UNESCO Youth Forum
Youth for change
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PROGRAMME
DAY ONE  TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2013

Opening ceremony
9.45 a.m. – 11 a.m., Room I

Opening address by Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO

Address by Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director-General of ISESCO

Address by Ahmad Alhendawi, Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Youth

Personal Statements

Severine Carmen Macedo (Brazil)
National Youth Secretary

Severine Macedo is a young woman of conviction who became committed at an early age. In 2011 she was appointed as Brazil’s National Youth Secretary. An activist in the Brazilian Youth Pastoral since the age of 12, she has been an active member of the farm-workers’ trade union movement since she was 16, which was when she also joined the Workers’ Party (PT). The following year she coordinated the youth section of the Federation of Workers in Family Farming in Santa Catarina State (Fetrafesc/CUT). She was then given responsibility for organizing the movement of young workers in family farming throughout the south of Brazil. In 2005 she joined the new National Youth Council, established by President Lula a year earlier, and drew attention as its youngest advisor.

Nick D’Aloisio (United Kingdom)
Founder of Summly

Born Nicholas D’Aloisio-Montilla, Nick D’Aloisio is a very young British-born Australian entrepreneur. A computer programmer, he has been recognized as the youngest person to receive a round of venture capital at just 15 years of age. As of March 2013, he sold his Summly application, invented to summarize texts using an algorithm, to Yahoo for $30 million, making him one of the youngest self-made millionaires ever.
Shamla Maharaj (Trinidad and Tobago)
Disability Youth Ambassador of Trinidad and Tobago

Winner of the 2010 Award of Merit for Youth Contribution which the Express newspaper of Trinidad and Tobago has awarded for the past 34 years, Shamla Maharaj is an exemplary young woman who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at an early age and who has successfully overcome her physical challenges. At the age of four, Shamla left her family home in Barrackpore and attended the Princess Elizabeth Special School where she graduated with distinction. Her outstanding career has been dominated by her strong motivation which enabled her to achieve success in scientific studies and to obtain a degree from the University of the West Indies and a Master’s in agro-industrial management.

Moayad Tariq Mohammad Shatat (Qatar)
Vice President, Málaga Club de Fútbol

Born in Jordan, Moayad Tariq Mohammad Shatat grew up in Qatar and studied finance in Amman where he obtained a master’s degree in business management. Back in Qatar, he worked for the Nasir Bin Abdullah & Sons (NAS) Group of the Al-Thani family which also owns Spain’s Málaga Club de Fútbol. His Excellency, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Thani, CEO of NAS and of the Malaga Club, entrusted him with the management of the Spanish First Division football club which last season scored unprecedented success, qualifying to play in the quarter finals of the UEFA Champions League. Málaga CF and UNESCO signed a cooperation agreement in 2011. Its purpose is to promote a culture of peace through sport, the internet and social media with “imagining peace” as its banner.
Malamine Koné (France/Mali)
Founding Chairperson of Airness

Malamine Koné was born in the village of Niéna, 400 km from Bamako. As a child his time was spent searching the surrounding area in the hope of finding a water point for his cattle. At the age of 10, he joined his parents in Seine-Saint-Denis thanks to a law on reuniting families. When he arrived he had never been to school and could not speak a word of French. School was a revelation and after two years in French classes, he was able to follow a normal education and obtained a university degree in low. At the same time Malamine was a top-level boxer. In 1995 he suffered a road accident, which marked the start of a different fight. He then discovered a new career in entrepreneurship while simultaneously working on social issues, especially in Africa.

Performance

Freestyle by Iya Traoré (Guinea)

With the confidence and dynamism of a 25 year-old, he manipulates the ball with astounding ease. Three times world record holder for juggling, he juggles like no-one else, is one with the ball, invents new and increasingly original tricks, climbing lamp-posts with the ball on his foot. Iya Traoré doesn’t play on the football pitch, he plays between earth and sky, on the steps of the Sacré-Coeur in Montmartre. Born in a small village in Guinea, Iya Traoré began playing football just for fun. In 2000 his father sent him to Paris to continue his studies and he very quickly developed a real passion for the sport.
Thematic debate
11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Room I

One minute’s silence in memory of Ibrahim Mothana, a young delegate from Yemen to the 7th UNESCO Youth Forum, who passed away in 2013

General theme: Youth and social inclusion: civic engagement, dialogue and skills development

The debate aims to present the outcome of the online discussions of the strategic recommendations for the three axes of UNESCO’s Operational Strategy on Youth, and to start a debate around the Forum’s general theme, thus enabling synergy to be created between them. The three axes are: policy formulation and review with the participation of youth; capacity development for the transition to adulthood; civic engagement, democratic participation and social innovation. The debate will be led by young moderators and structured in three phases:

Phase 1
Presentation of the outcome of the online discussions by each of the rapporteurs.

Phase 2
Thematic debate on youth and social inclusion and links with each of the three axes of UNESCO’s Operational Strategy on Youth.

Phase 3
Views of young experts, followed by a debate with the young participants.
15 minutes of fame
1.15 p.m. – 2.15 p.m., Salle des Pas-perdus

A highlight of the day will be the presentation by four young leaders of their path and innovative initiatives. They will be invited to present their projects, their achievements and their merits through a brief account, to be followed by a discussion with the audience facilitated by a moderator.

Atlas by Collins: Launching an application
Discover the locations of 962 UNESCO World Heritage sites and locate all the treasures recorded on the UNESCO Memory of the World Register. “A geography app for iphone and iPad with a selection of themed globes with over 200,000 places that users can discover and explore. Atlas is not only a great tool for individuals, but can also be used in a group environment, such as classrooms. Each map is displayed as a globe and users can rotate around it and zoom into the areas they wish to learn more about.”

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Appleseeds Academy
On behalf of Appleseeds Academy, Said Elime will present, together with Samia Hathroubi the MyTech project, which is being applied in the conflict-ridden context of the Middle East. MyTech, which stands for Mediterranean Youth Technology Club, uses readily-accessible video-conferencing Internet platforms to initiate contact, dialogue and interaction among young people of varied cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds in the Mediterranean region. A former student at Appleseeds’ technological youth movement, Neta@, Said has become an instructor at the organization and leads one of the MyTech groups. In this role, he has trained young Arabs and Jews in particular in information technologies to enable them to start a dialogue and
interaction among different ethnic or religious groups. Samia is the European representative and coordinator for the Fondation for Ethnic Understanding founded by Russel Simmons and has been working in the Middle-East as Yala project manager, closely involved in the regional movement to promote peace, better coexistence and human rights.

**Naadiya Moosajee**

Naadiya Moosajee is a South African entrepreneur with a passion for youth development. She is a civil engineer and co-founder and CEO of SAWomEng (South African Women in Engineering), an organization which develops the next generation of engineering leaders in South Africa and Kenya. She is a board member of the International Youth Foundation (IYF) which works on youth skills development, leadership and entrepreneurship throughout the world, of Pegasys Strategy and Development and of Frost & Sullivan Growth Innovation Leadership Institute. She works as a coach for young people at the start of their work journey and recently launched a new fair-trade fashion company. Her many accolades include being a YouthActionNet Global Fellow, an African Leadership Network fellow and “Most Influential Woman” in South Africa.

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**Working groups on the Forum’s recommendations**

2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Each working group will address one of the three axes of UNESCO’s Operational Strategy on Youth (2014-2021):

**Group 1** - Room IV
Policy formulation and review with the participation of youth

**Group 2** - Room II
Capacity development for the transition to adulthood

**Group 3** - Room XII
Civic engagement, democratic participation and social innovation

In each group, discussion will bear on the content, implementation methods and cross-cutting issues in line with the Forum’s general theme, with a view to presenting a maximum of three sets of strategic recommendations.
**Skills development workshops**

2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

These sessions are aimed at providing a basic introduction to equip young people with specific qualifications concerning project implementation and the development of monitoring operations as well as for their future commitment outside the Forum.

**Social Business in Africa** – Room IX
led by the UNESCO Culture Sector

**Accelerate an innovative project with social impact with a challenge-solving workshop!** – Rooms VII and VIII
led by MakeSense

**Water cooperation and capacity building** – Room XI
led by the UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector

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**THROUGHOUT THE FORUM**

**10 SECONDS 4 PEACE – A DIGITAL WISH TREE**
by the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus

Take the time to share your wishes for the world with the Lennon Bus team. The John Lennon Educational Tour Bus is parked at 7, place de Fontenoy, Paris 75007, and will be shooting video of your wishes and best ideas for peace. Specific or abstract, please share your thoughts on camera in 10 seconds. The finished project will be premiered on the final day of the Forum, and available for viewing online at lennonbus.org and http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/youth/.

Young participants will also have the opportunity to discover the Bus throughout the Forum.
Ceremony of the UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize
6 p.m. – 6.30 p.m., Room I

The UNESCO/Juan Bosch Prize for the Promotion of Social Science Research in Latin America and the Caribbean will be presented by Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, in the presence of Mr Leonel Fernandez, former President of the Dominican Republic and President of the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development.

The Prize will be awarded to the young researcher Karen Nathalia Cerón Steevens (Colombia) for her research on youth violence. Karen was selected by an international jury in recognition of her research entitled “Children of war or orphans of the State? A study of youth violence represented in ‘Maras’ (gangs), within the characteristics of the State and the Guatemalan context”.

Performance by the rap artist Signmark
6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m., Room I

A musical performance by the Finnish sign-language rap artist Signmark (aka Marko Vuorihemo), organized with the contribution of the Government of Finland.

Signmark is the world’s first deaf artist to obtain a contract with an international music label. Born deaf, Signmark pursued his childhood dream and in 2006 he released the world’s first sign-language hip hop DVD. Since 2010 Signmark has been the special representative of the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the rights of people with disabilities and is working to change attitudes towards deaf people. Through his concerts Signmark has promoted the rights of people with disabilities, notably at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, the African Union Summit in Addis Ababa and the OSCE Summit in Astana. He has now performed in more than 30 countries and in 2009 he won the JCI Outstanding Young Person of the World Prize.
Plenary debate on the Forum’s recommendations
10 a.m – 1 p.m., Room I

Presentation by rapporteurs of the strategic recommendations made by the three working groups, followed by an interactive debate.

Working groups on the action projects
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

In parallel with the plenary, five regional working groups will meet to discuss the action projects pre-selected by the independent jury. Three action projects per region will be chosen for the label of the 8th UNESCO Youth Forum.

Africa Group – Room II
Latin America and the Caribbean Group – Room IV
Asia and the Pacific Group – Room XI
Arab States Group – Room IX
Europe and North America Group – Room XII

Skills development workshops
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Engineering in action for youth – Hands-on experiments in engineering – Room VI
led by the UNESCO Natural Sciences Sector

Unlocking your creative potential – Room VII
led by the UNESCO Culture Sector

A picture is worth a thousand words – Room VIII
led by the UNESCO Culture Sector

15 minutes of fame
1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m., Salle des Pas-perdus

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Airbus Fly Your Ideas (FYI) competition

Airbus Fly Your Ideas is a contest that challenges students worldwide to develop new ideas for a more sustainable aviation industry, with the chance to win 30,000 EUR and to shape the future of aviation. A member of the winning team of the first Fly Your Ideas competition in 2009, Benjamin Lindenberger works for Airbus Engineering in materials and processes. He completed his aeronautical engineering degree at the University of Stuttgart and specialized in composite materials for aeronautics and aerospace applications. He performed design and structure analysis for the small satellite “Flying Laptop” of the Institute of Space Systems (IRS, based in Stuttgart). Benjamin worked in an Australian research team on the development of a natural fibre reinforced plastic 100% based on the castor plant, a project rewarded with the first prize in the Airbus Fly Your Ideas Challenge 2008/2009.
Martha Chumo

Martha Chumo, a 19-year-old programmer from Kenya, taught herself everything she knows. She had been accepted at the Hacker School, a United States-based retreat for programmers, but in the end could not attend. Martha remained passionate about knowledge and decided to start her own “Hacker School” in Kenya: she has already raised $15,000 of the $50,000 she needs, which gives her an excellent start on achieving her dream of establishing a school for programmers! The talk will focus on her experiences as a young woman wanting to join the technology industry in Africa. She will draw on experiences from her year of self-teaching and from setting up her programming school, the Nairobi Dev School.

Ines Gaïsset

Ines Gaïsset is a 24-year-old female entrepreneur in the clean tech industry. She started her company, Seat-e, after graduating from the MIT School of Engineering with a Master of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering. She has also studied architecture and is interested in design innovation for renewable energies such as solar. She is currently developing, along with Nan Zhao and Sandra Richter, a smart solar seat that produces and distributes energy in the city. Seat-e’s objective is to allow free access to small quantities of renewable energy. This project won the international Kairo50 competition in 2012 and the prototype has been displayed at the New York Stock Exchange. She was selected to present the second prototype at the World Innovation Forum in New York in June 2013 and to be part of their Smart Cities panel with USA mayors.

Rónán Ó Dálaigh

Rónán Ó Dálaigh is 22 years of age and is from Dublin. He is currently in his final year of a Business degree at Dublin City University (DCU) and is an active member of his university’s student’s union. He has also represented DCU at international social enterprise competitions. In November 2013 he will be presented with the Irish President’s Youth Medal, Gaisce, for community involvement and achievements in personal development. His main area of interest is social enterprise development. He has recently founded a new social enterprise which is aiming to have an impact on the social, economic and environmental dynamic in Ireland and abroad.
Working groups on the action projects [CONTINUED]
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development [PRIVATE SESSION]
4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m., Room VIII

Cultural evening presented by the Goi Peace Foundation
6 p.m. – 7.45 p.m., Room I

Drumming for youth civic engagement

The evening will highlight the civic engagement of young people, bringing together inspiring stories of young social entrepreneurs, the launch of the Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition (a project of the Goi Peace Foundation, Stiftung Entrepreneurship and UNESCO), and a World Peace Flag ceremony accompanied by Japanese Kaito drumming. The stories will be shared by three young entrepreneurs presenting their innovative projects and explaining their personal experiences: Sofia Appelgren (Sweden), Founder and CEO of Mitt Liv. She is a member of Ashoka and a 2003 winner of the Ben & Jerry “Join our core” social entrepreneurship competition; Anjali Sarker (Bangladesh), Co-Founder of Toilet + Concept. As a young speaker she is in great international demand and the winner of the first prize in the 2012 International Essay Contest for Young People organized jointly by the Goi Peace Foundation and UNESCO; Jeronimo Calderon (Switzerland), Founder and Executive Director of Euforia. He is also a member of Ashoka, he won the Ashoka-Staples Social Entrepreneur Competition in 2008 and was selected by the World Economic Forum to take part in the 2012 Davos Forum as a “Global Shaper”.

Plenary debate on the Forum’s recommendations
10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Room I
The Plenary will finalize the strategic recommendations transmitted by the three working groups.

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Active citizen frameworkshop – Room IV
led by Junior Chamber International (JCI)

YouthMobile workshop – Room VI
led by the UNESCO Communication and Information Sector

Pass the mike: Youth radio workshop – Room VII
led by the UNESCO Communication and Information Sector

Youth empowerment and skills for green jobs – Get engaged with the Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development – Room VIII
led by the UNESCO Education Sector

Improv your life – Room VIII bis
led by the UNESCO Culture Sector

Towards a successful social entrepreneurship project – Room IX
led by the UNESCO Africa Department
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Émilie Gomis and Edwige Lawson-Wade, French Women’s Basketball Team

Émilie Gomis (1m78), born in Ziguinchor, Senegal, is a French basketball player playing in the shooting guard or wing position. An established member of the French women’s team, she won the 2009 European title. With the French team she won a bronze medal at the EuroBasket 2011, and was chosen for the 2012 Olympic team. In the group match against Australia, she scored 22 points and contributed greatly to the French victory. In 2013 she was part of the silver-medal-winning French team at the European championship held in France. Edwige Lawson-Wade (1m 67), born in Rennes (Ille-et-Vilaine), is a French basketball player playing in the point guard position. She has won three international medals with the French team, the silver at the 1999 European championships, the gold at the 2001 European championship held in France, and the silver medal at the 2012 London Olympics. She also holds three Euroleague titles, two with the Valenciennes club in 2002 and 2004, and one with Samara in 2005.

Rizki Penna

Rizki Nugraha Hamim Penna is a young social entrepreneur focusing on the development of small-medium businesses in rural areas in Indonesia. He has more than 5 years of experience in social entrepreneurship in Indonesia, including co-founding and managing Satoe Indonesia, a student initiative turned into a non-profit foundation. The foundation also acts as a corporate social responsibility (CSR) project consultant, which to date has several clients including Carrefour Indonesia and HSBC Indonesia. Rizki will share about the “Rumah Pintar” or Smart House programme of Satoe Indonesia which is dedicated to finding solutions to issues related to education, economy and productivity in Indonesia.
Tadeja Vaupotič and Luka Kropivnik
These young UNESCO Heralds will talk about the UNESCO Youth Platform established by the Slovene National Commission for UNESCO and the Ypsilon Institute with the aim of encouraging young people to move beyond the status quo and to think actively about both local and global issues. In the first year of the Platform, 12 excellent students from different Slovene regions were awarded the title of a UNESCO Herald. Through the Platform, the Heralds have established different communication channels that make it possible for all kinds of information related to UNESCO to reach the youth and educational workers, via Internet, social networks, or the Platform’s newsletter.

Closing ceremony of the 8th UNESCO Youth Forum
3 p.m. – 6 p.m., Room I

Conclusion of the Forum proceedings
Presentation of the final recommendations and the projects selected to receive the “8th UNESCO Youth Forum Label”

Pledges and partnerships
Institutional partners and actors attending the Forum will be invited to express their potential interest in supporting the selected projects, and any other relevant action relating to the UNESCO Operational Strategy on Youth

Winners of the Startup Weekend

2013 Laureate of the “Tremplin” * International Scholarship for youth social entrepreneurship and culture of peace in Africa
Centre d’Etudes et de Prospective Stratégique (CEPS), in partnership with UNESCO

Announcement of the International Conference “Youth Volunteering and Dialogue”, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, December 2013
Announcement of Thessaloniki as the European Youth Capital for 2014

The face of the 8th UNESCO Youth Forum through photos!

Acknowledgements

Addresses

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Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO

Screening of the documentary film “Rising from Ashes”
6 p.m. – 7.45 p.m., Room I

This award-winning documentary feature film was produced by the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and Reconciliation, the Oscar winning-actor Forest Whitaker. The film was created with a common goal, to tell a story of redemption, hope and second chances. It is about two worlds colliding when cycling legend Jock Boyer moves to Rwanda to help a group of struggling genocide survivors pursue their dream of a national cycling team. Rising From Ashes is more than a film; it is a story that relates to each and every one of us. It is a gateway of hope. The riders of Team Rwanda have become more than just a cycling team, they have become ambassadors of hope and men to look up to. The screening will be followed by a discussion with director and producer, T.C. Johnstone, and the film’s producer Greg Kwedar.
Throughout the Forum, the young participants will have the benefit of “face-to-face” coaching and mentoring with civil society actors, private sector partners, United Nations agencies and representatives of the various UNESCO programmes. The intention is to present to participants the opportunities offered by the different partners with varied competencies and expertise and covering very broad fields of action.
Associations and private sector institutions

African Youth Charter:

Airbus Fly Your Ideas

European Cultural Parliament Youth Network (ECP YN)

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