to uphold the values for which he struggled and to share his message for peace and humanity with future generations.

We, at World Assembly of Youth, recognize Nelson Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity, in the fields of conflict resolution, race relations, the promotion and protection of human rights, reconciliation, gender equality and the rights of youth and other

vulnerable groups, as well as the upliftment of poor and under-developed communities. We also acknowledge his contribution to the struggle for democracy internationally and the promotion of a culture of peace throughout the world.

Therefore, in this year, let us all support the Nelson Mandela International Day campaign, mindful of both the global contexts and the contexts of our own communities. We aim to inspire and urge young people to embrace the values that Mandela shared which include democracy, freedom, equality, diversity, reconciliation, and respect. We believe that as the largest portion of the population, any changes started from young people will certainly bring fruitful result to the society and eventually to the world.

Let us make this day a remembrance of our Hero, Nelson Mandela who gave 67 years of his life to the struggle for human rights and social justice.

Happy Nelson Mandela International Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP  
DATE: 30 JULY 2014

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*Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend. - Albert Camus*

Friendship is the greatest possession of life. It is a relationship of mutual affection between two or more people and a stronger form of interpersonal bond than an association. It is then unquestionable that one of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood.

Although there are many forms of friendship, certain characteristics are always present and shared. Such characteristics include affection, sympathy, empathy, honesty, altruism, mutual understanding, compassion, trust, the ability to be oneself, express one's feelings, and make mistakes without fear of judgment from the friend. While there is no practical limit on what types of people can form a friendship, friends tend to share common backgrounds, occupations, or interests, and have similar demographics.

The International Day of Friendship is a United Nations (UN) day that promotes the role that friendship plays in promoting peace in many cultures all around the world. It is observed on the 30th of July each year. The day is based on the recognition of friendship not only in the general sense but also both its relevance and importance as a valuable sentiment in the lives of human beings around the world.

The International Day of Friendship has been celebrated in several South American countries for many years, particularly in Paraguay, where the first World Friendship Day was proposed, back in 1958. In 2011, the UN proclaimed the International Day of Friendship with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, and cultures can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. In this day, the UN urges young people to contribute in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity.

As the contribution of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in observing the International Day of Friendship, we encourage stakeholders, governments, organizations, and community groups to hold events, activities and initiatives that promote unity, mutual understanding and reconciliation, like our annual Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) where all participants who are mostly consisted of young leaders from different background,



occupations and culture, share one common interest of attaining the better life for young people worldwide. Every year, new friendships are born during our dialogue while our young participants work together in the achievement of youth betterment. This year 14th MIYD has also engendered many sparks of beautiful friendships amongst both participants and volunteers.

Therefore, on this year International Day of Friendship, we would like to reiterate our calls to young people to contribute in cultivating warm ties that strengthen our common humanity and promote the well-being of the human family.

Happy International Day of Friendship!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

DATE: 9 AUGUST 2014

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*I support the indigenous people anywhere in the planet -Edward James Olmos*

Indigenous People are a significant and important portion of humanity. Their heritage, their ways of life, their stewardship of this planet, and their cosmological insights are an invaluable treasure for society. Indigenous live in every region of the world and in all varieties of climates ranging from Arctic cold to Amazon heat. They often claim a deep connection to their lands and natural environments. Thus, many indigenous people value the natural world as a source of food, health, spirituality and identity.

The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is commemorated annually on 9th of August to promote, protect and endorse the rights enshrined in the United Nations Declaration particularly on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP). This day also presents an opportunity to honour diverse indigenous cultures and recognize the achievements and valuable contributions of an estimated 370 million indigenous people all around the world.

This year's theme which is on 'Bridging the Gap: Implementing the Rights of Indigenous Peoples' aims to highlight the importance of implementing the rights of indigenous people through policies and programmes at both the national and international level by working together with Governments, the United Nations and other stakeholders with the aim of bridging the gap between indigenous people and our society.

As a contribution from World Assembly of Youth (WAY) in observing the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, we work to support national governance systems to be more effective in addressing discrimination and structural inequalities that can disproportionately affect indigenous peoples. We, at WAY, believe that by guaranteeing access to opportunities and supporting as well as enabling environment where indigenous peoples are empowered, they shall be able to develop their full potential to lead dignified lives in harmony with their world vision and traditional values. WAY always insists on making indigenous youth a priority by having all necessary recommendations flowing from the permanent forum to promote better integration and coordination of their issues, including youth issues, across the globe.

Today, as the world is celebrating International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, WAY will continue to support robust engagement and collaboration and further build alliances

between different partners to put the end to exclusion and discrimination as well as to enable indigenous people to exercise their full rights in free and diverse societies.

Happy International Day of the World's Indigenous People!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY  
DATE: 12 AUGUST 2014

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*The youth is the hope of our future. -Jose Rizal*

Youth is the time of life when one is young, but often means the time between childhood and adulthood (maturity). The specific age range that constitutes youth varies from one region to another.

International Youth Day (IYD) is an awareness day selected by the United Nations and observed worldwide on 12th August every year. The purpose of this day is to draw attention to a given set of cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. Youth day is one of the many extensive efforts of the United Nations to help member states reach out to their youth and understand all challenges faced by them. Besides, it aims to promote ways to actively engage youth in making positive contributions to their communities.

IYD is also an annual celebration of the role of young people as the essential partners in change. Along with ensuring their rights, an equally important goal of IYD is to shape the youth not just as a passive beneficiary of development efforts, but as a force for positive social change.

As for today, IYD focuses on the rights of young people to have full access to education, adequate healthcare, employment opportunities, financial services and full participation in public life. In a climate of economic uncertainty, it is important for countries to invest in opportunities for their youth to learn, earn and grow so that the common future lies in good hands. During IYD, concerts, workshops, cultural events, and meetings involving national and local government officials as well as youth organizations take place around the world.

The theme of International Youth Day 2014 is 'Mental Health Matters' in which special focus will be given on the stigma and discrimination attached to the theme. Youth with mental health conditions often experience stigma and discrimination which can lead to exclusion and discourage them from seeking help due to the fear of being negatively 'labelled'. Efforts are needed to overcome this stigma to ensure that young people with mental health conditions are able to enjoy full and healthy lives free of isolation.

Together with this year's theme, we at World Assembly of youth encourage both Member States and the general public to understand the needs of young people, to implement

policies to help them overcome the challenges they face, as well as to support young people and their contribution in the decision-making process. We also bring youth issues to the attention of the international community and realize the potential of youth as partners of betterment in today's global society. Recognizing Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we believe in an equal opportunity to be given to all young people regardless their limitation. Thus, in line with this year's International Youth Day, we would like to urge all stakeholders to work from grassroots level in calling to the end all kind of discrimination and stigma addressed to young people with mental health conditions.

Happy International Youth Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY  
DATE: 19 AUGUST 2014

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*“Every State has the primary duty to protect its own population from grave and sustained violations of human rights, as well as from the consequences of humanitarian crises, whether natural or man-made”. -Pope Benedict XVI*

Today is a day to remember the millions of people affected by war, natural disasters, sickness, and famine, and especially those who are working to relieve their suffering. Today, known as World Humanitarian Day, is a special day dedicated to Humanitarians and their noble works.

World Humanitarian Day is a day devoted to humanitarians, as well as to increase public understanding of humanitarian support activities. This day falls on the 19th August every year. On this fateful day in 2003, 22 aid workers lost their lives in a bombing at the UN headquarters in Baghdad including the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello. Since August 2009, this day is observed to honor all people who have given their lives to humanitarian service, as well as to celebrate humanitarian work around the world.

Humanitarian workers have no other agenda than saving lives and delivering the basic needs which are food, water, shelter, medical care, and protection for the most vulnerable. Interestingly, yet in many places where humanitarians are needed, today, they are often targeted. They place their own lives at risk to help others in conflict zones and areas of natural hazards. More than 700 humanitarian workers have died or experienced the most dangerous situations while trying to help those in need.

Those who are in need desperately require our help, but our ability to reach them is, sadly, increasingly challenged. Added to the complexity, each year, there are new and difficult challenges that will require more flexible funding and adaptable humanitarian work. The increasing economic crisis and global challenges such as poverty, global health problems, increase prices and the rising number of people on the move, upsurges the need for humanitarians. This condition is also reflected on this year's theme, 'More People than Ever Need Help'



Together with this year's theme, we, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), confidently speak on behalf of youth in order for them to understand the human desire to live in a better world, but this will not be so without any effort. We also raise awareness on issues like gender equality, hunger and poverty and much more as gaining access to youth is our uppermost priority. It is, thus, an appropriate moment to call for a renewed commitment to humanitarian principles by all concerned.

On this World Humanitarian Day, let us once again remember the millions of people in need of help around the world, the humanitarians who have lost their lives and loved ones in the course of their work as well as the thousands of aid workers who have refused to be deterred and followed in their footsteps.

Happy World Humanitarian Day!

*"With realization of one's own potential and self-confidence in one's ability, one can build a better world." – Dalai Lama*

It is ineffable to imagine the power of one's unleashed potential. The fact that within everyone leaves a great potential to bring forward changes in others and societies' lives gives an aim for us, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY) to unlock the potential especially those of young people. The only question remained is on how to actualize such aim.

It is once quoted that "Everybody's got the potential for great good and great wrong in them, but it's the choices we make that define who we really are." (Charles de Lint). In line with that, we, at WAY, have been working hard, for over decades, in providing young people with the opportunities and platforms to make that 'RIGHT' choices.

Tracing back its history, founded in 1949, WAY has been known in owning a status as general consultative with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and work side-by-side with several agencies of United Nations such as UNEP, UNICEF and UNAIDS. Sixty-five years since that year, WAY currently has 120 members from all continents and acts as international coordinating body of national youth councils and organizations. Having such large network, it is now possible for WAY to realize its aim of unlocking youth potential with cooperation and support from all of its members.

As a part of that, we have underlined several relevant aims of facilitating the collection of information about both needs and problems of youth; promoting the interchange of ideas between youth from all countries; assisting in the development of youth activities; and encouraging full participation, democracy participation inclusive, of young people in their countries' developmental process which are all useful in unlocking youth's potential.

As our forward strategies, we have been coming out with actions which were and will be implemented to be in line with our Millennium Plan of Actions that were specially designed to provide positive contributions through releasing the true potential of young people so that it can add value towards the advancement of societies. Sixty-five years in continuously carrying out such purposes, we, at WAY, promise to always dedicate our fullest efforts in providing platform and assisting young people to unleash their precious potential.

As in our Sixty-Fifth Birthday, we wish for the endless supports from our members, stakeholders and young people. Together we will unlock the potential of youth and make every young people effective contributors in making better life!



International Day  
of Charity

WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY  
DATE: 05 SEPTEMBER 2014

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*“Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go.”*

*-Mother Teresa*

Charity, a noble superiority in man, brings welfare to the society. It enlarges human’s heart and spreads the message of brotherhood by delivering the genuine action of love to the societies.

The word 'charity' means generosity in giving something to the needy out of loving kindness towards them. There is a proverb: 'Charity begins at home,' which simply means a person who is kind at heart and possesses compassion towards others, is generally found to give his or her helping hands to the disadvantaged in the societies.

Charity has always played a vital role in the development of society by enabling those underprivileged people to live with basic necessities of life such as shelter, food and clothing. The major way to lessen the gap amongst the different classes in the society is by sharing and distributing what are more owned by those privileged to the less privileged ones.

Many organisations have been working in this regard for a very long period of time across the globe as it has been admitted as the social responsibility of every nation to not only help the locally deprived citizens but also take encourage steps to get hold of the poor ones.

The United Nations (UN) recognized 5th of September as an International Day of Charity. It was established with the objective of sensitizing and mobilizing people, NGOs and stakeholders all around the world to help others through volunteer and benevolent activities. This day was also chosen in honor of Mother Teresa who has dedicated her life to assisting the poor and disadvantaged people around the world. Her work was commemorated through the Nobel Prize in 1979 and until today, it continues to be carried forward with the aim of benefiting the world’s poor

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The UN encourages individuals and organizations to observe and contribute in the International Day of Charity through active involvement in volunteer work and funding campaign, holding a charity related event, sharing charitable acts on social media sites as well as rewarding good deeds in more creative ways.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), aim to hasten our efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and define a bold agenda for the period beyond 2015. In fact, we believe that the role of charity should be seen as one of the significant tools in shaping ideal traits of young people who ought to be full of compassion to humanity. In this day, we also encourage individuals especially youth and organizations worldwide to use this opportunity to encourage charitable activities in their communities.

Today, we turn to the youth and task them with the honorable duty of bringing more awareness to humanity amongst both the young and the old. Happy International Day of Charity!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY  
DATE: 08 SEPTEMBER 2014

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*“If you would tell me the heart of a man, tell me not what he reads, but what he re-reads”.*

*-François Mauriac*

One glance at a book and you hear the voice of another person whose idea is captured literarily forever. To read is to expedition through time. Thus, it is said that a book is a gateway to betterment for a man’s life and literacy is a key of that gate.

Literacy is a human right and a tool of personal empowerment. Literacy skills, which developed from a basic to advanced level throughout life, are part of broader competencies required for critical thinking, the sense of responsibility and mostly complex matters such as participatory governance, sustainable consumption and lifestyles, ecological behaviors, biodiversity protection, poverty reduction, and disaster risk reduction.

For decades, we all know that educational opportunities depend greatly on literacy. Literacy is at the heart of Education for All (EFA), and essential for eliminating poverty, reducing child mortality, controlling population growth, achieving gender equality as well as ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy in achieving prosperous and peaceful societies. In addition, Literacy is recognized as the key element needed to promote sustainable development, as it empowers people to make the right decisions in the areas of economic growth, social development and environmental integration.

Acknowledging all the important roles played by Literacy, especially those related to Sustainable Development, the United Nations (UN) commemorated the 8th of September annually as International Day of Literacy to raise people's awareness of and concern for literacy issues worldwide. As for this year, the theme selected is on ‘Literacy and Sustainable Development’.

According to UNESCO, about 774 million adults lack the minimum literacy skills. One in five adults is still not literate and two-thirds of them are women. However, literacy is also a reason for celebration on the day because there are nearly four billion literate people in the world.

Together with this year’s theme, we, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), understand the importance of literacy in attaining sustainable development. Our contribution has gone as

far as hosting 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (14th MIYD) with a theme of “Youth and Education: Taking Action, Getting Results” which was held from 23rd to 25th June 2014 in Melaka, Malaysia. This theme was realized to fulfill the principal opinions and roles of young people towards the Post 2015 Development Agenda on education. In fact, one of the main topics discussed was on how to improve literacy rate which also includes in the six goals of Education for All (EFA).

On this special occasion of International Literacy day, we, at WAY, would like reiterate our encouragement to all young people to actively volunteer in community services or other related programmes which have a purpose in educating illiterate youth and children around us. So, let us take an oath in working together for tomorrow’s world literate society! Happy International Literacy Day!



International  
Day of  
Democracy  
15 September



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY  
DATE: 15 SEPTEMBER 2014

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*“Young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace. If, however, they are left on society’s margins, all of us will be impoverished. Let us ensure that all young people have every opportunity to participate fully in the lives of their societies.” -Kofi Annan, Former Secretary General, United Nations*

In the world where everything is fluctuating, it is pivotal to have a proper governance concept with the balance of both fairness and equality in all forms of life; that concept is known as Democracy.

Democracy is a worldwide value based on the freely expressed will of people to establish their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their rights to fully contribute in all aspects of lives.

Through democracy, the UN strives to achieve its goals of peace and just development where human rights are well protected. The UN also recognizes a fundamental truth about democracy everywhere, that democracy is the product of a strong, active and vocal civil society.

Acknowledging the importance of Democracy, the UN General Assembly decided on November 8, 2007 to observe September 15 as the annual date in commemorating the International Day of Democracy when every stakeholder focuses on raising public awareness on Democracy.

People between the ages of 15 and 25 years old constitute a fifth of the world’s population. In many developing countries, the proportion is even higher with the majority of them living in low and middle income countries.

Young people have much to offer societies from innovation to creativity. Their participation in democracy promotes active citizenship, strengthens social responsibility and enhances democratic processes and institutions. What we do not want to forget is the fact that today’s young citizens are tomorrow’s leaders and decision-makers.

This year’s theme, ‘Engaging Young People on Democracy’ is what many stakeholders including WAY seek and works for. In achieving full participation, all stakeholders should

work together in resuscitating the vivacity of young people in bringing positive contribution to their societies.

As our contribution in observing the International Day of Democracy, we, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), seek to participate in promoting democracy in every way possible by having a sense of responsibility, especially towards the youth, that is to protect their rights and ensure that their voices are heard. Since our establishment, we have recognized and adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in both our internal and external activities, including discussions, dialogues, and workshops with the aims of supporting and endorsing youth's participation in the communities.

On this day, we would like to reiterate our call to all young people to be responsibly courageous in speaking up their thought and opinion, to contribute in making betterment and positive changes for better world of tomorrow.

World Assembly of Youth wishes you a Happy International Day of Democracy!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE  
DATE: 19 SEPTEMBER 2014

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*“Peace begins with a smile.” -Mother Teresa*

Peace is defined as an incidence of harmony characterized by lack of violence, conflict behaviors and the freedom from fear of violence. Frequently understood as the absence of aggression and retribution, peace also suggests sincere attempts of resolution.

Understanding on the characteristics, peacefulness is always perceived as an internal sense of tranquil that comes from being still in order to reflect and meditate on the inner insight. Thus, it is said that a peaceful heart is one that is free from qualms and difficulties.

For decades, many countries and their societies have been working and joining their efforts in the attainment of Peace for the world. Peace is not something that you could wish for; it is something you create together, something you do for other and something you share.

In line with that, International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on 21st of September to encourage people to work in cooperation for the achievement of World Peace. Recognized in 1981, the United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and people.

Ever since its initiation, this day has marked individual and terrestrial progress toward peace. It has grown to include millions of people worldwide and many events are organized each year to commemorate and celebrate Peace Day.

Marking the 30th anniversary of the General Assembly Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace, the theme of the 2014 International Day of Peace is on the “Right of Peoples to Peace.” This year offers an exclusive prospect to reiterate the United Nations commitment to the purposes and principles upon which the UN was founded. In particular, it emphasizes that “the right of peoples to peace demands that the policies must be directed towards the elimination of the threat of war” and recognizes that the promotion of peace is vital for the full enjoyment of human rights for all.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), pledge to promote a culture of peace especially amongst the youth. We appreciate that every person has a right to peace and that the achievement of peace is a shared responsibility. In respect with that, WAY support and

encourage young people to actively show their input on how to apply the values of patience and mutual esteem in creating the ideal peace that our world and its population need.

Let us embrace and reflect the value of peace in our hearts and minds and gently nurture it through our actions so it may blossom as a tradition in our societies.

Happy International Day of Peace!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE  
DATE: 02 OCTOBER 2014

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*“Nonviolence is a weapon of the strong.” -Mahatma Gandhi*

In recent years, there has been a remarkable increase in the number of people around the world who have taken part in nonviolent supporting action. It is clear, however, that there is considerable debate about the precise meaning of nonviolence.

Nonviolence is an undeniable force that works in the social field that brings people together, often by courageously resisting prejudice and refusing to inflict suffering. International Day of Non-Violence is held annually to promote the ways to stop violence through education and public awareness. The 2nd of October was selected to coincide with prominent Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi’s birthday. This day is recognized in India as Gandhi Jayanti.

Gandhi was born in India on the 2nd of October 1869 and was assassinated on January 30, 1948. He is remembered, today, for his contributions towards India’s freedom and for sharing with the world a doctrine for dealing with injustice and dissonance. He taught people the philosophy of Ahimsa which encourages the use of non-violence as a tool for the peaceful resolution of differences. Throughout his life, Gandhi remained committed to his belief in non-violence even under oppressive conditions and in the face of seemingly impossible challenge.

The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) sturdily stands by the principle of non-violence and continues to aim for its identification and achievement in the societies. We advocate for the youth to exploit their minds as a weapon against all the injustices and promote non-violence in their communities. We, at WAY, believe that all young people are not naturally born to be ferocious. Violence is learnt and, thus, avoidable. Proper education and productive utilisation of the leisure time are the two substantial keys in preventing the occurrence of delinquencies behaviours among young people. Thus, we would like to urge all young people to place their responsibilities above their enjoyment and prioritize their education over rebellious activities.

Let us celebrate the lasting work of the great futurist, Mahatma Gandhi and ensure that his teachings remain in our hearts with peace and harmony.

Happy International Day of Non- Violence!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION  
DATE: 13 OCTOBER 2014

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*"We cannot stop natural disasters but we can arm ourselves with knowledge: so many lives wouldn't have to be lost if there was enough disaster preparedness." -Petra Nemcova*

Disaster reduction is the conception and practice of reducing disaster risks through efficient efforts to analyse and reduce the causal factors of disasters. Reducing exposure to hazards, lessening vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and the environment, and improving preparedness and early warning for adverse events are all examples of disaster reduction.

The United Nations' (UN) International Day for Natural Reduction is annually observed on the 13th of October to raise the profile of disaster risk reduction. It is a day dedicated to the efforts of the stakeholders in reducing the disasters related risks through raising awareness. It also encourages people and governments to participate in building more resilient communities and nations.

Many people around the world have lost their lives, homes, access to essential facilities, such as hospitals, due to natural disasters, including earthquakes, droughts, tsunamis, heavy flooding, hurricanes or cyclones. Some of these disasters have even caused economic damage to certain countries. In past decade, many people have lost their beloved ones as the consequences of the Mother Nature's rages.

Though the occurrence of natural disaster is unstoppable, the impact of damages could be minimized through appropriate movement of disaster reduction and preparedness. In line with that, the UN acknowledges that education; training and information exchanges are effective ways to help people to equip themselves better in withstanding the natural disasters.

This year spotlight of the International Day for Disaster Reduction is on older people, including their needs and what they contribute in better planning and understanding the disaster risk in their communities. International Day for Disaster 2014 intends to amplify this critical issue, not only for current days but also the post-2015 framework pertaining to disaster risk reduction.

We, at the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that there is a call for awareness among the societies on how to guide and care for old people both during and after the occurrence

of the natural disaster. Being young and energetic, youth can play a big role during this time to assist those in need through volunteerism activity. Therefore, we advise and encourage young people to be on the vanguard in giving a helping hand to the old. By doing so, young volunteers will have an opportunity to work together with the senior citizens to minimize the vulnerability of all, while improving communities' capacity to cope with the impact of disasters and sustaining intergenerational relationship.

Happy International day for Disaster Reduction!





WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD FOOD DAY  
DATE: 16 OCTOBER 2014

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*"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." -Mother Teresa*

There is sufficient land to grow food in the world for everyone, yet we continue to be caught in food crisis.

Family farming is inextricably linked to national and global food security, both in developing and developed countries. Family farming is the major form of agriculture in the food production sector which is run by family and includes all family-based agricultural activities. It is greatly linked to several areas of rural development.

World Food Day was initially held on 16th October 1981. This day is, then, celebrated on the 16th of October every year around the world in honor of the date when the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations was founded in 1945. It is also the Food Engineer day and has been observed in more than 150 countries, raising awareness of the issues pertaining to Hunger and Poverty.

The global crisis of hunger is, today, most recognized issue, remaining the continual fight against hunger as world top prioritized mission. As for this year, the theme selected is on "Family Farming: Feeding the World, Caring for the Earth". This theme has been chosen to emphasise and raise awareness of the problems worldwide and to elevate the profile of family farming and small-scale as well as medium-sized farmers. It focuses on world attention on the significant role of family in eradicating hunger and poverty, providing food security and achieving adequate nutrition for all by managing natural resources while protecting the environment and attaining sustainable development, especially in rural areas.

At the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), we highlight areas needed for action and contribute in the recommendation for the eradication of Hunger and Poverty in accordance with the common focus stipulated by the United Nations. We aim to raise levels of nutrition across the globe, educate and enhance young people's intellect on agricultural productivity and their understanding on its importance as well as contribution towards the wellbeing of the society, at all levels. We believe that through family agriculture, both food production and supply will be improved in the same direction with the enhancement of employment level thus reducing the rate of hunger and poverty worldwide.

Happy World Food Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY  
DATE: 17 OCTOBER 2014

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*“We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.” -Mother Teresa*

Poverty destroys the lives and spirit of people; it kills more children, young persons and adults than any war. Every day people living in extreme poverty are challenged and threatened by lack of food, shelter and access to essential amenities.

The United Nations’ (UN) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on the 17th of October yearly since 1993. It promotes people’s awareness of the need to exterminate poverty and destitution worldwide particularly in developing countries.

The first observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty can be traced back to 17th October 1987 in which more than 100,000 people gathered in Paris, France to honor the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. On that day individuals and organizations globally observed the day as an opportunity to restore their dedication in working together towards eradicating poverty. In December 1992, the UN General Assembly officially declared 17th October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

This year the theme of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is, “Leave no one behind: think, decide and act together against extreme poverty”. The theme focuses on the insistent need to eliminate discrimination and segregation based on poverty, ethnic origin, gender, age, disability or economic and social status. Eliminating these barriers means that all people especially those living in poverty are included in decision making and acted as partners for sustainable development.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), believe that young people should be engaged to be the agent of change representing the voice of the people who are in need. Youth is the key towards tackling the quandary of our impecunious peers, and advancing their economic status within society. Acknowledging on that matter, we always encourage young people to be actively involved in expressing their thoughts and ideas for the betterment of policy particularly those related to eradication of poverty directly or indirectly. Areas such as youth

employment and entrepreneurship have been our main focuses in creating more job opportunities not only for young people but also for those living in poverty.

As the world commemorates the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, we call on youth and stakeholders from all countries to actively work to support the world most vulnerable and to ensure their full participation in building an inclusive post-2015 development agenda.

Happy International Day for the Eradication of Poverty!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

UNITED NATIONS DAY

DATE: 24 OCTOBER 2014

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*“The United Nations is needed more than ever at this time of multiple crises. At this critical moment, let us reaffirm our commitment to empowering the marginalized and vulnerable. On United Nations Day, I call on Governments and individuals to work in common cause for the common good.” -Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon*

The United Nations works across countries and territories to promote common progress, charitable, environmental and sociological concerns.

Recalling back on the history, the United Nations was known at earlier days as the League of Nations. The foundations for a League of Nations were laid in the Treaty of Versailles which was one of the treaties that formally ends World War I. The League of Nation aimed to encourage disarmament, prevent outbreaks of war, and encourage negotiations and diplomatic measures to settle international disputes and to improve the quality of life around the world. Nevertheless, the outbreak of World War II suggested that the League of Nations needed to take on a different form.

The ideas around the United Nations were developed in the last years of World War II particularly during the UN Conference on International Organization in San Francisco on April 25, 1945. The UN was officially created when a UN charter was endorsed on the 24th of October that year. On this day, the United Nations (UN) came into force when the five permanent members of the Security Council approved the charter that had been drawn up that year.

Thus, it is then understood that the United Nations Day commemorated on 24th October 1945 every year marks the anniversary of the moment when the United Nations officially came into existence. Celebrated each year since 1948, the event's anniversary is recognized as an occasion to highlight, celebrate and reflect on the work of the United Nations and its family of specialized agencies.

We, at World Assembly Youth (WAY), owning the consultative status of various UN Agencies, celebrate the United Nations Day, because it is a vital commemoration of the values which today organizations embrace, including WAY. Those values are the forth-the principles of humanity which are unity and world peace.

Acknowledging the importance of adapting those values of humanity, we recognize the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and adopt them in our programmes, events as well as our daily activities in the Secretariat. As for this year, the United Nations Day was celebrated with a fruitful visit of 70 international and local students from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia at WAY Headquarters in Melaka, Malaysia where the topic of Youth and Education was discussed thoroughly.

Happy United Nations Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT  
DATE: 10 NOVEMBER 2014

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World Science Day for Peace and Development (WSDPD) is an annual event celebrated worldwide every 10th of November since its establishment by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2001. It was initially proposed at the World's Scientific Conference in Budapest in 1999 in order to draw the attention to the need of a relation between science and society.

The rationale of celebrating a WSDPD is based on the realization of the important roles that both science and scientists have in the sustainable societies. WSDPD aims to renew the national as well as the international commitment to science for peace and development and to stress the responsible use of science for the benefit of society. Besides, the WSDPD also aspires in raising public awareness on the significance of science and bridging the gap between science and societies.

In this sense, a WSDPD would offer an opportunity to show the general public the relevance of science in their lives and to engage them in discussions. Such a venture would also bring a unique perspective to the global search for peace and development.

Since its inception, World Science Day has also generated concrete projects, programs and funding for science around the world. Several ministries have announced an increase in spending on science for instance the creation of a university or research body. The Day has also helped to foster cooperation between scientists living in regions marred by conflict, one example being the creation of the Israeli-Palestinian Science Organization (IPSO) with UNESCO support.

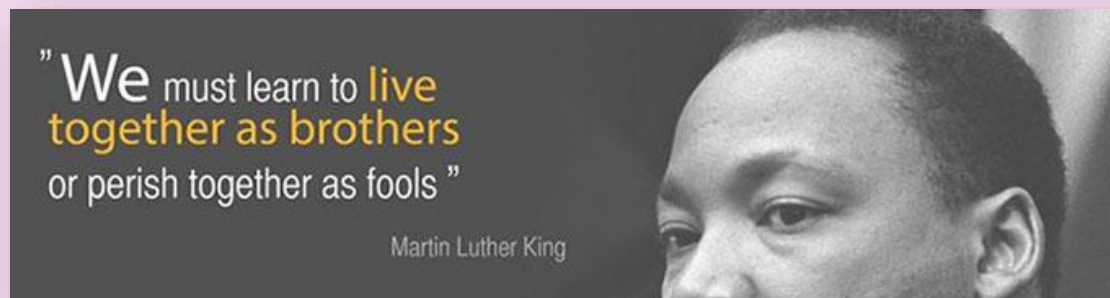
As for this year, with the theme of 'Promoting Quality Science Education: Ensuring a Sustainable Future for All', World Science Day for Peace and Development has a goal of utilizing quality science education to spark students' curiosity from an early age. It is because quality science education takes advantage of the new development in ICTs and together with basic sciences education triggering innovation that is essential to sustainable development.

Together with this year's theme, we, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY) have held our 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) to fulfil the principal opinions and roles of

young people towards the Post 2015 Development Agenda on education. An interactive dialogue on this topic was of significance to form, educate, increase awareness on the challenges and entitlements of youth pertaining to Education in the different levels of society that they represent. Though our theme was emphasized on broader definition ranging from formal, informal and non-formal education, this dialogue was intended to improve the quality of education which takes sustainable development into its major consideration.

World Assembly of Youth wishes you a happy World Science Day for Peace and Development!





WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF TOLERANCE  
DATE: 17 NOVEMBER 2014

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*“On this International Day of Tolerance, I call on all people and governments to actively combat fear, hatred and extremism with dialogue, understanding and mutual respect. Let us advance against the forces of division and unite for our shared future.” -UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon*

Tolerance is the foundation for mutual respect among people and communities, and is vital for building a single global society around shared values. It is a virtue and a quality, above all, an act of reaching out to others and seeing the strength in differences not barriers, opportunity in diversity not opposition, and an undivided invitation for dialogue and understanding.

The International Day for Tolerance is a time for people to commemorate and recognize the importance of respecting the rights and beliefs of others. It is also an opportunity to reaffirm their commitment to work for the recognition and protection of human rights and raise awareness on the negative effects of intolerance. The United Nations (UN) International Day for Tolerance is annually observed on the 16th of November to educate and remind people about the need for tolerance and its importance in the society.

We, at World Assembly of Youth, believe that tolerance cannot be taken for granted. It has to be taught, nurtured and communicated. Education, whether formal, informal or non-formal, should seek to avoid any atom of intolerance that may affect the state of youth understanding. A deliberate action is suggested to ensure that no youth should be found suffering the consequences of not being tolerated. Everyone deserves to be treated with respect.

In support, we strongly urge the youth and youth leaders to protect people from discrimination and to encourage tolerance for all regardless of nationality, religion, language, race, sexuality or any other distinct characteristics that obscures our common humanity.

On this International Day of Tolerance, let us recommit to dialogue and establish a mutual understanding among all peoples and communities especially youth, and let us focus our minds and hearts on those who face discrimination and marginalization.

A single humanity means living together and working together on the basis of communal respect for the great wealth of human diversity.



## WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

### PRESS RELEASE

#### INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DATE: 24 NOVEMBER 2014

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Violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread violations of human rights. Young women around the globe possess the collective power to change their lives, their communities and the world we live in. As they face daily challenges, young women are continually developing innovative, effective ways to improve their lives by bringing together their knowledge and creativity. Thus, it is undeniable that women are leading change.

The United Nations' (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed each year on the 25th of November, an occasion for governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to raise public awareness in stopping violence against women.

As we celebrate the United Nations observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women, it gives us a chance to focus our fight against gender-based violence in all its forms. It calls upon us to raise public awareness of this global scourge and to ensure that wherever it occurs, it will be met with global condemnation.

Understanding that investing in young women's leadership is essential to social change, we, at World Assembly of Youth, empower young women to lead change and support the development of young women's skills that will enable them to manage and take control on the issues which concern them. This provides engaging and dynamic activities that motivate young women to believe in their abilities, to catalyze change and to mobilize others to do the same.

In our efforts, the 9th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD), 'Youth and Gender Equality' was one of our successful events, selected in the realization of the need to educate, increase awareness and promote gender equality among youth.

Today, let us recall that action to eliminate violence against women as the responsibility of all, including the United Nations family, Member States, civil society and individual woman and man. This day gives us an opportunity to start building a new Millennium that is free from violence against women and girls; an age in which all humanity know that when it comes to violence against women, there are no grounds for tolerance and no acceptable excuses.

Therefore, we, at WAY, urge all to contribute your efforts so that we could challenge discrimination and impunity as well as put a stop to the mind sets and customs that encourage, ignore or tolerate the global disgrace of violence against women and girls.



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

PRESS RELEASE

WORLD AIDS DAY

DATE: 01 DECEMBER 2014

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*“HIV infection and AIDS is growing. But so too is public apathy. We have already lost too many friends and colleagues.” -David Geffen*

AIDS (Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome) is a pandemic disease caused due to the infection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Despite considerable progress in the fight against the HIV/AIDS, it continues to cause much suffering to people around the World. The HIV/AIDS epidemic is increasingly a problem of youth, especially in parts of the developing world. Governments have noted with grave concern the fact that HIV infections are heavily concentrated among youth and that there is a lack of information available for youth pertaining to the prevention of the HIV/AIDS.

World AIDS Day is celebrated every year on 1st of December to raise the public awareness on the HIV/AIDS and its threats. The day is an opportunity for public and private partners to disseminate and share the information about the status of the pandemic as well as the progress in HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care around the world, particularly in high prevalence countries.

The theme set by the World Health Organization (WHO) for this year’s World AIDS Day is “Closing the Gap in HIV Prevention and Treatment” aiming to decrease the access gap in terms of prevention, treatment and care so that more people will have equal access to the services they need. Closing the gap on HIV treatment will bring enormous benefits in keeping people alive and reducing new infections. However, closing the treatment gap alone will not be sufficient to end the AIDS epidemic. A parallel increased prevention effort is required.

In this year World AIDS Day, we, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), acknowledge that it is imperative for young people to have access to the adequate information about preventive measures and treatments so that it will enable them to avoid high risk and decrease death rate caused by the pandemic. Our effort in providing the right information about HIV/AIDS is not only the publication of our book pertaining to HIV/AIDS but also our continuous research performed so that the latest information and data are available for young people.

In light with that, we have prioritized to play an active role in bringing awareness about and tackling the issue of HIV/AIDS among young people. We aim to reduce the spread of

HIV/AIDS among youth especially those infected due to lack of knowledge about the pandemic. To stop the spread of HIV/AIDS, we urge everyone particularly young people to contribute their efforts. By joining our efforts, we will be able to decrease the access gap in terms of prevention, treatment and care of HIV/AIDS.

HAPPY WORLD AIDS DAY!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
DATE: 03 DECEMBER 2014

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*“People with Disabilities have abilities too and that is what this course is all about, making sure those abilities blossom and shine so that all the dreams you have can come true.”*

*-Mary Mcaleese*

Disability is an umbrella term, covering impairments, limitations and participations restrictions. An individual may also qualify as disabled if he or she has had impairment in the past or is seen disabled based on a personal or group standard or norm, but all people with disabilities have their own abilities.

The International Day of People with Disability is observed on the 3rd of December annually focusing on different issue. The day is an observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. International Day of People with Disability seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect including political, social, economic and cultural life. It aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities

The theme of this year is ‘Sustainable Development: The Promise of Technology’ which focuses on disaster risk reduction and emergency responses, disability inclusive sustainable development goals and creating enabling working environments. The theme is selected to harness the power of technology to promote inclusion and accessibility to help realize the full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in society and shape the future of sustainable development for all.

At World Assembly of Youth, we seek to promote equality among all youth; equal treatment and access to resources for youth living with disability. We aspire to eliminate discrimination against the youth with disability, empower the disabled and rise an informed youth generation on the issue. A major focus of the day is practical and concrete action to include disability in all aspects of development, as well as to further the participation of persons with disabilities in social life and development of the society on the basis of equality.



Therefore, we urge all stakeholders to plan and organize performances everywhere to showcase and celebrate the contributions made by persons with disabilities as agents of change in the communities which they live.

Happy International Day of Persons with Disabilities!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
HUMAN RIGHTS DAY  
DATE: 09 DECEMBER 2014

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*“To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.” -Nelson Mandela*

Every human being has a right to life, dignity, freedom, nationality, and region; these are just some of the rights included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Guinness World Record holder for the most translated document. Human Day marks the anniversary of the presentation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is an opportunity to celebrate human rights and highlights issues surrounding it.

Human Rights Day is commemorated every year all over the world on the 10th of December, it was first announced to be celebrated every year by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. It is celebrated at this particular date annually to honor the United Nations General Assembly for declaring the human rights universally. Human rights day was officially established in the meeting of United Nations General Assembly on 4th of December in 1950. This day promotes awareness of human rights issues around the world and highlights the efforts of the United Nations to improve global human rights conditions.

This year’s theme, Human Rights 365 encompasses the idea that every day is Human Rights Day. It celebrates the fundamental proposition in the Universal Declaration that each one of us, everywhere, at all times is entitled to the full range of human rights. Human rights belong equally to each of us and bind us together as a global community with the same ideals and values.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY), advance human rights and seek to create a more just world by empowering young activists from around the globe through a combination of cross cultural human rights learning workshops, volunteer services and sustained human rights activism aligned with grassroots NGOs, policy makers and other stakeholders. WAY envisions and advocates for a world where all human rights of all people are equally respected, fully protected and universally realized.

Included in the mission of observing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a world where all young people regardless of nationality, ethnicity, religion, class, gender or other differences are encouraged and empowered to non-violently claim their own rights and serve as advocates for the rights of others.

In order for youth to contribute to the enjoyment of human rights and the establishment of the world peace, all communities must provide the necessary means for educating youth in both practical skills and social values.

World Assembly of Youth wishes you a happy Human Rights Day!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY  
DATE: 19 DECEMBER 2014

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*“Let us make migration work for the benefit of migrants and countries alike. We owe this to the millions of migrants who, through their courage, vitality and dreams, help make our societies more prosperous, resilient and diverse”. -Ban Ki-moon Secretary, General of the United Nations*

Immigrants are often perceived as criminals, economic burdens, security threats and even risks to public health. Negative views about immigrants shape government policy and action on immigration around the world, often resulting in limited or no protection for immigrant workers and their families.

Each year, the United Nations invites UN Member States and intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to observe International Migrants Day through the dissemination of information on the human rights and fundamental freedoms of migrants, as well as through the sharing of experiences and the design of actions to ensure their protection.

International Migrants Day is commemorated annually on the 18th of December as declared by the General Assembly of United Nations on 4 December 2000 considering the large and multiplying number of migrants all over the world. The General Assembly conducted the international convention for safeguarding the rights of migrant workers and their family members on 18 December, 1990.

This day is an opportunity to recognize the contributions made by millions of immigrants to the development and well-being of many countries in the world, to promote respect for the rights of immigrant workers and their families, and to highlight the issues that are of the key interest to migrants and their communities.

We, at World Assembly of Youth (WAY) tackled a theme “Youth Migration: A Step from Haven” for our 13 Melaka International Youth Dialogue. This theme realized to fulfil the principal opinions of young people and to form, educate, increase awareness on the adversities and prerogatives of youth migration in the different levels of society that young people represent. We seek to help states to fulfil their responsibility to assist and protect mobile populations because migrants are more likely to be subject to hardship, human rights violations and discrimination in crisis situations.

On this International Migrants Day, we encourage Governments to protect the human rights of migrants, to put human rights at the heart of migration policy and to raise awareness of the positive contributions migrants make to the economic, social and cultural lives of their host countries.

Happy International Migrants!



WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH  
PRESS RELEASE  
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY  
DATE: 19 DECEMBER 2014

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Global challenges must be administered in a way that distributes the costs and burden fairly in accordance with basic principles of fairness and social justice. Those who suffer or who benefit least deserve assistance from those who benefit the most.

The United Nations (UN) International Human Solidarity Day is annually held on the 20th of December to celebrate unity in diversity. International Human Solidarity Day highlights the importance of acting in common cause on behalf of society's most vulnerable people. It aims to remind people on the importance of solidarity in working towards eradication of poverty. On this Day, governments are also reminded of their commitments to international agreements on the need for human solidarity as an initiative to fight against poverty. People are encouraged to debate on ways to promote solidarity and find innovative methods to help in eradicating poverty.

The theme for this year is 'Moving Together as One: Solidarity as the Foundation of the UN Development Agenda Beyond 2015' which serves as a reminder to us about the importance of solidarity for the achievement of the international agreements on social development including programmes of action of international seminars and multilateral accords.

World Assembly of Youth (WAY) has achieved several goals since the last Action Plan that was issued. In our third and present Plan of Action, we focus on recent issues affecting youth around the globe which are part of the Millennium Development Goals. There is a need to call for awareness so as to train the youth and youth leaders to work together in solidarity and make essential changes in matters affecting them. We focus on these particular issues and setting our efforts towards developing young people in helping those who needed to create a better future for the youth and everyone around the world.

We can reach our shared goals if people are able to partake in the formulation and implementation of plans, policies and programmes to shape our common future. Commitments without empowerment are words without meaning. On this year International Human Solidarity Day, let us work collectively as one to end poverty and achieve a brighter tomorrow.

# BULLETIN 2014

The bulletins provided below are monthly compilations of youth related news and broadcasts from continents worldwide. These bulletins are central to keep our members up-to-date on proceedings concerning the young people.

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# FINANCE REPORT

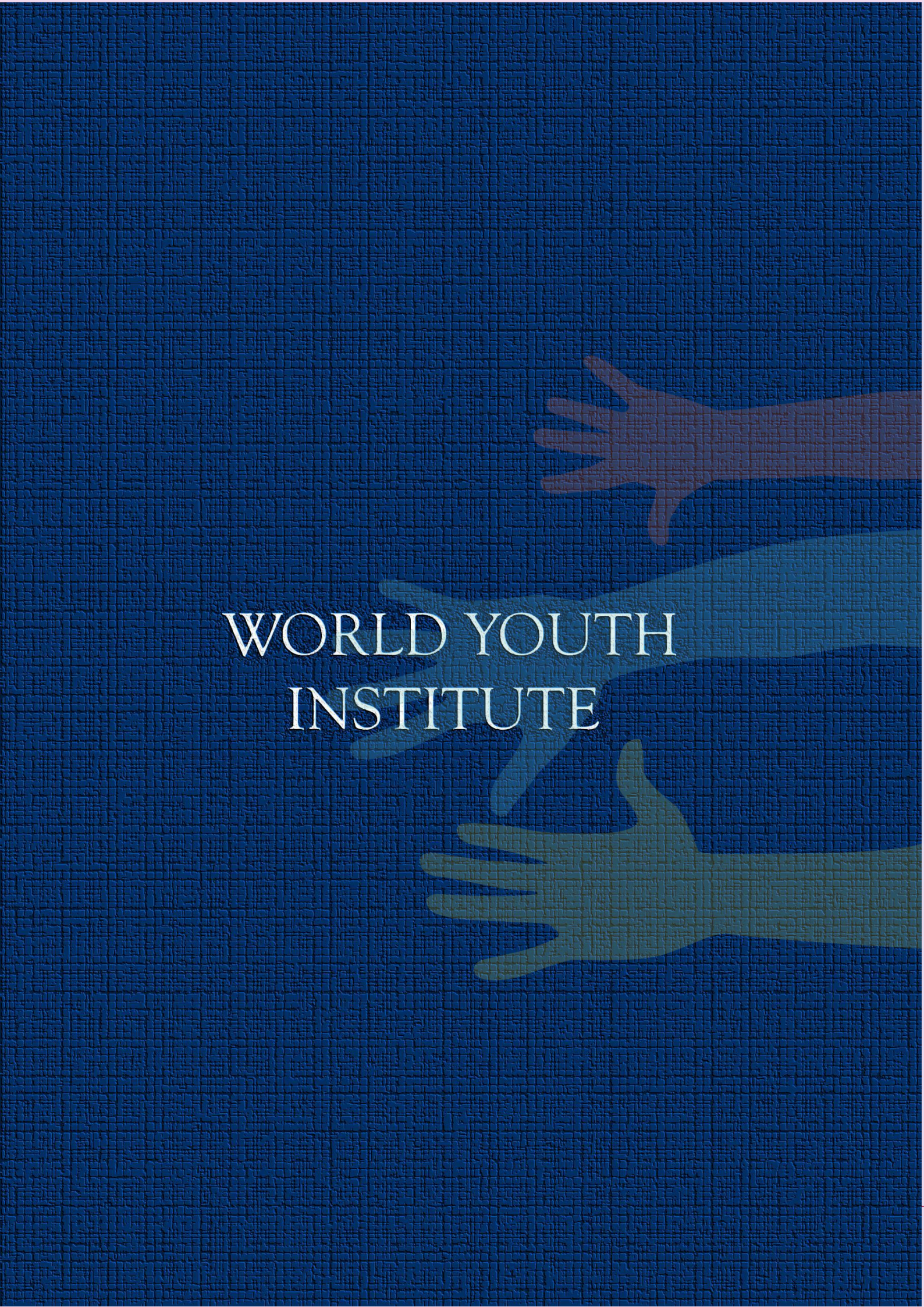
WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH

INCOME / EXPENDITURE STATEMENT - JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2014

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total
<b>INCOME (RM)</b>													
Balance b/d (WAY Aids Fund)	7,535.00												7,535.00
Balance b/d (Maybank)	13,792.34	6,762.94	(16,836.06)	13,626.06	(20,516.65)	(19,511.92)	23,954.54	(46,865.85)	(78,372.75)	(118,373.99)	(62,757.93)	(28,101.06)	13,792.34
Membership Fees		6,504.00				9,600.00				6,479.00	16,458.62	7,659.46	46,701.08
Corporate Donations-WAY													0.00
Government Funding-WAY													0.00
Corporate/Govt. Sponsorships-events	10,000.00			10,000.00		50,000.00	50,000.00				200,000.00		320,000.00
Loan	13,000.00		70,000.00	(10,000.00)	30,000.00	90,000.00				100,000.00		50,000.00	343,000.00
Conference Fees													
-MIYD14					1,774.44	30,317.50							32,091.94
-WAY General Assembly XVI											4,582.75		4,582.75
WAY General Assembly XVI-Albania												581,305.85	581,305.85
Insurance Refund		158.00								631.00			789.00
Others			500.00										500.00
Management Fee													0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>36,792.34</b>	<b>13,424.94</b>	<b>53,663.94</b>	<b>13,626.06</b>	<b>11,257.79</b>	<b>160,405.58</b>	<b>73,954.54</b>	<b>(46,865.85)</b>	<b>(78,372.75)</b>	<b>(11,263.99)</b>	<b>158,283.44</b>	<b>610,864.25</b>	<b>1,342,762.96</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE (RM)</b>													
Salaries	23,139.00	21,057.00	21,702.00	21,354.00	18,375.00	18,880.00	19,031.00	18,587.00	19,074.00	18,911.00	19,451.00	17,432.00	236,993.00
Incentives													0.00
Utilities	1,006.95	1,048.55	1,397.66	1,555.06	1,900.28	1,490.12	1,824.94	1,359.80	1,361.94	1,272.79	1,298.40	1,458.45	16,974.94
WAY - General Assembly XVI		3,051.70	1,679.40							17,800.00	161,203.00		183,734.10

WAY General Assembly XVI- Albania												581,305.85	581,305.85
WAY Conference / Meeting - MIYD14		165.00		231.00		105,915.00	28,167.00					(2,472.00)	132,006.00
WAY Events/workshop													0.00
Air Tickets													0.00
Travel Allowances	1,939.60		1,648.45	3,701.25			15,563.30	2,538.55	13,869.00	9,982.20		(14,000.00)	35,242.35
Staff Claims	1,805.30	1,564.60	2,906.95	2,236.35	3,008.65	4,108.65	2,655.30	3,613.05	2,575.10	1,521.70	2,117.80	1,402.00	29,515.45
Bank Charges		2.00	6.00	1.00	19.00	4.00	10.00		17.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	77.00
Printing & Stationery	267.20	303.75	180.00	242.15	99.00	463.00	110.30	138.00	107.25	253.40	253.00	191.50	2,608.55
Postage			111.15		89.75	95.50	13.00	60.00					369.40
Subscriptions	102.20	113.90	109.40	109.70	4,001.08	109.40	113.90	105.50	110.90	110.00	98.70	121.40	5,206.08
Fuel, Tolls & Parking	700.00	659.00	662.00	636.50	1,260.00	975.00	910.00	1,110.00	837.20	450.00	381.00		8,580.70
Insurance			8,142.42										8,142.42
MV - maintenance, Insu. & Tax	21.50	1,120.00	14.00	112.00	409.95	2,798.37	806.00	2,379.40	461.00		16.00	380.00	8,518.22
Visitors					244.00								244.00
Office expenses	331.55	315.85	430.45	372.95	380.70	388.10	293.10	273.80	327.25	316.70	320.20	320.10	4,070.75
Office Equip -Maintenance & serv.	116.10	259.65	448.00	639.75	382.30	623.90	722.55	741.80	660.60	268.15	639.40	865.50	6,367.70
Rent	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	7,200.00
Audit				1,529.00									1,529.00
Accounting				822.00									822.00
Loan							50,000.00					(50,000.00)	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>30,029.40</b>	<b>30,261.00</b>	<b>40,037.88</b>	<b>34,142.71</b>	<b>30,769.71</b>	<b>136,451.04</b>	<b>120,820.39</b>	<b>31,506.90</b>	<b>40,001.24</b>	<b>51,493.94</b>	<b>186,384.50</b>	<b>537,608.80</b>	<b>1,269,507.51</b>
Balance c/f (Maybank)	6,762.94	(16,836.06)	13,626.06	(20,516.65)	(19,511.92)	23,954.54	(46,865.85)	(78,372.75)	(118,373.99)	(62,757.93)	(28,101.06)	73,255.45	73,255.45
Balance c/f (WAY Aids Fund)													7,535.00



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WORLD YOUTH  
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The World Youth Institute (WYI) is purposed to be a foremost institution for empowerment and capacity building through education, training and development programmes for young people. It has a substantial role in providing the platform for youth activities, trainings and workshops. It aims to be an outstanding and excellent institute for youth in providing innovative standards in quality.

The subsequent are the online courses conducted for the year 2014 by Mr. Chet W. Sisk, representative of World Youth Institute, and supported by the World Assembly of Youth.

### The LEAD class schedule 2014

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TOPICS	DATE
Personal Goals Review	January 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Loving Your Mistakes	January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The Importance Of Exercise	January 28 <sup>th</sup> 2014
New Job Opportunities	January 28 <sup>th</sup> 2014
Re-Imagining Retirement	February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Yoga As A Stress Manager	February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Rethinking Your CV	February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Money as tool and not goal	February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Getting Unstuck	February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Quarterly Exam	March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The Extensive Family	March 12 <sup>th</sup> 2014
Stress Reduction Exercises	March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The Bitcoin Evolution	March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Ending Poverty In New Ways	March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Vision And Purpose	March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Workout Myths	March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
New Technology Myths	March 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The Growth Of Spirituality	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014

New Tech Money Savings	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014
Are You Getting Enough Sleep?	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014
The Feminine Principle	April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The Worst Foods To Eat	April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
How technology is aiding the leadership shift	April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Ask For What You Want	April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Wisdom Of Primary Cultures.	April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The Power Of Affirmations	April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Collective Consumption	May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
We Are Rethinking Time	May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The \$2,500.00 USD College Degree	May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
How Technology is changing Health Care	May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Money And Consciousness	May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The Peer To Peer Movement	May 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Happiness and Optimism	June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 201
The Truth About GMOs	June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Semester Exam	June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
World poverty is decreasing. How do we further this trend in our communities?	July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2014
More of us are practicing yoga and meditation. How can this empower our communities?	July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Infant mortality rates are dropping. What does this good news say about the state of the world?	July 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
We are re-evaluating the idea that guys in suits know everything. How can we advance indigenous and local wisdom?	July 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014
Semester exam #2	July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Week off - Summer/Winter break	August 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2014

Week off - Summer/Winter break	August 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
We are engaging in Meatless Mondays. What can this mean for food security in the world?	August 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
More and more of us are riding bikes. How can we leverage this green approach to transportation to support other green causes?	August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
We are going back to breast feeding. What other ways can we lead for the better health of people?	September 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014
We are rethinking what it means to be intelligent. What is indigenous wisdom?	September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
We are finally tackling food waste. What other food security success stories are out there?	September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
We are moving from hierarchical organizations to lateral ones. What can we do to make this a successful leadership model in our communities?	September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2014
Semester Exam #3	September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Week off - Fall break	October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Week off - Fall break	October 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
We are responding to world crises better. How is that showing up?	October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2014
What does it mean to be a genius? The old way of thinking is changing. How can this empower our communities?	October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Many more of us are meditating. How is that changing the way we handle day-to-day matters?	November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
We are sharing more meals.	November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
There is huge growth in Social Entrepreneurship. What does this mean to the NGO?	November 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The philosophy of Ubuntu is spreading. How does it apply in business as well as our social lives?	November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
The Feminine Principle is spreading throughout the world. What is it and how can it affect our leadership models?	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2014



Semester Exam #4	December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Presentation of Certificates	December 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2014



CONCLUSION

To achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set by the United Nations, has always been the main focus in our agenda of each year. At the end of every year, our evaluation goes out to assess our cause and effect. Knowing that the target year is within reach, 2015, all hands are on deck to make sure the final lapse worth the course. All the activities of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) are aimed at attaining the MDGs and WAY's VI Millennium Plan of Action (MPACs) to serve the youth and our members better.

The year 2014 saw to an end of another glittering four years in WAY leadership executive committee since XV General Assembly, held in 2010. The XVI General Assembly of WAY, organised this 2014 in Tirana, Albania, led to a change in the structure of WAY leadership committee and their commitment to the course in dedicating their time and efforts to the service of youth.

World Assembly of Youth is committed to paving way for the youth and setting up platforms for their voices to be heard, and their concerns known. Promoting youth issues for the past year is expected to be taken to another level these coming years and beyond. This is with the fact that what our youth all around the world face are dynamic and changing each time with trend. We fight for sustainability in many areas especially in the mode and effective ways of tackling those prevailing youth issues.

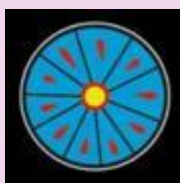
This annual report, the accomplishments of the year 2014 and also for the past years, stands as a foundation to what we look forward in achieving more in the near future. It is an honour to be graced with wonderful achievements. At WAY, we focus on improving ourselves at tackling youth issues jointly with our member organisations from all over the world. We hope for improved communication, priceless support, and solid partnership as we embark on a new year with fantastic drive to make our ends meet.



# APPENDICES







PRESS RELEASE

25 March 2014

## **Widespread Support for Legislative Proposals from Cultural Counsellor and Wandering Gypsy Veijo Baltzar at the Conscience of Europe**

### **Conference on 18–19 March 2014**

The Finnish Association for Arts and Culture Drom held the international Conscience of Europe conference in the Annex Building of the Finnish Parliament on 18–19 March 2014. The proposals for laws to reform European policies of multiculturalism presented at the conference by Cultural Counselor Veijo Baltzar, chairman of Drom, received widespread support. Support was expressed by the participating decision-makers, representatives of minorities and the majority, and young people.

Veijo Baltzar calls for true egalitarianism and equitableness instead of so-called equality and tolerance. He maintains that Europe does not recognize the multicultural dimension in education, law, administration or political decision-making, and he proposes minority quotas for working life, administration and teaching in institutes of higher education.

The conference was unanimous regarding the necessity of reforming the EU's policies of multiculturalism, with particular emphasis on the need to reform educational, cultural and related policies. Veijo Baltzar feels that reform of education by applying the methods of Intercultural Experiential Education that he has developed would provide an opportunity to build functioning, equitable multiculturalism in the Europe of the future.

In her speech, Finnish Minister of Education Krista Kiuru gave her support to Veijo Baltzar's proposal for increased creativity in education, so that the system would take into account the needs of both the majority and minorities in better ways than at present. This point was also supported by Päivi Räsänen, Finnish Minister of the Interior, who noted in her speech that we must move on from confrontations between different groups. Outi Alanko-Kahiluoto, chairperson of the parliamentary group of the Green League of Finland, observed that it is very easy to give one's support to Baltzar's proposals for reforming the educational system in that alongside theoretical education children's creative and emotional processes of development need to be considered and developed further. In his summary of the proceedings, former Finnish Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen stated that the high-level decision-makers and researchers participating in the conference had largely adopted the ideas put forth by Veijo Baltzar.

In June 2013, the Drom association will publish an evaluation of the achievements of the conference. This publication and the network created during the Conscience of Europe project will serve as a basis for political efforts following the conference. Estonian Minister

of Education Jaak Aaviksoo, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Petr Drulak of the Czech Republic, Minister of State for Social Inclusion Zoltan Kovacs of Hungary and State Secretary Stefan Chudoba of the Slovakian Ministry of Education shared Veijo Baltzar's concern over the state of multicultural Europe and took a positive view of international cooperation for the continuation of the Intercultural Experiential Education project.

The patron of the conference was former Finnish President Tarja Halonen, who also opened the proceedings. The speakers were Cultural Counsel or Veijo Baltzar, Minister of Education Jaak Aaviksoo (Estonia), former Finnish Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen, ministers Krista Kiuru, Pekka Haavisto and Paivi Rasanen, Minister of State for Social Inclusion Zoltan Kovacs (Hungary), Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Petr Drulak (Czech Republic), State Secretary Stefan Chudoba of the Slovakian Ministry of Education Stefan Chudoba, Professor Catherine Wihtol de Wenden (France), Professor Paul Cliteur (Netherlands), Professor and literary critic Lilian Munk Rϋsing (Denmark), members of the Finnish Parliament Ilkka Kanerva, Kimmo Tiilikainen, Christina Gestrin and Sanni Grahn-Laasonen, Stuba Nikula, Director of Cultural Affairs of the City of Helsinki, Professor Laura Kolbe, Professor emeritus Eero Pantzar and Frank Johansson, chairman of the Finnish Section of Amnesty International.

The Conscience of Europe conference is part of a series of events arranged by the Drom association, which includes the touring exhibition "Miranda – The Roma Holocaust" and the Gypsy cabaret "With the Seven-String Guitar", corresponding to the conference theme with regard to multicultural emotional intelligence.

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**14<sup>TH</sup> MELAKA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DIALOGUE “YOUTH AND EDUCATION: TAKING ACTIONS, GETTING RESULTS”**

**23 – 25 JUNE 2014**

**PERMAISURI MITC HOTEL, MELAKA, MALAYSIA**

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**DECLARATION**

**1 PREAMBLE**

- 1.1 We, the participants of the 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (MIYD) convened in Melaka from 23<sup>RD</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> June 2014 for an annual program organised by the World Assembly of Youth which brings together young people and youth leaders from around the world to discuss pertinent and topical youth issues.
- 1.2 By recognising the vital role of youth and education, based on extensive research, WAY made an obligation to encompass education as an enduring concern faced by the youth and themed the 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, “Youth and Education: Taking Action, Getting Results”.
- 1.3 This theme has been recognised to fulfill the predominant opinions of young people hence an interactive discussion on this topic has been of significance to form, educate and increase awareness on the adversities and prerogatives of youth education at different levels of society that we represent.
- 1.4 Therefore, with the above mentioned theme, participants and all relevant stakeholders present such as the young people, youth leaders, public and private sector, academia, international, regional and national organisation representatives gathered to call for action and structure experience on the youth education issues. This outcome document is expected to enhance youth contribution towards promoting a more humane approach towards youth and education.
- 1.5 After thorough deliberations through paper presentations, plenary sessions, workshops and field trips, we, the participants, have put together this document with the following recommendations that we strongly feel ought to be implemented by all the stakeholders to ensure that the rights of various categories of youth and education are acknowledged and protected.

The guiding principles for this declaration were based on the following objectives:

- To raise an informative generation on the current situation of youth and education with anticipated behavior adaptation and consequently admission to decision making amongst youth;
- To foster youth action towards implementation of ideas brought forward by the young people for the benefit of the societies;
- To address the challenges and determinants of education faced by youth today;
- To promote equality of opportunities and facilities between young men and women;
- To formulate the environmental, political, economic and cultural factors that are associated with education;
- To ascertain the obligations of society to respect, protect and fulfill the right to freedom of movement for/among the young people;
- To classify the role and the contribution of the national youth councils and other stakeholders towards improving and sustaining resourceful education factors as a human rights issue;
- To form and advance the national, regional and international policies governing youth education for the present and future;
- To integrate networking, collaboration and cooperation between public and private sectors, civil societies, youth organisations and other stakeholders to address the issue of youth education;

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **2.1 Public Sector**

- 2.1.1 To formulate, review, implement and evaluate policies and programmes on youth education in line with the Education For All (EFA) goals.
- 2.1.2 To ensure the implementation of coherent national, regional and international policies and guidelines with regards to youth education.
- 2.1.3 To include youth in the decision making process, review, implementation, monitoring and evaluation with regards to education mainstreaming in the Post 2015 Development Agenda.
- 2.1.4 To create awareness and disseminate information on existing and newly formed policies and programmes on youth education.
- 2.1.5 To provide adequate resources to all stakeholders on education for effective implementation of policies and programmes on youth education.
- 2.1.6 To establish accessible resource centres that should provide reliable, verifiable, and credible up to date data and information on youth and education.



- 2.1.7 To form policies that will provide equal opportunities for all youth to pursue quality education and employment.
- 2.1.8 To formulate and implement policies to embark on youth education and human value based programmes.
- 2.1.9 To enforce compulsory primary and secondary education for all in order to prevent child labour.
- 2.1.10 To increase the teacher to student ratio in order to improve the effectiveness of quality education delivery.
- 2.1.11 To review the existing educational curriculum to reflect the national, regional and global demands.
- 2.1.12 To develop, implement and promote peace education through value based education programs to overcome challenges such as, but not limited to, extremism, conflicts, religious radicalism and terrorism.

## **2.2 Private sector**

- 2.2.1 To inspire and encourage private sectors to embark on youth education and human value based programmes through their corporate social responsibility.
- 2.2.2 To collaborate with stakeholders to provide consistent quality education and training programmes for the youth.
- 2.2.3 To establish training centres that will provide soft and hard skills for the youth.
- 2.2.4 To encourage and provide resources to the young entrepreneurs.
- 2.2.5 To support other stakeholders by providing resources for formal, non-formal and informal education.
- 2.2.6 To make expertise, experiences and opportunities available through internships and apprenticeships.
- 2.2.7 To provide educational support to marginalized groups.

## **2.3 National, Regional and International NGOs**

- 2.3.1 To establish peer-to-peer and participatory awareness programmes aimed at addressing youth issues.
- 2.3.2 To embark on sustainable projects that aim to address challenges to education for all.

- 2.3.3 To increase participation of youth organizations in community services and encourage voluntary work in education.
- 2.3.4 To encourage collaboration among various organisations and maximize their individual capacities in order to tackle educational issues and challenges.
- 2.3.5 To foster synergy and strengthen the efforts of both, the public and private sectors in addressing youth and education issues.
- 2.3.6 To encourage policy makers and relevant stakeholders to identify, adapt and implement best practices in order to tackle youth issues.
- 2.3.7 To develop, implement and promote peace education through human value based education programs.

## **2.4 Media**

- 2.4.1 To encourage relevant stakeholders to utilise all forms of media in disseminating current policies and programmes related to youth education and development issues.
- 2.4.2 To establish platforms where all youth could share relevant information and effectively communicate educational opportunities and address challenges.
- 2.4.3 To maintain independence, transparency and neutrality in reporting problems on youth and education.
- 2.4.4 To create specific channels dedicated to youth and education, in local dialects and other languages.
- 2.4.5 To advocate to society the importance of education through programmes that tutor, mentor and coach youth.
- 2.4.6 To embrace and promote education for all in addressing sustainable development and peace.

## **3 GENERAL COMMENTS**

- 3.1 To encourage all stakeholders in youth development to strengthen partnerships towards achieving education for all.
- 3.2 To include youth participation in the creation, development and the promotion of the Post 2015 Development Agenda.
- 3.3 To promote national, regional and international opportunities to educate young people.

- 3.4 To encourage collaboration among stakeholders in providing access to internships, apprenticeships and thereby guaranteeing employability of educated young people.
- 3.5 To strengthen and promote youth participation at all levels of the decision making process and the implementation of youth, education and human value based programmes.
- 3.6 To firmly stand against any form of aggression and violence that hinders education for all.

#### **4 CONCLUSION**

We, the participants of the 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue, acknowledge the importance of education for young people as a fundamental human right, regardless of their social, economical and geographical status. We seek to generate youth dialogues and advocate for legislations, policies and programmes at all levels of society in order to achieve.



*THE 25<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM  
"YOUTH AND WORLD PEACE"*

*20 – 27 AUGUST, 2014*

*SEOUL AND MUJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA 2014*

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**YOUTH DECLARATION**

**Preamble**

77 youth participants from 42 countries gathered in Seoul and Muju, Korea from August 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to discuss ideas on how youth can contribute to the realization of sustainable world peace.

World peace is the condition when individuals in all states, nations and regions are free from the fear of violence or conflict. It is antonymous with war and conflict that endanger the safety of people and societies.

According to the UN Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples 1965, young people should be raised in the spirit of peace, justice, freedom, mutual respect and understanding. The promotion of equal rights for all human beings and all nations, economic and social progress, disarmament and the maintenance of international peace and security are crucial elements towards this end.

**Declaration**

The participants of this forum affirm that the above definition remains relevant to the youth of their respective nations. The realization of world peace can be undertaken from local to international levels as there are various activities that are classified as peace-building. While

there are clear personal benefits of peace-building in the present, the participants recognize that the future impact on society is of greater importance.

The Youth are the greatest asset to a country as the youthful period is a time of passion and emotion, which when directed, can catalyze new mindsets, new movements and ultimately new societies. Due to the unique position of youth within society, their input in development programs is crucial to achieving desired objectives. It is undeniable there is an imminent need to create a conflict-free environment and a culture of peace.

The participants of this forum have identified the relevant denominations involved in the universal peace making process. These groups are International Organizations, Governance, Society and Acts of Individuals. Due to the breadth of these groups, the participants have further subdivided them into the categories of: Youth, Education, Government, Local Communities, Private Enterprise, the Media, International Governmental Organizations and International Nongovernmental Organizations. These smaller, more specific groups, allowed for a more candid debate between participants.

To affirm their beliefs in these ideals and to make an active contribution to the peace-building effort, the participants of this forum present the following recommendations:

### **Youth**

Youth, as the future of the world, has indispensable role in achieving world peace. Youth should aim to not only change their attitude towards people, traditions, religion and belief in order to accomplish a global harmony, but also feel the responsibility to defend the frontiers of peace and non-violence.

We recommend that youth should:

- a. Play an active role in raising awareness in local and international communities through social media, education, culture, technology and sports activities.
- b. Volunteer in organizations that work for community service, in order to contribute a vital role in developing the future of the society as well as themselves.
- c. Participate in political activities to raise awareness and encourage reforms that ensure good governance, accountability, and transparency.
- d. Opine on current conflicts in the world in public assemblies and governments, both IGOs and NGOs.
- e. Flourish the ideas of internationalism and multiculturalism.
- f. Build cooperation and have collaboration among youngsters from different countries in order to form strong bonds.

## **Education**

Education ought to not only correct perception and belief of world peace but also promote activities that can prepare them for future contribution. We believe, both formal and non-formal education play a major role in promoting world peace.

Therefore, we suggest:

- a. Approach to History education that not only gives room for open interpretation but also holistic view of the world.
- b. Endorse further of Peace and Conflict studies in order to develop fundamental and professional knowledge of the world peace.
- c. Grant ample governmental financial aid to both native and foreign students, who will benefit from their experiences of diverse cultures in exchange programs.
- d. Invest in foreign language education, especially that of language in developing countries, so that students can open new points of perspective of the world.
- e. Invite experts and guest speakers, as well as running workshops on various issues in order to enhance students' comprehension of world peace.
- f. Stimulate students to organize campaigns and sessions via social networks (Youth development websites, social media, etc.) to increase and spread the awareness of world peace.
- g. Encourage students' involvement in community services and volunteering programs so that they can recognize the global wealth gap.

## **Government**

Nation-States remain the main unit of governance despite the growing importance of international organizations. Governments, as the primary decision-making bodies at the head of States, possess the authority within their own legal systems to wage war against other nations, direct diplomatic action, set the priorities during budget negotiations, among other responsibilities. Therefore, the participation of governments is vital to foster world peace while integrating youths as agents in this cause.

To this end, we propose the following recommendations:

- a. Governments should legislate to make sure youth is formally educated in the values of non-discrimination, peaceful conflict resolution and mediation, intercultural appreciation, and any and every other value which amounts to peace.
- b. Government should allocate resources to public programs, private individuals, and private organizations with the objectives of bringing together youth from the homeland or abroad, or both. Such resources should be allocated on the basis of a competitive application process. Therefore, the aim is that these youth may



establish enduring relationships, social and professional connections, and engender mutual understanding and peace.

These programs may constitute one of these or a mixture of several:

1. Education seminars;
2. Cultural and artistic events;
3. Sports competitions and exhibitions;
4. Intercultural and interreligious experiences;
5. Civic engagement programs;
6. Sessions of mutual understanding between youths of conflicting regions or States;
7. And others.

Governments should not fund programs of the following nature:

1. Partisan;
  2. Insensitive to ethnical, national, religious or social groups.
- c. Governments should allocate resources to the promotion of the role of youth, to both highlight its position in society among its fellow citizens, and inspire youth to be more engaged in its local, regional, national and international community. By promotion we suggest:
1. TV, radio, newspaper, magazine and Internet ads;
  2. Public speeches;
  3. Street signs and banners;
  4. And others.
- d. State institutions should be inclusive of youth by ensuring their representation. These institutions should also designate new avenues exclusively for youth to voice their needs and ideas, thus influencing public policy; engage and cooperate with their peers in various geographical magnitudes, and create further opportunities for other members of their cohort.

### **Local Community**

Local community plays an integral part in achieving sustainable world peace as it affects those involved at a personal level and facilitates connections across different socio-economic groups.

We therefore recommend that local communities:

- a. Create a program to promote self-sufficiency to address the gap on existing policies to gradually eradicate community issues such as disease, poverty and unemployment.
- b. Raise awareness of cultures and beliefs through peace-related programs at the grass-root levels.

- c. Improve the efficiency of gathering feedback and encouraging discussion when lobbying for support of the needs of the community and its people to the government.
- d. Recognize and reward the contributions of youth in local communities to increase involvement in volunteerism.
- e. Collaborate with other local communities when organizing events to foster better understanding across social groups.
- f. Introduce local leadership training for youth.

### **Private Enterprise**

Private Enterprise, whether presented as a for-profit or not-for-profit model, must engage in the promotion of peace and youth involvement. We recognize the necessity of the proliferation of corporate social responsibility and its importance in contributing to social stability, integrity, and world peace. It is imperative that the private sectors foster a positive relationship with society and to achieve a form of mutual respect.

We recommend that the private enterprises act upon the following:

- a. Support the youth with training and educational opportunities which empower them with practical and competitive skills to employ a more global understanding and perspective of social dynamics.
- b. Provide resources to promote youth peace-keeping and training activities such as in international conferences, seminars and leadership workshops.
- c. Recognize the advantages of corporate social responsibility not only in society, but also in business.
- d. Encourage business models with regard to social issues and production of goods or services that contribute to their solution and well-being of the society
- e. Cooperate with INGOs to empower youths to create cross-cultural connections.
- f. Fostering the value of global citizenship by developing a multicultural work environment through youth training programs and employment
- g. Facilitate exchange programs for young employees among business partners to stimulate networking through intercultural experiences.
- h. Create a platform for youth social entrepreneurship to spread goodwill both within and out of the enterprise.

### **Media**

The media is a powerful tool able to disseminate information quickly to a wide audience while simultaneously educating the public about important social issues. Nowadays, we can observe that media, and especially new media, are playing a vital role in shaping the identity of today's societies. Thus, the media can have a great impact on the role of youth and its contribution to achieving world peace.

We recommend that the media:

- a. Portray organizations, companies, and projects that present positive youth initiatives throughout the world. Media can inspire youth to take more proactive actions to change the current situation by showing an alternative and more positive side of the world news. In addition, media outlets can create specific sections dedicated to youth initiatives.
- b. Give more space to peace journalism, portraying peace building efforts, in addition to war journalism with the goal of having more balanced information.
- c. Establish their own charter that bans hate speech and promotes diversity whether it is diversity of opinions, ethnic groups, religions, sexes or ages, etc. This charter applies to both the company and produced content. By diversifying their workforce and giving voices to various groups, media companies can fairly represent the current multicultural society and can increase mutual understanding.
- d. Develop social media outlets and systems to connect youth and build interactive global citizenship through networking. This can be achieved by encouraging young people to use new media as a way to interact, express themselves, and expand their knowledge on different subjects.
- e. Increase visibility within the traditional media of alternative information sources such as citizen-journalism and social media.

### **International Governmental Organizations (IGOs)**

IGOs play both the role of director and facilitator in issues affecting youth and world peace. They are expected to strengthen current initiatives, implement new policies, establish beneficial partnerships with other IGOs and to connect individuals and groups with higher institutions.

In order to effectively progress these roles, we recommend:

- a. Promote existing organizations already facilitating food, shelter, clothes and education for those who need it, with a special focus on youth, keeping in mind that many conflicts can arise because of the economic polarization within a country or region.
- b. Create a mobile space, either physical or digital, where individuals and groups can communicate with another, become involved with current projects, create new initiatives and prevent overlap with an ultimate goal of increased dialogue, mutual understanding and global activism.
- c. Raise awareness of peace through IGO outreach and encouraging the implementation of curriculum by means of unbiased peace and human rights education in schools.
- d. Enforce individuals and groups to become more connected to their respective IGOs through encouraging transparent IGO activity, IGO outreach, consultative bodies and accountability. This includes accessibility to information regarding individual rights in the legal system.

## **International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs)**

International Non-Governmental Organizations, due to their apolitical nature, are able to work across political boundaries to directly interact with individuals, making them a crucial component of world peace. Their key roles in the peace effort primarily include creating a platform for dialogue and promoting conflict resolution through the use of soft power.

To better connect INGOs with youth, we recommend that they:

- a. Create a repository of INGOs working in peace initiatives to better align common goals by providing access to information about ongoing and future projects to reduce overlap, promote transparency and accountability.
- b. Encourage better feasibility studies to promote effective implementation, maximization of resources, and project longevity.
- c. Increase visibility of peace initiatives through public agendas by furthering cooperation between INGOs and governments.
- d. Allocate specific leadership positions within INGO departments for youth to create more youth-friendly projects and a more inclusive dialogue.
- e. Hold more youth gatherings to address current world peace issues, develop youth-focused solutions, and better inform youth through volunteerism about INGO roles.
- f. Enhance collaboration with educational institutions to encourage dialogue, constructive debates, and cultivate a culture of peace.



**THE XVI GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**“YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN SUCCESSION: PAST AND FUTURE”**

**7 – 11 DECEMBER, 2014**

**TIRANA, ALBANIA**

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**DECLARATION**

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

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**CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. encourage youth to advocate on climate change including governments and civil society to undertake reforestation activities, such as the *One Youth – One Tree* campaign;
2. advocate for environmental protection and mediation consistent with international environmental standards including relevant global and regional authorities;
3. advocate and encourage the protection of global water resources ;
4. advocate for governments and civil society to address air pollution issues globally through implementing public awareness campaigns;
5. establish monitoring programs which assess and make government and civil society accountable for their environmental activities and their implications;
6. encourage governments to allocate appropriate budget resources to environmental activities and protection;
7. encourage youth to promote and advocate for low carbon emission policies in their respective countries;

8. advocate and campaign for the implementation of 'green policies' for their respective nations, such as the promotion of clear and effective policies for recycling, bio- production and similar issues.

## **EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. encourage youth skill development through initiatives and projects aimed at business, home management, technical and soft skills development;
2. promote and advocate for member countries governments to implement national employment policies and action plans which are supportive of youth needs;
3. promote and support the creation of social enterprises while facilitating the creation of conducive environments for their success;
4. facilitate linkage between youth and government agencies, financial institutions, private sector, trade unions;
5. encourage and advocate for the development and support of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), including addressing the issues of:
  - a. Access to opportunities and leverage on resource opportunities;
  - b. Capacity building.
6. facilitate opportunities for the development and distribution of SME products to local, regional and international markets.

## **LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. assist countries to establish youth leadership training and development programs;
2. encourage mentorship, coaching and youth exchange programs;
3. identify, encourage and reward youth workers;
4. recommend active involvement and youth participation in their country governance;
5. adopt gender sensitive policies and campaigns to support women leadership internally and within WAY member countries;
6. create a sustainable environment for active youth participation in leadership and decision-making roles.

## **HEALTH**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. involve youth in advocacy for the prevention and dealing with diseases and illnesses such as HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Ebola and others;
2. conduct health training and capacity building based on the local needs;
3. advocate for better response mechanisms by relevant health agencies;
4. advocate for the greater allocation of national budgets for health sector;



5. advocate for greater accountability and transparency in the expenditure of national health budget;
6. advocate for greater expenditure on the research and development of vaccines and cures for high impact diseases;
7. promote healthy living and productive lifestyles campaigns and projects for implementation in their respective countries.

## **AGRICULTURE**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. encourage youth participation in agriculture as source of livelihood and employment;
2. empower the youth through access to land for family farming;
3. assist on the establishment of agricultural support groups, including land reform and resettlement;
4. promote the development of social services and networks which support regional and rural development to address internal migration issues;
5. promote the development of skills and allocation of funding on activities which support youth participation in agricultural activities;
6. advocate for the reduction of pesticides and chemical agricultural production through the promotion of 'green farming practices' including bio and organic production, no-GMO.

## **EDUCATION**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. promote the realignment of educational system to meet the contemporary needs of the youth;
2. advocate for the promotion and recognition of international standards relating to alternative, vocational education and volunteerism;
3. promote the establishment of efficient data collection and statistical information on social economic indicators for youth development ;
4. promote the establishment of educational infrastructure which enables education access by minority and vulnerable groups;
5. promote the establishment of public/private partnerships to implement practical skills and human value based training.

## **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. encourage their local government to be accountable for the people;

2. promote and advocate for transparency and accountability in governmental and non-governmental activities in their respective countries;
3. promote youth participation in the budgeting and policy implementation for governmental activities

### **PROMOTING CULTURE OF PEACE**

Recommendations:

WAY should

1. be involved in the promotion of peace building, youth harmony, respect for diversity of cultures;
2. advocate for the recognition of the role of youth in peace building;
3. promote and facilitate intercultural and inter religious dialogue;
4. develop, implement and promote peace education through human value based education programs.

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### **RESOLUTIONS OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION**

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THE XVI WAY General Assembly declares as follows:

1. We call for the acceleration in the implementation of national action plans to address climate change;
2. We are concerned with the emergence of ideological extremism and condemned the use of violence as a mean towards ideological ends;
3. We urge for more youth participation in policy and decision-making, in particular in parliament;
4. We appeal for governments and civil society to undertake peaceful conflict resolution in times of crisis in a consensual political approach;
5. We emphasize the sanctity of territorial integrity and national sovereignty as enshrined in the UN charter;
6. We are concerned with violent conflicts, civil strife, and human rights abuses in conflict countries and we encourage their peaceful resolution;
7. We call for the removal of economic sanctions which are not endorsed by the United Nations;
8. Support the establishment of democratic practices and principles;
9. We call for the immediate international disarmament of weapons of mass destruction and the control against proliferation of light arms and ammunition;
10. We condemn from illegal child labor practices, trafficking and child marriage;
11. We call for action against unfair labor practice and modern day slavery;
12. We reiterate our full support for the letter and spirit of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

## RESOLUTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

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THE XVI WAY General Assembly decides that:

- Full grievance on existing provisions.

Additional recommendation to be included:

- We decide that WAY should create a pool of experts and trainers to advise on specific thematic areas which are identifiable through the establishment of a WAY database tool;
- Establishment of a pass force to identify potential funding sources;
- Provision of detailed financial acquittal reports for the expenditure of funds by WAY to be provided to WAY members.

## **FOURTH MILLENNIUM PLAN OF ACTION (MPAC-4)**

**2015 – 2018**

### ***“THE ROLE OF YOUTH ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”***

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#### **1. BACKGROUND**

As the slogan states “In the service of youth since 1949”, the journey of World Assembly of Youth (WAY) has been significantly profound in the empowerment, advancement and transformation of youth worldwide. In the past 65 years, WAY has tackled and discussed pertinent youth issues and assisted in the establishment of youth related policies through the organised programmes, activities and events at different levels. These milestone accomplishments were made possible by the collaboration and partnership with various WAY Member Organisations, UN Agencies, Civil Societies, International Organisations and Institutions, Ministries responsible for youth, Governmental Organizations and many more.

The expedition for the Millennium Plan of Action (MPA) was inaugurated in the year 2000, with the broad theme: “*Towards A Global Community*”. Over the years, many action plans have been enacted followed by very many success stories for the equal unification of youth around the world. The theme for the Third Millennium Plan of Action was “*The Catalyst for Transformation and Improvement*” which saw various action plans listed to catalyse transformation and bring about improvement in various factors affecting the youth.

WAY has been using The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), as a guideline to address and tackle youth issues. As the international community strives to achieve MDGs, its progress is certainly far from meeting the set goals. Despite all the past achievements, there is still much to be desired, as the issues of sustainability hangs on a balance. Due to the fluctuating inadequacy of socioeconomic factors, the young people live in a very different and challenging world. Therefore, realising the challenges that lies ahead, it is essential to formulate a substantial Post-2015 Development Agenda including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasising on the role that youth should play in order to achieve a sustainable world.

In this peculiar time, WAY sees a greater need for sustainability even as the drive, to develop and empower the community, continues. With that in mind, WAY has chosen “**The Role of Youth on Sustainable Development**” as the theme for the Fourth Millennium Plan of Action and is designed to be consistent with the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Its focus will be on the current issues that affect young people around the world. Youth role on sustainable development is very crucial. Youth and youth leaders should be pivotal players in tackling global development issues and play a key role in the decision making processes, at all levels.

At the present, various stakeholders across the globe are developing and revising youth strategies and policies, hence there is a need for the youth and relevant stakeholders to work together and make the necessary changes in the following issues: Equitable Quality Education; Environmental Sustainability; Sustainable Economic Growth and Employment; Health and Well-being; Hunger, Food and Nutrition Security; Gender Equality; Peace and Inclusive Society; Poverty Eradication; Global Partnership; and Youth Participation in

Decision Making Process. This Fourth Millennium Plan of Action would act as a guideline for both youth and youth leaders to be decision makers and agents of change towards a better and sustainable world.

## **2. THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The following are the 10 (ten) areas set by the World Assembly of Youth for the Fourth Millennium Plan of Action:

### **GOAL 1: ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION**

- Ensure all youth acquire knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development and other youth issues.
- Increase by 30% the number of youth who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship.
- Ensure that all youth, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy.
- Foster synergy and strengthen the efforts of both, the public and private sectors in addressing youth and education issues.
- Increase by 30% the supply of qualified teachers, trainers, facilitators and educational facilities.

#### **In our world today:**

- 11% of the world's youth (15-24 years old) are non-literate.
- By 2015, youth non-literacy rates are projected to fall to 8% for the world and to 9% in developing countries as a whole. However, youth non-literacy rates in sub-Saharan Africa are projected to decline only slightly, lingering at 24%.
- Between 1994 and 2008, the number of non-literate youth (15-24 years) declined from almost 170 million to 130 million, and is projected to fall to 99 million by 2015.

### **GOAL 2: ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

- Ensure youth involvement in conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems.
- Encourage all members to promote the implementation of sustainable management of all types of forests, wetlands, mountains and dry lands.
- Encourage young people to recycle and avoid unsustainable consumptions, including overconsumption.
- Request all members to implement environmental and sustainability curriculum at all levels of educations.
- Request all youth and youth leaders to be proactive in the development, implementation and evaluation of environment and sustainability policies.

#### **In our world today:**

- 48% of developing countries are on track to hit the drinkable water target.
- 58% increase in the number of protected areas since 1990.

- 2.5 billion people still lack access to improved sanitation.

### **GOAL 3: PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT**

- Ensure full and productive employment and decent work for all young men and women.
- Decrease by 15 % the unemployment rates among youth, globally.
- Encourage all members to promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, apprenticeship, creativity and innovation.
- Decrease by 30% the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET).
- Promote labour rights and safe and secure working environments of all workers, including refugees, migrants, minorities, people with disabilities, and those in precarious employment.

#### **In our world today:**

- There are currently 190 million people unemployed and more than 500 million will be looking for jobs over the next 10 years.
- In Sub-Saharan Africa, paid employment opportunities are scarce and the vulnerable employment rate, at 77.4 % in 2013, remained the highest of all regions.
- In South-East Asia and the Pacific, employment expanded by 1.6 % in 2013 and is projected to outpace growth in the working age population in the coming years.

### **GOAL 4: ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELLBEING FOR ALL**

- Ensure the rights to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and wellbeing among youth.
- Decrease by 20% of the death rate resulting from HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, malaria, tuberculosis, tropical and water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases.
- Encourage all members to organise health promoting programmes in their communities.
- Decrease by 30% pre-mature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment, and promote mental health and wellbeing among youth.
- Encourage all members to strengthen the capacity of their countries for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks.

#### **In our world today:**

- More than 75% of all deaths are caused by one of four chronic diseases: cancer, heart disease, diabetes and respiratory disease.
- Poor nutrition causes nearly half (45%) of deaths in children under five - 3.1 million children each year. That is 8,500 children per day.



- Around 20% of the world's children and adolescents have mental disorders or problems.

#### **GOAL 5: ERADICATE HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION**

- Decrease hunger by 30% and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situation including, youth, to safe nutritious and sufficient food.
- Eradicate all forms of malnutrition and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women.
- Ensure that youth and youth leaders play their role in combating hunger and promoting healthy lifestyle.
- Encourage members to educate young people with the right skills to implement resilient agricultural practices to eradicate hunger in their communities.

##### **In our world today:**

- Every 10 seconds, a child dies from hunger-related diseases.
- 50 % of hungry people are farming families.
- Poor people spend between 50 - 80 % of their income on food.

#### **GOAL 6: ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

- Encourage all stakeholders to adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all young women, at all levels.
- Enhance the use of enabling technologies, in particular ICT, to empower young women.
- Encourage all members to undertake reforms to give young women equal rights to economic resources, as well as to ownership and control over the other forms of property, financial services, inheritance, and natural resources.
- Decrease by 20% gender disparity in the work force and educational institutions.
- Eliminate all forms of violence against all young women in public and private spheres, including human and drug trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.

##### **In our world today:**

- Girls' primary school completion rates are below 50 % in most poor countries.
- 64% of illiterate adults are women.
- Women work 2/3 of the world's hours yet earn 1/10 of the world's income.

#### **GOAL 7: PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES**

- Decrease by 50% all forms of violence and related death rates among young people everywhere.

- Eradicate abuse exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture against young people.
- Encourage all members to promote the rule of law at their countries and ensure equal access to justice for all.
- Create awareness programmes, conferences and publications on dangers faced by young people in conflict zone areas.
- Ensure that youth and youth leaders play their role to avoid being coerced in conflicts.

**In our world today:**

- 1.5 billion people live in countries affected by violent conflict.
- 1/4 of people in the world, more than 1.5 billion, live in fragile and conflict-affected areas.
- By 2015, 1/2 of the world's people living on less than USD 1.25 a day will be in fragile states.

**GOAL 8: ERADICATE POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS**

- Decrease by 30% the number of young people living in extreme poverty conditions.
- Ensure that young men and women have equal rights to economic resources as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over properties and financial services.
- Encourage all members to organise programmes that shall equip young people with the right skills and knowledge to eradicate poverty at their communities.
- Decrease by 50% the proportion of young men and women living in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure to economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.
- Ensure the engagement of those living in marginalised areas with institutional shift and new partnership that secure increase representation of young people living in poverty to plan, implement and monitor development programmes that affect their lives.

**In our world today:**

- 22,000 children die each day due to conditions of poverty.
- At least 80% of humanity live on less than USD 10.00 per day.
- The poorest 40% of the world's population accounts for 5 % of global income. The richest 20 % accounts for 3/4 of world income.

**GOAL 9: STRENGTHEN GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT**

- Encourage all members to form partnership, share resources and knowledge with all stakeholders in order to foster their approach in tackling youth issues.

- Provide opportunities for young people involvement on the decision making process to matters pertaining to global partnership for development.
- Encourage all members, in developed countries, to create decent and productive jobs for youth everywhere.
- Encourage all stakeholders to strengthen domestic resource mobilisation, including through international support to developing member countries to improve domestic capacity, for tax and other revenue collection.
- Encourage all members to deploy financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources.

**In our world today:**

- In all regions, by the age of 24, young women’s labour force participation trails young men’s.
- A total of 83 % of least developed country exports penetrate into developed countries duty-free.
- 30 % of the world’s youth are digital novices, active online for at least five years.

**GOAL 10: ENCOURAGE YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING PROCESS**

- Achieve the inclusive, participatory and representative decision making at all levels and proactively improve the legal enabling environment for all young people.
- Request all members to value and accommodate the inputs and ideas brought forward by the young people.
- Encourage all stakeholders to involve young people in the decision making processes and also allow them to be part of the planning, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of national policies.
- Encourage all members to organise innovative programmes that would enhance the right knowledge and skills acquired by youth for developing policies on youth related issues.
- Increase participation of young people in community services and encourage voluntary work in the community development.

**In our world today:**

- 1.65% of parliamentarians around the world are in their 20s and 11.87 % are in their 30s.
- In the area of political participation, in 1/3 of countries, eligibility for national parliament starts at 25 years old or older.
- Young people between the ages of 15 and 25 constitute 1/5 of the world’s population, and yet they have limited influence in national political institutions.

### **3. IMPLEMENTATION OF WAY'S FOURTH MILLENNIUM PLAN OF ACTION**

WAY believes that youth and youth leaders have a voice and their contributions towards programmes and policies, both locally and globally, are meaningful. As an international coordinating body of national youth councils and youth organisations, WAY takes into consideration the challenges and difficulties that young people, throughout the world, faces every day. Hence, the need for proper organisation, communication, hard work, group effort and commitment are the substantial required components to address young people issues and make WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action to succeed.

All programmes, activities, projects, campaigns, conferences, seminars, dialogues and trainings would require the involvement of all WAY members and ensure that the Fourth Millennium Plan of Action meets its desired goals by 2019.

The following programmes and activities would be organised by WAY between 2015 and 2019.

#### **NATIONAL LEVEL:**

- Create national partnerships between national youth councils and local governments, private sectors, media, and UN Agencies.
- Publish the annual National Youth Reports on the progress of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Involve the Ministries responsible for youth in the implementation of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Set up national youth committees to monitor the progress and the implementation of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Organise events to bring awareness among young people concerning WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Organise annual national dialogues between youth and policymakers on the implementation of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.

#### **REGIONAL LEVEL:**

- Create partnership between national youth councils at the same region on implementation of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Initiate regional partnership with UN Agencies and other multilateral organisations.
- Coordinate regional responses to challenges posed by WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.

- Organise regional joint events with regional organisations based on the issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Create publications on the progress of WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action in the region.
- Develop peer support network among the member countries in each region.

#### **INTERNATIONAL LEVEL:**

- Organise annual events for the national youth councils and other stakeholders on the issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Participate in UN and international meetings on the issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Create publications and training manuals on youth and WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Publish quarterly international reports on youth and issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.
- Partner with UN Agencies and other multilateral organisations on issues mentioned on WAY's Fourth Millennium Plan of Action.





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