



UN HABITAT FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

Provisional Programme

YOUTH 21

Building for Change Stakeholder meeting, 15 -16 March

DAY 1	THURSDAY, 15 MARCH	LOCATION
0800 - 0930	Registration	UN Pavillion
0930 - 1030	Welcome: Anantha Krishnan, UN-HABITAT Musical performance by: Emmanuel Jal, South Sudanese musician and former child soldier and member of Network of Young People Against War	Conference Room 1
1030 -1115	Opening Remarks Moderators: Joao Scarpelini, Change Mob Philomena Modu, UN-Habitat Youth Advisory Board Opening Speakers: • Ban Ki Moon, United Nations Secretary General (Special Video Message) • Dr. Sahle-Work Zewde - Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) • Arvinn Eikeland Gadgil - Junior Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Norway • Aeneas C. Chuma - UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya	
1115 - 1130	Sitawa Namwalie, Young Kenyan Poet.	
1130 - 1200	 Dr Paul Otuoma - Minister of Youth and Sport , Kenya Severine Macedo - National Secretary for Youth Affairs, Brazil Younes El Jaouhari - Director of Youth, Childhood and Women Affairs, Moroccan Ministry of Youth and Sport, Morocco Dr. Joan Clos - Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme 	
1200 - 1215	Eko Dydda - Youth Performer, Kenya	
1200 - 1300	Lunch Break	
	Press Conference	Press Room

1315 - 1330	Plenary 1 - Youth Engagement and Global Governance	Conference Room 1
	Chris Varney, Youth Advocate, Australia	
	Rana Gaber, Egyptian Youth Federation, Egypt	
1330 - 1430	Panel 1: Youth 21 – What we have learned? / Where we are going?	
	Discussion on the Youth 21 Report: This session will bring out key highlights from the Youth 21 initiative's recommendation on the appointment of a Special Advisor on Youth. Representatives from youth-led organizations who have worked closely with Youth 21 will address the issue of better engaging youth in the UN system. This session will be a precursor for the parallel working groups.	
	Introduction to the Youth 21 Report: Ravi Karkara, UN-HABITAT	
	Introduction to the E-Consultation, Key findings on the Secretary General Advisor on Youth: Joao Scarpelini, Change Mob, Moderator of the Global E-consultation on Youth 21	
	Roundtable Presenters:	
	Hanne Marte Furset , Norwegian Youth Council (LNU)	
	 Falko Mohrs, Board Member of the European Youth Forum part of the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organization (ICMYO) 	
	Anaelle Planckaer, CIVICUS	
	Moderator: Ravi Karkara, UN-Habitat	
1430 - 1445	Introduction to the Secretary General's Advisor on Youth	
	Nicola Shepherd, United Nations Focal Point on Youth	
1445 - 1615	Parallel Sessions	New Office Facility
	Joao Scarpelini , Change Mob	
	Dividing participants into parallel sessions to discuss and strengthen	
	youth engagement in the proposal for the mandate and action plan for Office of the Secretary General's Special Advisor on Youth.	
1615 - 1730	Report Back from Parallel Discussions – in a Market Space	Conference Room
1730 - 1800	Wrap-up: Challenges and Perspectives	
	Doug Ragan, UN-HABITAT	
	Dana Abikeyeva, Youth Organization, Kazakhstan	
1800	Reception	Fountain Area
	ng group will be constituted to develop the Youth Statement. Interest	To be confirmed
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DAY 2	FRIDAY, 16 MARCH		LOCATION
0900- 0930	Opening Keynote:		Conference Room 4
	Strengthening Young Woman's Participation in Governance – Caroline Barebwoha, Young Ugandan Advocate.		
	Strengthening Youth Particip Fraser-Moleketi, UNDP Der Practice Director		
0930 - 0950	Panel Address: Key Findings Forum on Youth		
	• Joao Scarpelini , Change E-consultation on Youth 21		
0950 - 1100 1100 - 1130	Panel 2: Lessons from the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII) This panel will discuss the benefits and challenges of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The goal of the panel will be to better understanding how a mechanism such as the Forum could be used for youth. The panel will also explore other mechanisms for strengthening youth engagement in the UN system at national, regional and global levels. • Arturo Requesens, Secretariat of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues • Jocelyn Hung Cien, Chair, UN Indigenous Youth Caucus • Kanyinke Sena, UN Indigenous Panel • Ikal Angelei, Programme Coordinator, Friends of Lake Turkana, • Joao Scarpelini, Change Mob • Liam O'Doherty, TakinglTGlobal Moderator: Ravi Karkara, UN-HABITAT		
1130 - 1300	Parallel Sessions Breaking of participants into parallel sessions to discuss and develop a proposal for the UN Permanent Forum on Youth Issues or other innovative ideas.		New Office Facility
1300 - 1400	Lunch		
1400 - 1530	1. Drafting Session – Youth 21 Nairobi Statement Representatives from the parallel sessions finalize the Nairobi Statement	 2. Workshops A series of small workshops will be offered on a range of topics, participants will self-select the workshops based on their interest. 1. Global Land Tool Network Workshop 2. Continuing the Revolution – Local Governance 3. My City Works 4. Panel on Youth and Social Media 5. Youth Employment 6. Rio +20 and Youth Briefing 7. I am a City Changer 	Conference Room 4

1600 - 1630	Presentation of the Draft Statement from the meeting on youth engagement in the UN	To be confirmed
1630 - 1730	 Closing Speakers: Global Cooperation and Opportunities for Strengthening Youth Engagement in the UN System Rajkumar Bidla, Commonwealth Secretriat Simon Kokoyo Sirako, Mathare, Kenya Kiara Worth, South Africa Gabriela Mora, Mexico Dr. Khalil Sakhri, Algeria Viraj Milinda Rajapaksha, Sri Lanka John Samuels, UNDP Moderator: Anantha Krishnan, UN-HABITAT 	Conference Room 4





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Global Youth Leadership Forum on Inclusive Governance, 17-18 March

DAY 3	SATURDAY, 17 MARCH	LOCATION
0900 1015	 Welcome and Opening Remarks Aeneas Chuma, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, United Nations (Kenya) Susan Kariuki, Youth Agenda (Kenya) H.E, Raila Odinga, Prime Minister of Kenya (Kenya) Rebeca Grynspan, UN Under-Secretary General and Associate Administrator, UNDP Keynote Address By H.E. Thabo Mbeki, former President of South Africa 	Conference Room 4
1015-1030	Coffee/Tea Break	
1030 - 1145	 Opening Plenary: Setting the Vision and Perspective on Global Youth Issues. Moderator: Vimlendu Jha, Young Leader and Founder, Swechha - We for Change Foundation (India) Panelists: Rebeca Grynspan, Associate Administrator, UNDP Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN-Habitat Ivana Savic Rio + 20 Organising partner of the UNCSD major group on children and youth (Serbia) H.E, Miguel Angel Carreon Sanchez, Director of the National Institute of Youth (Mexico) Plenary Discussion 	Conference Room 4
1145 - 1315	Thematic Plenary 1: Unlocking the Youth Potential This session will address the concept of leadership which can be exercised in both formal and informal roles. While young people are still not adequately represented in leadership positions in the conventional sense, there are myriad other ways for the youth to demonstrate leadership and exert greater influence over decisions that impact their lives and others around them. Active citizenship and participation of many more young people in the social, economic, and political development at community, national, and international level will continue to be the key to transformative changes in democratic governance and sustainable development.	

	H.E, President Paul Kagame , Rwanda Special video message	Conference Room 4
	Moderator: Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, UNDP Democratic Governance Practice Director	
1145 - 1315	 Panelists: Dr. Paul Otuoma, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports (Kenya) Anna Luehrmann, former (youngest) MP, Green Party (Germany) 	
	 Christian Kamga, Central Africa Focal Point of the African Youth Panel (Cameroon) Ejaj Ahmad, Founder and President, Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (Bangladesh) Manuela D'Avila, MP Communist Party, Porto Alegre 	
1315 - 1430	(Brazil) Lunch with President Mbeki , all UN Heads of Agencies and o Kenya	other VIP's hosted by UNDP
1500 - 1630	Interactive Roundtable with Youth: Beyond Rhetoric Making Youth Participation a Reality (50 pax).	To be confirmed
	The youth question is often discussed as a challenge, with very little practical reflection on historical experiences and future possibilities that are rooted in a clear understanding of the global geo-economic and geo-political context. This roundtable proposes to explore the potential of youth-led solutions that are context-sensitive and sustainable. Following on the morning framing sessions and HE Mbeki's keynote address, there will be an interactive global media discussion moderated by an experienced media expert.	
	 H.E Thabo Mbeki, Former President of South Africa Rebeca Grynspan, Associate Administrator UNDP 	
	Addisalem Gebrekidan, a social justice activist engaged in the Communication Platform 'Speak Africa' (Ethiopia)	
	engaged in the Communication Platform 'Speak Africa'	

Parallel Sessions 1: Youth Participation and Inclusion Across the Globe –Regional and Country Case Studies

a) Inclusion of Marginalised Youth in Economic, Social and Political Processes

Focusing on the discrimination and identification of marginalized youth is of vital importance in today's world. Youth today are exposed to a number of challenges, marginalized youth, such as youth with disabilities, youth living with HIV/AIDS, minorities or indigenous youth experience an additional layer of these challenges. Being excluded, marginalized youth lack access to economic, social and political spheres and opportunities to engage and participate at different levels of society. In order to close this gap, and safeguard the inclusion of marginalized youth in economic, social and political processes, both governments and society need to increase the level of awareness and knowledge about the situation of marginalized youth and their contributions to society. This can be done by integrating human rights principles in the process and standards of policy content. The session will identify actions that can be catalytic and critical in advancing certain agendas and processes with particular focus on inclusion of marginalized youth and integration of rights based approaches to in development policies and interventions.

Moderator: Jocelyn Hung Chien, Chair Indigenous Youth Caucus

1430 - 1600

Panelists:

- Nada Rawash, Co-founder "Enlighten Team"/ Member of Youth Advisory Board of Social Contract Center, Egypt Youth Leadership and Marginalised Urban Youth (Egypt)
- James Aniyaamuzaala, African Youth with Disabilities Network (Uganda)
- **Dana Abikeyeva**, Kazakhstan Youth (Kazakhstan)
- Ikal Angelei, Friends of Lake Turkana (Kenya)
- b) Youth, Social Media and Technology for Democracy and Development

Young people are early and eager adopters of emerging technologies such as social media which provide access to new and innovative communication channels and allow real time dissemination of information and knowledge across the globe. During the 'Arab Spring', a large number of young people participating in the protests took not only to the streets, but also made extensive use of the new platforms to express their aspirations for change and get their voices heard locally, nationally and internationally. Social media and mobile phones have allowed the youth to become part and parcel of the public sphere, organizing themselves in open and effective networks to become catalysts for change. Innovations in technology and the uptake in social media have enabled "digital" participation which has the great potential of including many who before had no real chance of being part of democratic governance processes and economic development opportunities that had direct impact on their lives -including youth and women.

To be confirmed

Moderator: Sesan Gbenga, Executive Director of Paradigm Initiative Nigeria/Nigeria's first Information Technology Youth Ambassador/Member of the UN Committee of eLeaders on Youth and ICT (Nigeria)

To be confirmed

Panelists:

- **Daudi Were**, Project Director Africa, Ushaidi (Kenya)
- Addisalem Gebrekidan, a social justice activist engaged in the Communication Platform 'Speak Africa' (Ethiopia)
- Liam O'Doherty, Community Partnerships Manager, Taking IT Global (Canada)
- Noha Tarek , Youth Development Specialist, UNV Egypt
- **ADOBE** (UN-Habitat)
- C) Young Women, Leadership & Democratic Governance: Opportunities and Challenges

Women and girls account for sixty percent (60%) of the world's poorest and two-thirds of the world's illiterate people. They also lag far behind men in access to land, credit and decent jobs. These factors adversely affect the representation of women in governance and the public administration systems at all levels. There are multiple socio-economic, environmental and political barriers to women's leadership and participation. These require robust, innovative and evidence-based policy solutions as well as political will to implement. A growing body of research shows that enhancing women's economic options boosts national economies and reduces poverty. Inclusive macroeconomic policies are critical to ensure gender equality. This session will aim at discussing how to increase young women's voice and participation in decision-making at all levels. It will pay attention to the differentiated and common capacity development needs of young women from different communities, backgrounds and contexts. It will also specifically address the double discrimination young women face in public life, the market and in the civil service due to their age and gender? Finally, the session will reflect on the role of schools, universities, faith institutions and the media play in championing the empowerment of young women.

Moderator: FEMNET African Women's Development and Communications Network

1430 - 1600

Panelists:

- Anudani Ayush, Young Women for Change (Mongolia)
- Razafimanantosa Deleau, UNDP Madagascar (Madagascar)
- Galiano Rocio Del Pilar, DGTTF Coordinator Paraguay (Paraguay)
- Grace Ruvimbo, Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition (Zimbabwe)
- Natko Geres, Status M (Young Men Initiative Against Gender Violence) (Croatia)

1600 - 1615	Coffee Break/Tea Break	
1615 - 1800	Intergenerational Dialogue on Africa, Youth Socio-Economic and Political Participation	To be confirmed
	Format; TV style debate, nobody gives speech, moderator provides questions to the participants.	
	AU has declared 2010-2020 the decade for African youth. African Heads of States have adopted an African Youth Charter and a plan of action for the decade. All African governments have laws and policies on youth empowerment and participation. This session seeks to take stock on progress and relevance of programmes to global youth work.	
	Moderators/Anchors: Brian Kagoro + Lady journalist	
	Panelist:	
	Alfred Sighudla, President Southern Africa Youth Movement (South Africa)	
	Nigerian Minister of Youth	
	Daniel Adugna, Youth Division of the African Union Commission (AUC) (Ethiopia)	
	Rahel Waldeab, Pan African Youth Union (PYU) (Eritrea)	
	Adeola Oyinlade, UN Young Ambassador for Peace/ Lawyer/President of Know Your Constitution Initiative (Nigeria)	
	Rana Gaber, Egyptian Youth Federation (Egypt)	
	Wrap Up	

DAY 4	SUNDAY, 18 MARCH	LOCATION
0900 - 1100	Thematic Plenary 2: Youth Leadership in Sustainable Development (Rio + 20).	To be confirmed
	This session will examine and share experiences on the role of youth in shaping the global agenda on SHD, youth and inclusive growth, providing a perspective and experience of women, youth and marginalized groups in ensuring effective (economic) growth without compromising on environmental sustainability. It will start with how SHD processes can provide spaces for participation, and would be followed by concrete regional and country perspectives from the panelists in the run up to the Rio +20	
	Moderator: Nichola Sheppard, UNDESA	
	Panelists:	
	 Jessica Obeid, Youth Minister of Municipal Affairs, Lebanese Youth Shadow Government (Lebanon) Azmi Sirajuddin; REDD+ Monitoring Coalition (Indonesia) 	
	Su Kahumbu-Stephaneou, Green Dreams Ltd (Kenya)	
	• Simuzar Balaoghlanova , Education Manager, International Dialogue for Environmental Action (IDEA) (Azerbaijan)	
	Discussant: Kiara Worth (South Africa)	
1100 - 1115	Coffee/Tea Break	
1115 - 1300	Parallel Sessions 2:	To be confirmed
	a) Youth Leadership in Political Transitions and Peace- building	
	Moderator: Vivian Lopez, UNICEF MENA Adviser	
	Panelists:	
	Guiled Yusuf Idaan, Somaliland National Youth Umbrella (Somalia)	
	Stefan Manevski, President, Center for Intercultural Dialogue (Macedonia)	
	Rabi Aryal, Nepal Youth Movement (Nepal)	
	 Lea Ndombasi Biamungu, Coordinator of 'Jeunesse Avertie', a Youth Development NGO (Democratic Republic of Congo) 	
	• Ida Ituze-Lawyer, Lawyer involved in Post- Genocide Cases/YWCA (Rwanda)	

b) Youth Advocacy and Leadership towards greater Public Accountability and Transparency

To be confirmed

An important part of the democratic process is the understanding and the ability to exercise the right for citizens to demand greater accountability and transparency on the delivery of and quality of public services, including education, health, housing, sanitation, among others. As young people constitute a significant (and sometimes the majority) of the population in many developing countries, they are an important constituency (actual or potential voters) that political leaders and policy makers are increasingly paying greater attention to. With greater access to information than ever before in the public domain, youth, whether they are individual citizens, MPs, student leaders, journalists or civil society representatives, are holding public officials to account. This could include either monitoring progress on the achievement of a municipal action plan or demanding an inquiry for alleged cases of corruption which almost always hurts the poorest and most vulnerable.

Moderator: Irungu Houghton, Pan Africa Policy Director Oxfam

1115 - 1300

Panelists:

- Thigo Philip, Huduma (Kenya)
- Philip Don Recentes, Government Watch (G-Watch) Youth Leader, Project Officer, Ataneo School of Government (Philippines)
- Hon. Gerald Karuhanga, MP/Member of Parliamentary Committees on Finance, Planning and Economic Development and the Public Accounts Committee/ Chairs the African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption-Uganda chapter (Uganda)
- Yasmin Khodary, Social Contract Centre (Egypt)
- Koroi Jaque, Pacific Youth Council (Fiji)
- c. Youth Leadership In Post 2015 Global Agenda

Moderator: Charles Abugre, Deputy Director of UNMC **Panelists:**

- Anaella Planckhart Global Campaign against Poverty (South Africa)
- Alphonse Nkurananga, Rwanda or Kiama Kaara-UNMC (Rwanda)
- Eduard Mihalas, National Youth Council (Moldova)

1300 1415

Lunch

Thematic Plenary 3: Youth leadership in Entrepreneurship, Employment and Community Development

The prolonged global economic crisis has put the spotlight on youth unemployment rates which continue to rise as governments and the private sector struggle to generate jobs. With as much as one in three unemployed persons today between the ages of 15-24, there is a real danger of a 'lost generation' and exclusion of youth from basic livelihood opportunities that can (and has) led to social unrest in rural and urban centers around the world. While governments will need to do more to enact and implement policies to generate employment for youth, many young people have applied their ingenuity to start-up their own businesses and social ventures as youth entrepreneurs. Increasingly, young people are also volunteering their time and skills not only to assist their local communities and those less fortunate, but also to build social networks, develop confidence and relevant experience which would enhance their career opportunities.

Moderator: Ghulam Isaczai, Chief , Development Division, UNV

Panelists:

- Hon. Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya -Minister of Planning, National Development and Vision 2030 (Kenya)
- Faty Kane, Youth trade activist, PEACE (Senegal)
- Diana Mpysi Founder and Director of Blue Oceans/ Founding Curator for the Global Shapers Community for Kigali (Rwanda)
- Jonah Wittkamper, Nexus Youth Wealth Holders Network (USA)
- **Bakhodir Ganiev**, Chairman, Youth Civic Movement Kamolot (Uzbekistan)

Discussant: Yasmine Kazadi, Sukuma Afrika (South Africa)

1600 - 1615

Coffee/Tea Break

1615 -1715

Official Closing Ceremony & Presentation of the Nairobi Statement

Moderator: **Anantha Krishnan**, Senior Advisor - Youth Empowerment, UN-Habitat

- UN-Habitat, Director of the Regional Office for Africa & Arab States
- Geraldine Fraser-Moeleketi, Director DGG
- Maria-Threase Keating, CD UNDP Kenya

To be confirmed

Conference Room 1