



Global Youth Conference 2008

EMPOWERING A GENERATION: DEVELOPING SKILLS AND CAPACITIES IN YOUTH

Date: October 23rd, 2008

Time: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Venue: World Bank Headquarters, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

8:00am - 9:00am	Registration and Breakfast
9:00am - 9:15am	Opening Remarks
9:15am - 10:30am	Session 1: Skills for Work and Life (Part 1)
10:30am - 10:45am	Coffee Break
10:45am - 12:00pm	Session 2: Skills for Work and Life (Part 2)
12:00pm - 12:45pm	Lunch
12:45pm - 2:00pm	Session 3: Youth-Led Initiatives
2:00pm - 2:15pm	Coffee Break
2:15pm - 3:30pm	Session 4: The Role of Various Stakeholders
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Coffee Break
3:45pm - 5:00pm	Session 5: Challenges in Project Design and Evaluation
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Session 6: Case Study Competition
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Closing Reception



CONFERENCE DETAILED AGENDA

Theme 1: Skills for Work and Life

Young people need to be equipped with adequate skills and capacities to become active citizens, productive workers, and responsible parents. Sessions 1 and 2 will focus on organizations and programs that promote skills development in young people. The panels will feature organizations that work on developing entrepreneurial skills, transition to work skills, behavioral skills, and vocational skills using various tools and methods. Session 3 will present initiatives that are created, implemented, or led by youth.

Session 1: Skills for Work and Life (Part 1)

9:15am-10:30am (75 min)

Facilitator:

Yaa Oppong, Senior Social Development Specialist, Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank

Speakers:

1. Xiaojin Gu, Executive Vice Chair, China Youth Development Foundation (Beijing, China)
2. Margaret Worthington-Smith, Managing Director, South African Institute for Entrepreneurship (Cape Town, South Africa)
3. Solomon JP, CEO, Movement for Alternatives and Youth Awareness (Bangalore, India)
4. Ahmed Faqihi, Project Coordinator, Ajjal pour les Jeunes et le Développement (Skhirat, Morocco)
5. Martha Estella Ocampo Ruiz, General Director, and Tanya Manuell, Founder, Fundacion Formacion d'Futuros (Cali, Colombia)

Session 2: Skills for Work and Life (Part 2)

10:45am-12:00 pm (75 min)

Facilitator:

Andrea Vermehren, Senior Social Protection Specialist, Human Development, South Asia Region, World Bank

Speakers:

1. Enkhtuya Natsagdorj, Executive Director, and Davaakhuu Erdenee, Program Assistant, Mongolia Education Alliance (Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)
2. Prakash Pyakurel, President, Youth Initiative (Kathmandu, Nepal)
3. Aleksandra Vidanovic, Executive Director, Balkan Children and Youth Foundation (Skopje, Macedonia)
4. Samuel Watulatsu, Founder and Trustee, Foundation for the Development of Needy Communities (Mbale, Uganda)
5. Pablo Altuve, Program Director, Fundacion ph15 (Buenos Aires, Argentina)



Session 3: Youth-Led Initiatives

12:45pm-2:00pm (75 min)

Facilitator:

Christopher Thomas, Sector Manager, Human Development, Africa Region, World Bank

Speakers:

1. Dana Shuqom, Youth Innovation Fund (YIF) Project Leader, World Bank (Amman, Jordan)
2. Todor Arsovski, Coordinator, Youth Voices of Macedonia, World Bank (Skopje, Macedonia)
3. Jeongki Lim, Ashoka Youth Venturer, Founder and CEO, Human Rights Live (New York, USA)
4. Kelsey Spitz, Plan USA-Youth United for Global Action and Awareness (YUGA), Youth Development and Peace Network- North America (Washington DC, USA)
5. Vidar Ekehaug, Program Director for the Global Youth Action Network, TakingITGlobal (New York, NY, USA)

Theme 2: Leveraging Partnerships: The Role of Various Stakeholders

The creation of local and international partnerships is key in facilitating a holistic approach to youth development. The objective of this panel is to highlight the importance of forming networks between communities, organizations, the private and public sector, and educational institutions. For stakeholders in the youth development sphere, these linkages enable a wider reach, scale up, the possibility to add additional specialized services and facilitate the transition of young people from one stage of learning to the next. This panel will discuss these issues by bringing a number of different perspectives to the table and discussing the advantages and challenges in involving several partners in their programs.

Session 4: Leveraging Partnerships: The Role of Various Stakeholders

2:15pm-3:30pm (75 minutes)

Facilitator:

Ana Guevara, Alternate Executive Director, United States, World Bank

Speakers:

1. Stuart Hogue, Senior Manager, Strategic Initiatives, Nike Foundation (Portland, Oregon, USA)
2. Ami Thakkar, Program Director, Make a Connection, International Youth Foundation (Washington DC, USA)
3. Sara De Paz-Castro, Advocacy Executive, Child Friendly Banking, Aflatoun (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
4. Thaddeus Ferber, Program Director, Forum for Youth Investment (Washington DC, USA)
5. Eduardo Martinez, Director of Programs and Corporate Relations, UPS Foundation (Atlanta, Georgia, USA)



Theme 3: Challenges in Project Design and Evaluation

Practitioners face several challenges in designing and evaluating interventions that target young people. Young people face problems that are different from any other group, respond differently to incentives and are more prone to peer pressure and impulsive behavior. These reasons combined with the fact that interventions for young people often span several sectors, make program design and monitoring very difficult. Speakers will talk about how they have managed to isolate the effects on their development programs on particular outcomes and the lessons they have learned during their evaluations. Panelists will focus on specific outputs and outcomes they have achieved in the short and long-term and discuss how evaluation has led to more robust program design.

Session 5: Challenges in Project Design and Evaluation

3:45pm-5:00pm (75 minutes)

Facilitator:

Leigh Ellen Sontheimer, Operations Officer, World Bank

Speakers:

1. Isabel Alvarez, Network Coordinator, IDB Youth (Washington, DC, USA)
2. Eric Rusten, Director for New Ventures, Center for Applied Technology Global Communications and Distance Learning Systems, Academy for Educational Development (Washington, DC, USA)
3. Patrick Crump, Senior Advisor, Youth Programs, Save the Children (Westport, Connecticut, USA)
4. Cornelia M. Tesliuc, Senior Social Protection Specialist, Human Development Department, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, World Bank
5. James Lenton, Youth & Livelihoods Technical Advisor, International Rescue Committee (New York, NY, USA)

Session 6: Case Study Competition

5:00pm-6:00pm (60 min)

Facilitator:

Charles Abelmann, Lead Program Coordinator, Human Resources Leadership and Organization Effectiveness, World Bank

Participants will solve and discuss a case study that reflects the challenges in the design of a youth development project. Participants will be able to understand the importance of a tailored and demand-driven approach to programs. The case studies will draw on the topics discussed during the conference and encourage the participants to draw from their own experiences and expertise.