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Congratulations to ECA Youth Innovation Fund Winners!

The ECA Region has graciously allotted funding for the selected projects. These are:

1. "Improving Young Women's Access to Labor Markets in Turkey" by Melissa Bonneton
2. "The Laundry for Moldova's Mentally Disabled Youth" by Marta Bruska and Doina Cebotari
3. "Youth Reaction for Peace Action" in Georgia by Nino Kutateladze
4. "Vocational and Health Training for Youth Farmers" in FYR Macedonia by Dimitrios Lagias
5. "Skills for Kids" in Kosovo by Prathima Rodrigues

For budgetary and oversight purposes the ECA YIF will sit with ECA's Sustainable Development Sector Unit (ECSSD) and be overseen by Jo De Berry. The projects are to be implemented during FY '10.

Nanubhai Education Foundation

On June 30, Y2Y hosted the Nanubhai Education Foundation (NEF) for a presentation at the World Bank, which was followed by a networking hour later that day. NEF's mission is to improve the

Upcoming Events

1) 2009 Global Youth Conference

Theme: Youth Leadership in a Time of Crises

Goal: The goal of the conference is to educate, engage and inspire. The panel discussions, a case study, a film screening and a Youth Expo will allow for interactive discussions on the current state of affairs, youth involvement and leadership opportunities in a time of crises in the areas of Education, Employment, and Civic Engagement.

The Y2Y Team is looking for involvement from motivated young people among its membership! How can you help?

- Join our Conference Planning Committee: Its an incredible opportunity to meet and work with other motivated young professionals from across the bank and an excellent resume builder as you learn more about leadership, team work and management. Organizational meeting on Thursday, July 23rd and subsequent meetings every other week. The details of July 23rd meeting are:

**July 23, 2009
12:30-1:30pm
MC8-500**

- Speaker/Panelist recommendations: Do you know someone who could be a contributor to our event? Someone with academic or professional experience in the field of youth development especially as it pertains to Education, Employment (incl. Entrepreneurship) and Civic engagement? OR a young individual that inspires you? We are looking to build a colorful panel of experts and experienced individuals who can educate, engage and inspire the conference participants.

Please contact Mehreen Sheikh (msheikh1@worldbank.org) or Nikita Malik (nmalik@ifc.org) if interested.

2) LAC Development Marketplace 2009 Launch on July 29

Y2Y invites you to come and celebrate the launch of LAC Development Marketplace on Wednesday, July 29th (Lunch will be provided). Latin America and Caribbean Region DM is focusing on young people based on feedback from our development partners. The theme of this year's DM is "Youth and Entrepreneurship". Y2Y has been involved with the Region and developing partners leading to the launch.

Pamela Cox, Regional Vice President for LAC, will formally kick-off the LAC Development Marketplace Competition. Ms. Cox is also the Chair of the Y2Y's Advisory Board and a big supporter in engaging youth in development. In addition, partner representatives from the IDB-MIF and OAS will speak. The LAC Development Marketplace Competition has already had an

quality of education in public schools in rural India. Operating in 4 different schools, its programs will impact a total of 8,000 students in 2009.

Y2Y Members Participate in DC Center for Global Education and Leadership

At the invitation of the DC Center for Global Education and Leadership, World Bank employees and Y2Y members Yang Yudong and Chen Xiaolei participated in a panel discussion on China on June 30 before a group of 27 American high school students and their chaperones. The panel, held at the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, was part of a 2-1/2 day orientation program for urban public high school students from Boston, Atlanta, Rochester (NY), and Washington, DC, selected for a 6-week intensive Chinese language and culture program in Beijing during summer 2009. Mr. Yang and Mr. Chen were joined on the panel by Robert Anderson of the Office of the Legal Advisor of the US State Department, and Greg Shtraks, a graduate student at the Elliott School.

Y2Y Member in Action SKILLS FOR KIDS

"I want to be an accountant when I grow up," says an eager Samir, as he expertly calculates the amount of profit his team has made selling hats as part of a business simulation activity. Samir is a grade eight student at St. Francis School, Bangalore, India and is part of a group of 25 other kids participating in a pilot workshop for Skills for Kids (SFK).

Skills for Kids is a program that teaches the concepts of entrepreneurship to young children – concepts that are useful in everyday lives. The SFK curriculum simplifies these concepts and brings them to the classroom through fun, learner-centric and experiential activities.

SFK was founded in 2006 by Prathima Rodrigues, who was the Events Co-Chair of Y2Y during 2008 and who works in ECA in the private sector development unit. While in graduate school at SIPA, Columbia University, Prathima was awarded the Sasakawa Young Leadership Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) from the Tokyo Foundation that laid the foundation for her initiative. From a small student led initiative, Skills for Kids has achieved considerable scale in the last few years. Prathima now leads a team of three other young people based in Mongolia,

impact by bringing together, for the first time, the World Bank, Organization of American States, and the Inter-American Development Bank to work together on this initiative. As Y2Y members we are proud to promote this initiative. Please visit the website to get more details about the competition: [LAC Development Marketplace 2009 Competition](#).

July 29, 2009

12pm - 2pm

I Building, 8-300

Kick-off by Pamela Cox, VP of LAC

3) Y2Y Summer NetHour on July 30

Y2Y, in partnership with Young Connection (IDB) and SID-Washington Young Professionals, is bringing together emerging leaders in the international development field for an opportunity to network.

July 30, 2009

6pm onwards

Stir Lounge, 705 G Street NW

4) Y2Y helps plan UN Youth Assembly Program for Chinese Delegates

On August 13, Y2Y, along with the Chinese Staff Association (CSA), Asia Society, Youth Ventures and Education Association for China Tomorrow (EACT, an independent NGO), will provide a day-long seminar for visiting Chinese delegates of the Annual UN Youth Assembly. The delegation will be made up of a group of 100 outstanding college students and young professions, which include Yali Ping, the Chinese first gold medalist of 1984 Los Angeles Paralympic Games, and two other gold medalists of the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games. Y2Y Steering Committee has worked to design a program that tries to outline the characteristics of youth involvement in development. We hope that by the end of the session participants will have learned about youth leadership outside of China, and are motivated to apply these lessons to their own careers.

5) Y2Y NetHour with Asia Society and CSA on August 13

In celebration of our morning program Y2Y will host a NetHour, along with Asia Society and the Chinese Staff Association (CSA). Details coming soon...

Friends of Y2Y

1) Youthink! International Youth Day Essay Competition: Deadline is August 12!

International Youth Day was established by the UN to raise awareness of the importance of youth participation and investing in youth. The theme of the day for 2009 is **Sustainability: Our Challenge. Our Future**. There is no doubt that youth everywhere want to create change. To answer how to create change, Youthink! has an essay contest for International Youth Day.

The Contest: Answer the question below in an essay of no more than 1000 words:

What are your tangible ideas for how youth can create effective,

Indonesia and the United States. The team has conducted two pilots, in Mongolia and India, and will start implementation in Kosovo in September 2009.

Formal education in most schools in India does not equip children with relevant skills. Increasingly, firms want to hire young people who not only possess sound technical skills but have good communication and teamwork skills and who are creative and dynamic in the workplace - traits that are essential in today's globalized economy.

Skills for Kids follows an integrated model of entrepreneurial and life skills development, that equips secondary school students with a set of marketable skills. The 18 hours of the Skills for Kids curriculum encompass 8 modules; each module develops both cognitive skills (such as in economics and personal finance) and non-cognitive skills (teamwork and communication) in young people.

Prathima and her team represent a new breed of youth - individuals who set the foundation for change. "We are extremely proud of what we have achieved", says Prathima, "there is much that young people can do with a little creativity and a lot of hard work. I hope that our work serves as an example to other young people in various parts of the globe and motivates them to make a difference in their communities." or more on Skills for Kids, Prathima can be reached at prodrigues@worldbank.org <http://entrepreneurshipforkids.com/default.aspx>.

long-lasting change? How can youth in your country—or around the world—work together to really make a difference?

Prizes: Winner will receive an iPod Nano (4GB) and a Youthink! bag.

2 runners-up will each receive a Youthink! bag and a copy of the book

Change the World for Ten Bucks—a book of simple, everyday actions that we can all do.

For more details, please visit the [website](#).

1) 6th Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations: August 5-7, 2009

Youth Assembly at the United Nations, which consists of three days of plenary sessions, workshops, round table discussions, networking at the UN headquarters in New York, will take place for the sixth time this August. 600+ young leaders from around the world are expected to participate. Special events include the Youth Achievement Recognition Luncheon, Campaign Night, Culture Night, and the United Cultures of Peace (UC Peace) Arts festival. More can be found at the YA [website](#).

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

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