

CALL FOR YOUTH RAPPORTEURS

World Urban Youth Assembly and World Urban Forum 2010

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

March 19-20, and 22-26, 2010

Deadline for Applications: February 21, 2010

SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS...

UN-HABITAT is looking for young people aged 15–32, from all over the world, to help capture the youth perspective on issues of urbanization at the upcoming World Urban Youth Assembly and World Urban Forum in Brazil.

You must be highly literate in English, with outstanding writing skills and the capacity to absorb, analyze and organize large quantities of information from diverse perspectives, and to prepare coherent and informative reports. You must be actively engaged in youth-led development activities focused on sustainable urbanization, and have a commitment to being an active part of crafting solutions to the many challenges posed by urbanization, especially those impacting youth.



If you meet the above criteria, please apply, according to the instructions below, to be a Youth Rapporteur at the World Urban Youth Assembly and World Urban Forum taking place March 19–26, 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

This *voluntary* position offers young people a chance to gain insight and experience in the exciting area of international development, and it requires a mature, committed, well-organized and focused young person who can work under intense pressure in a multicultural and fast-paced environment.

What Does a Youth Rapporteur Do?

- Youth Rapporteurs are tasked with reporting on dialogue sessions and other events taking place at the World Urban Youth Assembly (March 19 and 20) and the World Urban Forum (March 22-26)
- The Rapporteurs will work as a team to cover all sessions, as assigned by their team leader and using the guidelines provided by UN-HABITAT, to capture the youth perspective on the information being shared and disseminated at these events

Why is this important?

- The reports prepared by Youth Rapporteurs on sessions at the Youth Assembly and Forum will be used by researchers, leaders from the private sector, policy experts, government representatives, community representatives, non-governmental organizations, program coordinators and youth
- The inclusion of Youth Rapporteurs dedicated to this task is one of the ways that UN-HABITAT is encouraging meaningful, active engagement of youth at the Assembly and Forum, and represents a unique opportunity for direct youth participation in activities that help shape policy at an international level

What will UN-HABITAT do with the reports?

- The Rapporteurs' reports will be compiled and included in a formal report on the Youth Assembly and World Urban Forum from the youth perspective, which will be made available widely within the UN system and to partner organizations across the world.
- The report will be included in the UN-HABITAT Governing Council in 2011
- The Rapporteurs' reports will help inform the overall Youth Statement that is prepared and presented at the World Urban Forum

Youth Rapporteur Profile:

- Between 15 – 32 yrs
- Highly literate in English
- Excellent writing skills
- Able to analyze, summarize and coherently report on diverse perspectives
- Exceptional organizational and interpersonal skills
- Able to work under pressure and meet tight timelines
- A community leader in his/her home city
- Engaged in youth-led development related to sustainable urbanization
- Strong belief in the importance of youth involvement in issues of urbanization
- Previous experience at international conferences is an asset

Responsibilities:

- Dedicate time (approximately 5 hours per week) prior to the conference to preparation and training for the role
- Collaborate with the UN-HABITAT point person organizing the Youth Rapporteur Program to develop a comprehensive plan for coverage of all youth related events, roundtables, plenary and dialogue sessions at the Youth Assembly and World Urban Forum
- Work full days and after hours as needed at the conference to provide in-depth coverage of assigned conference sessions
- Meet assigned deadlines for training assignments prior to the conference, and reporting deadlines at the conference
- Synthesize daily reporting for distribution to media, inclusion in the conference newsletter, and for posting on UN-HABITAT's website
- Produce a final summary report on the final day of the conference, and additional follow up reports as assigned within the weeks following the conference

**If this sounds like a role you want to undertake, please apply following the instructions below!
We look forward to hearing from you!**

How to Apply:

Prepare your responses to the following four (4) questions, respecting the word limits indicated for each question.

Your responses will be judged on coherence and organization of thought, relevance of content, and accuracy (including spelling and formatting).

Your answers must be typewritten and in MS Word (.doc or .docx) or PDF format, and emailed to the contact person indicated below no later than February 10, 2010.

Short Essay Questions:

1. What is your motivation for applying to be a Youth Rapporteur for UN-HABITAT at the Fifth Session of the World Urban Forum? (max. 150 words)
2. What specific experience and skills do you have that makes you well qualified for this role? (Do not simply copy your CV here; your answer must give concrete examples that are relevant to the requirements of this role.) (max. 200 words)
3. The theme of this year's World Urban Forum is "Right to the City: Bridging the Urban Divide". What does this mean to you? Why is it relevant to youth specifically? What are some of the challenges faced by youth in today's cities? What are some possible solutions to these challenges and why would they be effective if adopted? (max. 750 words)
4. What are some of the strategies you will use to ensure that you will successfully manage the role and responsibilities of being a Youth Rapporteur? (max. 150 words)

Please send your answers, along with your up to date Curriculum Vitae, which should clearly show how your skills and experience match those needed, to wuyarapp@unhabitat.org by **10 February 2010**.

If selected, you will be expected to source funding to cover your travel to and accommodation at the Youth Assembly and Forum. You will also be required to dedicate time to prepare prior to the conference, estimated to be five hours per week beginning mid-February 2010. You will need to remain in regular contact with the UN-HABITAT World Urban Youth Assembly planning committee through a designated point person.

**Please note that the deadline for submissions is 10 February 2010.
NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.
Selected applicants will be notified no later than 20 February 2010.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!