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News Brief

Y2Y Advisory Board Meeting

The Y2Y Steering Committee meets twice a year with its Advisory Board, chaired by Pamela Cox, VP of LAC Region. 2009's first meeting took place on May 14, 2009. The Steering Committee presented to the Board its activities since February 2009 and its plans for the months ahead. The Board recognized Y2Y 2009 Committee's accomplishments, especially with regards to the improved structure of the Y2Y Network, the creation of a stronger institutional record and active coordination with World Bank staff and experts on youth issues. As next steps, the 2009 Committee is committed to focus on the evaluation of the impact of Y2Y initiatives, active engagement of IFC staff and World Bank Group country office young professionals.

YIF Regional Coordinators

The Youth Innovation Fund (YIF) welcomes the new regional coordinators of 2009. They will work closely with YIF and Y2Y to continue to promote and develop youth development projects led by World Bank Staff throughout the world.

Y2Y@Work

1. YIF's First Training Session on Monitoring & Evaluation

The Youth Innovation Fund (YIF) organized the first Monitoring & Evaluation (M & E) training workshop on May 13, 2009 at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington D.C.

This training workshop was conducted by Mr. Mattias Lundberg, Senior Economist at the Children & Youth Unit of the World Bank. More than 15 WBG young staff attended the workshop, including the YIF Regional Coordinators, some YIF project winners and other members from the Y2Y Community.

The main objective of this workshop was to learn more about the M & E work targeting youth and to help strengthen current and future projects receive funding from YIF. The need to measure the results and impact of these projects have become increasingly important. Trainings such as this one aim to teach the WBG young staff more effective M & E methods and tools to assess the impact of YIF projects and to help them in their own professional development as well.

In the next few weeks, YIF will continue with a series of training sessions on M&E through different videoconference sessions and on-site workshops. For further questions on YIF and the training, please contact YIF Co-Chairs, Rafael Pereira Pinto (rpereirapinto@ifc.org) or Nahuel Velazquez Viard (nvelazquezviard@ifc.org).

2. Network of DC Youth Organizations Forum

The Network of DC Youth Organizations (NDCYO) was created by the 2008 Y2Y Steering Committee with the purpose of convening and connecting young professionals that are involved in youth development activities across the DC region and internationally. The Network strives to serve as a forum for discussion and information exchange, and its ultimate goal is to catalyze new partnerships and raise mutual awareness between its member organizations. The 2008 committee created the founding principles for the Network, convened 16 DC organizations for two quarterly meetings, and organized an informal Net Hour for members of the organizations to interact.

On May 14, 2009, Y2Y hosted the NDCYO 2009 Forum an event that brought together boards and steering committees of 16 member organizations for the first time, raised awareness of NDCYO, urged members to learn about the activities and initiatives of other, and further cement our relationships in order to enable future partnership opportunities.

The NDCYO Forum was organized by Y2Y Partnership Chairs (Lorena Gil and He Mu) and a small Task-Force Team: Anya Solovieva and Jason R. Eisen, SID-Washington YP Chairs; Matias Averbuj and Nahuel Velazquez, CEGA; Aiman Kabli, IMF YP Chair; Romina Laori, Ashoka/Young Ventures; Luis Aviles, Ecuador Mi Pais Vice President of Public Relations; and Tatiana Medina, Young Connections.

The Forum featured a Keynote Speaker – Sam Schwartz, Director of Business Networking International Europe, a certified networking professional trainer and a motivational business speaker for associations and corporations. Mr. Scharz presented on "The 10 Commandments of Networking" to provide attendees the tools needed to network. As board and steering committee reps all of the attendees were directed to promote the work of their organizations and seek out opportunities for collaboration on common initiatives.

The YIF Regional Coordinators for this year are:

YIF ECA: Farah Dib, Marilyn Markman
YIF MENA: Mehreen Sheikh, Troels Sorensen
YIF LAC: David Scouras, Maria Isabel Beltran
YIF AFR: Matias Horenstein, Vera Vanessa Paul
YIF SAR: Kevval Andrea Hanna, Sara Haq

European Union Open House in DC

This year, between May 9 and May 16 was the Europe Week. To celebrate the transatlantic partnership with the US and more than 50 years of peace, prosperity and freedom in the EU, the Delegation of the European Commission and the Embassies of the Member States of the European Union sponsored a series of events celebrating these milestones. The biggest of these events was the EU Open House on May 9. Thousands from the DC area poured into the EU embassies to enjoy authentic food and dances, the chatter of various foreign languages and a sunny day with friends.

Get involved!

JOIN THE Y2Y SUB COMMITTEE for Global Youth Conference 2009

The Y2Y Team is planning for the Global Youth Conference this October and is looking for involvement from motivated young people among its membership!

The Global Youth Conference is organized by a dedicated and enthusiastic group of Y2Y volunteers. In previous years, the conference has attracted audiences of more than 300 individuals from around the world. The Global Youth Conference 2009 will be held on a weekday in the 3rd week of October.

What are we looking for? Energetic and ambitious individuals interested in all aspects of event planning from conceptualization to implementation, including brainstorming for innovative panel discussions, relationship management i.e. being Y2Y's rep for a specific panel's members, logistics, and advertising.

Time Commitment? 2-4 hours/week in the planning months, 5-7 hours/week in October + your availability for the entire day of the conference.

Why should you get involved? 1) Incredible opportunity to meet and work with other motivated young professionals from across the bank; 2) Learn more about issues facing youth and how we can play an important role in development; 3) Excellent resume builder as you learn more about leadership, team work and management. We are looking to build a strong team of volunteers for the Conference Planning Committee. Please contact [Mehreen Sheikh](mailto:msheikh1@worldbank.org) (msheikh1@worldbank.org) or [Nikita Malik](mailto:nmalik@ifc.org) (nmalik@ifc.org) by **June 6th** if interested. We are planning to schedule the first meeting in the second week of June.

Special Event

The NDCYO will have a meeting in June to organize their upcoming events - stay tuned!

Friends of Y2Y Announcements

1. JPA: Cocktails Without Borders Fundraiser

Doctors Without Borders (MSF: Médecins Sans Frontières) provide emergency medical care to people caught in crises in nearly 60 countries. Today, MSF will treat nearly 25,000 outpatients, 1,400 in-patients and deliver 300 babies. The organization's work is based on the humanitarian principles of medical ethics and impartiality. MSF received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999.

On Friday, June 26th, join the JPAs for an after work fundraiser for Doctors Without Borders at Josephine's. Come and mingle with international young professionals from 6pm to 11 pm and dance all night long. Your entire \$10 contribution (and a share of the bar sales) will go directly to Doctors Without Borders.

Josephine's (1008 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC)
Friday June 26, 6pm to 11 pm
Drinks specials – reduced prices from 6 to 11 pm
\$10 cover until 11pm (stay for free the rest of the night)

The first 200 guests will enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne!

2. Youthink!

Be a part of a global conversation! The World Bank's [Youthink!](#) website has launched a [blog](#) by and for youth who are interested in development issues like education and climate change. Read the ideas and experiences of other young people around the world, and join in with your thoughts and comments. This is about what we think! <http://youthinkblog.worldbank.org/> You can also join the Youthink! community on Facebook.

3. 2009 Global Youth Enterprise Conference

Making Cents International announces the [2009 Global Youth Enterprise Conference](#).

September 29-30, 2009
Washington, DC
Contribute. Learn. Connect.

Be a part of growing and strengthening the youth enterprise, employment, and livelihoods development field.

Share your 2020 vision for this field.

Today's global youth population is at a historical high of more than 1.5 billion. At a time when 89 percent of these young people live in developing countries, many are unable to secure decent work, as youth are on average three times as likely to be unemployed as adults. In the last ten years, the world's youth population grew by 10.5 percent while youth employment only grew by 0.2 percent. The International Labour Organization is also estimating that another 1 billion young people will enter the world's labor market within the next ten years. It is highly unlikely enough jobs will be created to employ the number of young jobseekers who will enter the labor market this decade.

The world is experiencing a youth employment crisis. It is critical that a multi-sectoral community identifies and pursues innovative approaches for creating economic and entrepreneurial opportunities for youth people.

With this backdrop, Making Cents International will convene practitioners, donors, educators, youth, members of the private sector, representatives of governments, and other partners in youth enterprise, employment, and livelihood development for the 2009 Global Youth Enterprise Conference. These conference participants are part of a growing community committed to investing in young people, and the innovations necessary to ensure

Nanubhai Education Foundation

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2009

Time: 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Venue: H1-200

Nanubhai Education Foundation - 50% of India children aged 6-18 do not go to school. Come see who is trying to make that change on Thursday, June 11th @ H1-200 from 12:30-2:00pm.

Y2Y will be welcoming the Nanubhai Education Foundation (NEF) for a presentation at the World Bank. The mission of NEF is to improve the quality of education in under-funded public schools in rural India.

Over the past decade, India has enjoyed tremendous economic growth. However, the bulk of these opportunities have been reserved for graduates of private schools in urban areas. Rural India is being left behind. In order to help create a brighter future for all of India, Nanubhai strives to close the urban/rural education gap. Founded in 2004, Nanubhai provides schools with American exchange teachers, intensive English language programs, and access to computers to help prepare students for the global economy. Nanubhai's ultimate goal is to improve rural education throughout India. This year, Nanubhai will send 9 American teachers to live and teach in India for a full year. Operating in 4 different schools, its programs will impact a total of 8,000 students in 2009. The results of NEF's efforts are quite encouraging: in its pilot school, graduation rates increased from 25 to 75% over four years.

For more information on Nanubhai please visit www.nanubhai.org to learn more about the organization and how you can help support their mission.

Public Policy and International Affairs - Degree Panel

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Venue: MC 13-121

Come attend a panel of representatives from distinguished schools for Public Policy and International Affairs. Learn about the programs offered, the admissions process and get the opportunity to ask specific questions. More details to follow soon via Y2Y emails.

programs and policies achieve greater impact, sustainability, and scale. Making Cents supports this community regularly meeting to share lessons learned, promising practices, and new ideas that create economic opportunities for young people.

4. DKMS - World's Largest Bone Marrow Donor Center

DKMS is the world's largest marrow donor center with more than 1.8 million registered marrow donors. Yet many in North America are just getting to know DKMS. In 1991, Peter Harf, established DKMS in Germany, to find a matching donor for his wife. He inspired family and friends to change the hopeless situation in Germany by recruiting donors. Together, with family and friends, he worked tirelessly organizing donor drives, and in less than one year, successfully recruited over 65,000 donors. Since its inception, DKMS has facilitated more than 16,000 donors with patients. In 2004, the DKMS mission to the United States was expanded, to diversify the donor pool and since then, they have registered more than 50,000 donors, and facilitated more than 60 transplants. But there is still much work to do. More than 820,000 Americans live with leukemia, lymphoma and other blood cancers. Only 3 out of 10 people will find a donor match. By joining the Registry of DKMS, you give hope to patients everywhere with leukemia, lymphoma and a variety of other diseases. When you register as a bone marrow donor, you may never be called upon to donate, but if you are, you and perhaps only you will have the power to save a life. You can find out more for yourself on the DKMS [website](#).

5. Asia After Dark at Smithsonian's Freer & Sackler Galleries

Thursday, June 4

6:30-11:30 PM

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

Map and directions on the [website](#)

Indulge your senses in Asia and get your weekend started in style at the newest after-hours series at the Smithsonian's Freer and Sackler Galleries. Explore the arts of Asia, sip cocktails, and mix and mingle to Persian electronic drum-and-bass music by DJ Delbar from RadioJavan.com. Enjoy food tastings from area restaurants, dance performances by the Silk Road Dance Company, hands-on art activities, and raffle prizes.

Cash bar is available for wine, beer, spirits, and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the evening. You must be at least 21 years old with a valid ID to attend this event.

Contact Ceyda (cdagdelen@ifc.org) or Isabel (imdai@worldbank.org) if you'd like to write articles for the Y2Y newsletter!

If you are not a member of Y2Y and would like to be, please click [here](#)

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