

**Roundtable during the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings:
“Creative Approaches by Youth Practitioners in Southern Africa to Issues Related to HIV/AIDS (Case Study of Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Malawi)”**

Time: September 22, 2005 (Thursday) Afternoon
Venue: TBD

Y2Y, the Children and Youth Unit (C&Y), Africa Operations (AFC03) and Africa Vice President’s Front Office (AFRVP) is pleased to announce that they will be hosting the **first ever open-discussion between Youth Practitioners and key policy decision makers at the World Bank-IMF Annual Meetings**. The objectives of this discussion are to formulate and explore creative approaches to addressing issues related to HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa and to establish the leadership role Youth Practitioners can take in addressing this issue.

The session, in a non-traditional, roundtable discussion-like format, will include three short fifteen minute presentations led by youth practitioners from Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, followed by a facilitated discussion. Each presentation will focus on one of the following topics related to HIV/AIDS and relevant to these three countries including: **1. Youth Livelihoods and HIV/AIDS, 2. the Preventative Role of Media, and 3. Orphans and Vulnerable Children**. The audience will consist of senior level officials of each country’s government, representatives from prominent charitable foundations and NGO stakeholders, such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Nike Foundation, Imagine Nations and Friends of Zambia, and relevant World Bank constituencies, including the Global HIV/AIDS unit, the Southern Cone Africa team, the Children & Youth Unit (C&Y) and Y2Y.

Four youth practitioners have been chosen, from the NGO’s who won the 2005 Development Marketplace held in Lusaka, Zambia. Youth practitioners leading youth intervention efforts are best able to provide real perspective and articulate the needs of the population. Y2Y believes that officially recognizing them as partners in development and including them can foster a more direct path to sustainable development. This session promises to bring their much needed voice to the World Bank/IMF Annual meetings. Designed to foster creative dialogue among the private sector, government delegates and senior Bank and Fund officials, this session hopes to bring in the right mix of decision-makers to (i) showcase youth practitioners’ ability and communicate their real issues, providing policy-makers to self-reflect on their development policies; and (ii) engage in an interactive process among participants to co-formulate specific approaches to address youth issues in HIV/AIDS.

Y2Y is a network of over 1,000 young World Bank professionals whose mission is to empower youth in development. For more information about the group, their mission and activities, please visit www.worldbank.org/y2ycommunity.



From the winners of the Development Marketplace held May 2005 in Zambia, Three Youth Practitioners have been invited from the winning Grassroots country-based NGOs



The Preventative Role of the Media-
Malawi

Youth Livelihoods-
Zimbabwe & Zambia

OVC's-
Malawi

Walls of Hope

Student Partnership Worldwide(Zimbabwe)
ASLIZ (Zambia)

World Fish Centre