

# YOUTH @ ANNUAL MEETINGS

# 2008



## Partners in Development

World Bank Headquarters, October 8-10, 2008, Washington, DC



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Dear Youth Leaders,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to **Youth@Annual Meetings 2008: Partners in Development**. This three-day session, October 8-10, 2008 was conceived as a pilot, where youth leaders, NGOs, youth foundations, and Bank experts could convene and discuss topics of mutual interest.


The program has been designed to include themes of interest to the World Bank and to youth. On October 9th morning, there are two panels that focus on two areas of importance to young people everywhere: youth citizenship and empowerment and moving from school into the work force. These panels will, I hope, spur lots of good discussion and sharing of ideas.

We also hope that there will be room for brainstorming in the breakout sessions on October 9th afternoon, where youth leaders will have a chance to discuss their experiences with their peers and with Bank staff working on youth issues.

Finally, we have linked the **Youth@Annual Meetings 2008** program to the Annual Meetings Program of Seminars, where youth leaders have been invited to attend the session on the Initiative to Empower Adolescent Girls, which is being launched by Nike Foundation and the World Bank.

We hope that your discussions are fruitful and I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,



Edith Grace Ssempala  
Acting Senior Vice President, External Affairs  
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# AGENDA – YOUTH@ANNUAL MEETINGS 2008

## OBJECTIVES

- Recognize young people as equal partners and provide youth a space to discuss major development concerns from the youth perspective.
- Institutionalize the dialogue and exchange of experiences in the field between the Bank and youth organizations.
- Increase the knowledge of young people on the World Bank to become stronger partners in development.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008

### 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. ORIENTATION AND WELCOME

**Orientation Session, 2:00–4:30 p.m.** ..... MC-C1-100

This session provides a nuts-and-bolts overview of World Bank Group and IMF. The interactive session on the website shows newcomers how to access Bank project information and documents.

**Youth Orientation Session, 4:30–5:00 p.m.** ..... Dining Room MC-C1-A/B

Youth find out what the youth session is all about and get an overview of the agenda and the Program of Seminars.

**Youth Reception, 5:00–6:00 p.m.** ..... Dining Room MC-C1-A/B

Edith Grace Sempala, Acting Senior Vice President, External Affairs, World Bank and Joy Phumaphi (tbc), Vice President, Human Development Network, World Bank will join sponsors in welcoming youth leaders.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008

**9:00–9:30 a.m. Welcome Breakfast for Civil Society Forum** ..... MC-C1-100

**9:30–12:45 p.m. Plenary Session** ..... MC-5-100

**9:30-11:00 a.m. Panel: Young People Exercising Their Citizenship,**  
*Co-organized by Friends of Africa, International and World Bank*

*Moderated by Steen Lau Jorgensen, Sector Director, Human Development, Middle East and North Africa Region*

*Panelists: Mark Garcia, Silliman University, Philippines; Renata Florentino, International Youth Parliament, Brazil; Onyeka Obasi, Friends of Africa, International*

A key issue addressed by this panel is young people's transition to citizenship. Youth is the time when young people start assuming rights and responsibilities in their communities. Young people make their voice heard in society, be it by voting, volunteering or vandalizing. How can young people build an enabling environment for their contributions? What channels of participation and civic engagement are open? In this panel, Mark Garcia discusses his experience running a project to monitor governance in the Philippines; Renata Florentino discusses how youth groups in Brazil work with the government to design legislation and provide input to policies; and Onyeka Obasi presents her experience on different ways in which young people can share their voice and views, such as the Pan African Youth Leadership Forum.

*Presentations: 30 minutes*

*Moderated Discussion: 1 hour*

**11:00-11:15 a.m. Break**

**11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Moving from School into the Work Force**

*Moderated by Navtej Dhillon, Director of the Middle East Youth Initiative, the Wolfensohn Center, Brookings Institution*

*Panelists: Salvatore Nigro, EFE Foundation; Ismael Mamoudou-Tanko, YDP, Togo; Andrea Vermehren, Senior Social Protection Specialist, South Asia Region, World Bank*

School-to-work transition generally refers to the critical period when young individuals develop and build skills, based on their initial education and training, that help them become productive members of the society. It is a complex transition because many young people begin employment while in school, migrate out of their communities, perform casual or unpaid work, or are easily discouraged from job searching. This panel explores the different facets of this complex topic: Ismael Tanko discusses the experience of Togolese youth on moving from secondary school into the job market and the importance of the quality of education; Salvatore Nigro describes the work done by EFE's job placement programs for youth; and Andrea Vermehren will explore the empirical data from JOVENES – a second-chances program for youth job training in Latin America.

*Presentations: 30 minutes*

*Moderated Discussion: 1 hour*

**12:45–2:00 p.m. Lunch ..... MC-5-100**

*Luncheon Discussion by International Youth Foundation*

Ami Thakkar, Program Director, Make A Connection and Scott Lefevre, Program Director, Employability Programs, Latin America and the Caribbean, will discuss the International Youth Foundation's experience with successful global and regional partnerships for youth employability and leadership, engagement and citizenship.

**2:00–5:30 p.m. Breakout Session ..... MC-5-100**

*Youth and the World Bank: Exploring Partnerships in Development*

Since the Youth, Development and Peace (YDP) Conference in 2003, the World Bank has intensified its work with young people from both developed and developing countries in the conviction that young people represent a powerful force for change, and that they need to be empowered to participate actively in development work and decision-making. How has the engagement between youth and the World Bank evolved since the first YDP Conference and where is it going? This breakout session will provide the background and context of this dynamic relationship, discuss the comparative value of engaging youth in development, explore opportunities for partnership, and develop collaborative strategies for enhancing youth participation in development.

**2:00-2:30 p.m. Background on World Bank Engagement with Youth**

*Speakers: Wendy Cunningham, Lead Specialist, Children and Youth Unit, World Bank  
Kury Cobham, Operations Officer, Social Development Department, World Bank  
Leigh Ellen Sontheimer, Operations Officer, Delivery and Results Management  
Ines Huwe, Consultant, External Affairs, World Bank*

In this session the Children and Youth unit will provide an overview of their strategy and priorities; the Youth Development Initiative will examine the funding available for youth investments; a Bank representative from Operations will explore Development Marketplace, a funding mechanism for development innovators; and an External Affairs representative will review their engagement with youth through the Youth, Development and Peace Network. This session will provide background into the evolving relationship between youth and the World Bank.

**2:30-4:00 p.m. Discussion One: Outlining the Comparative Advantage of Partnership**

*Speaker: Bhuvan Bhatnagar, Senior Social Scientist, East Asia Social Development Sector, World Bank  
Facilitator: Maya Brahmam, Senior Communications Officer, External Affairs, World Bank*

What can we bring to the table? During this discussion attendees will identify the value in a youth/World Bank partnership through a case study presented by a World Bank Task Team Leader. Through this exercise participants will explore the comparative advantage in working with youth in development and how youth can be vital partners. Following this exercise, participants will move into a general discussion about the extent of this potential partnership, and also the opportunities and limitations.

**4:00-5:00 p.m. Discussion Two: Developing a Work Plan**

*Facilitators: Mitty Steele, Communications Analyst, External Affairs  
Ines Huwe, Consultant, External Affairs*

Participants examine leveraging the comparative advantage to explore areas for mutual collaboration and developing a work plan for moving forward. During this discussion, participants look at ways in which this relationship can be strengthened and partnerships developed to effectively include youth in development. Based on the previous discussion, youth will discuss what they can offer and together with World Bank staff, start to build a work program over the next year.

**5:00-5:30 p.m. Summary and Presenting the Work Plan**

This session allows youth to summarize the previous discussions and present a work program looking forward to the next year.

**6:45–9:00 p.m. IMF-World Bank Townhall Meeting and Reception ..... IMF HQ1 Meeting Hall A&B**

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008**

**9:00–10:00 a.m., Overview On Empowering Girls ..... ROOM U-3-435**

*Speaker: Margaret Greene, Director, Population and Social Transitions, International Center for Research on Women*

In this interactive session, Margaret Greene, co-author of the study, *Girls Count*, will explore the rationale behind the research, the main findings and next steps. Meg's presentation will be followed by a discussion on the topic. This session is designed to prepare participants for the discussions during the Adolescent Girls Initiative.

**11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Adolescent Girls Initiative:**

**An Alliance for Economic Empowerment ..... ROOM MC-13-121**

*NOTE: This session is being organized by the World Bank's PREM Gender Unit. Youth leaders attending Youth@Annual Meetings 2008 are invited to attend the Opening Session and participate in the afternoon panels and the lunch and reception.*

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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The Global Public-Private Partnership for Youth Investment (GPYI) is a formal and enduring relationship between partner organizations that share a common mission—to improve the lives of young people (with an emphasis on adolescent girls and young women) through their economic advancement and social inclusion.

The Partnership is supported by companies, foundations, civil society organizations, private corporations, philanthropists and international organizations. GPYI is housed by the World Bank Group and enables the use of its resources (financial, technical, staff, offices), its name, reputation, and access points to achieve the Partnership's mission and goals.

The Bank on behalf of partners and donors manages a multi-donor trust fund, entitled the Global Fund for Youth Investment, and resources committed by the Bank through its Development Grant Facility in support of meeting the Partnership's goals.

The three founding organizations are The World Bank (Bank), International Finance Corporation (IFC) and ImagineNations Group (ING). Two founding donors are Nike Foundation and FirstBlue. In time, the partnership will build from a dozen committed partners and grow to include scores of social entrepreneurs, thought leaders, investors, financial institutions, global brands, media, private corporations, and civil society organizations – all working together for a common goal.

The Partnership Secretariat is co-hosted by the Bank and ING with a Chief Executive, Grant Administrator and Partnership staff running daily operations. A Steering Committee, Partnership Committee and Global Board of Advisors manage and guide the strategic direction of the Partnership.



The World Bank consults and collaborates with thousands of members of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) throughout the world, such as community-based organizations, NGOs, social movements, labor unions, faith-based groups, and foundations.

The World Bank has learned through these three decades of interaction that the participation of CSOs in government development projects and programs can enhance their operational performance by contributing local knowledge, providing technical expertise, and leveraging social capital. Further, CSOs can bring innovative ideas and solutions, as well as participatory approaches, to solving local problems.

The **Civil Society Team (CST)** was originally comprised of staff from the Bank's External Affairs (EXT) and Social Development (SDV) Departments. In 2006 it expanded under the name **Global Civil Society Team**, and involves staff from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and from several IBRD networks such as the Operations Policy and Country Services (OPCS), Sustainable Development (SD), and Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) networks, as well as from Bank's European Offices in Paris and Brussels, and the office in Tokyo, Japan.

CST has replaced the Bank's former NGO Unit. The CST serves as the institutional and global focal point for the Bank's engagement with civil society. As such, the CST formulates institutional strategy, provides advice to senior management, coordinates civil society engagement staff across the institution, provides guidance and technical assistance to program staff on how to consult and involve civil society in Bank operations, undertakes ongoing outreach efforts to global civil society networks and provides civil society groups with access to Bank information, personnel, and other resources.