
The United Nations Programme on Youth



Defining youth:



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- Youth, according to UN definition, are people between 15 and 24 years of age.
- However, each region might have their own specific definition of youth.

Youth in numbers:



Young people between the ages of 15-24 represent approximately 18% of the global population, nearly 1.2 billion people.



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Youth in numbers:



**87% of youth live in
developing
countries**

**62% of youth live in
Asia**

**17% of youth live in
Africa**



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Why youth?



As members of societies, youth deserve full access to:

- **Education**
- **Adequate healthcare**
- **Employment**
- **Financial services**
- **Participation in public life**

Recognition of their unique perspectives and contributions must be taken into account in order for youth to fully realize their potential and for governments to fulfill human rights obligations and democratic principles.

Why Invest in Youth?



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Investing in youth:

- Will yield long-standing returns for national and global development.
- Is an investment in human capital.
- Will prevent many future problems such as school drop-outs, juvenile delinquency, and etc.

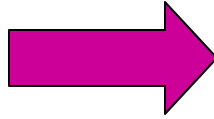
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⇒ We are here to assist youth, Member States, and the international community in their efforts to empower young people

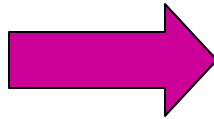


Who are we?



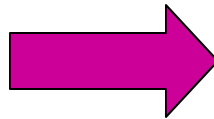
The United Nations Programme on Youth is the only part of the United Nations Secretariat with the explicit mandate to address youth issues.

What do we do?



- Advocacy
- Promoting national youth policies
- Strengthening youth participation

How do we do it?



- World Programme of Action for Youth
- Analytical reports & publications
- Informing international policy processes
- Outreach (Facebook and Twitter)
- Youth delegates
- Inter-agency Coordination

Youth Delegates:



Become a Youth Delegate to the United Nations!

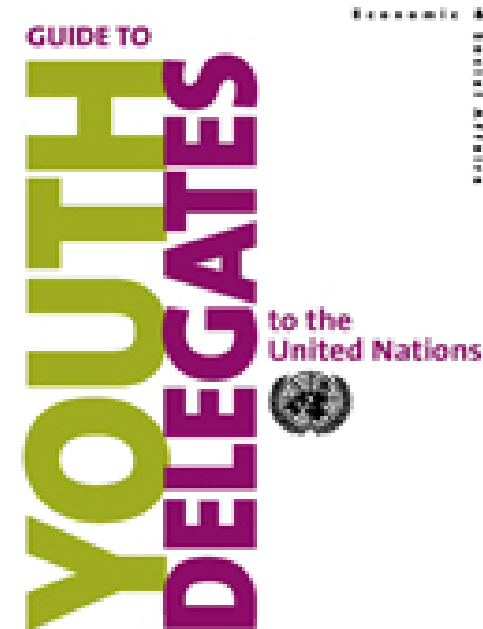


Youth Delegates:



- ❑ Youth delegates are part of a country's official delegation and are appointed by the national Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- ❑ In many countries, youth delegates are initially selected by key national youth organizations or a National Youth Council and are then confirmed by the government ministry responsible for youth issues.

For more information, please visit:
www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin/documents/delegate-guide.pdf.



Involving Youth:



Youth are not merely passive beneficiaries but effective agents of change who often lead by example and employ innovative solutions to complex problems.

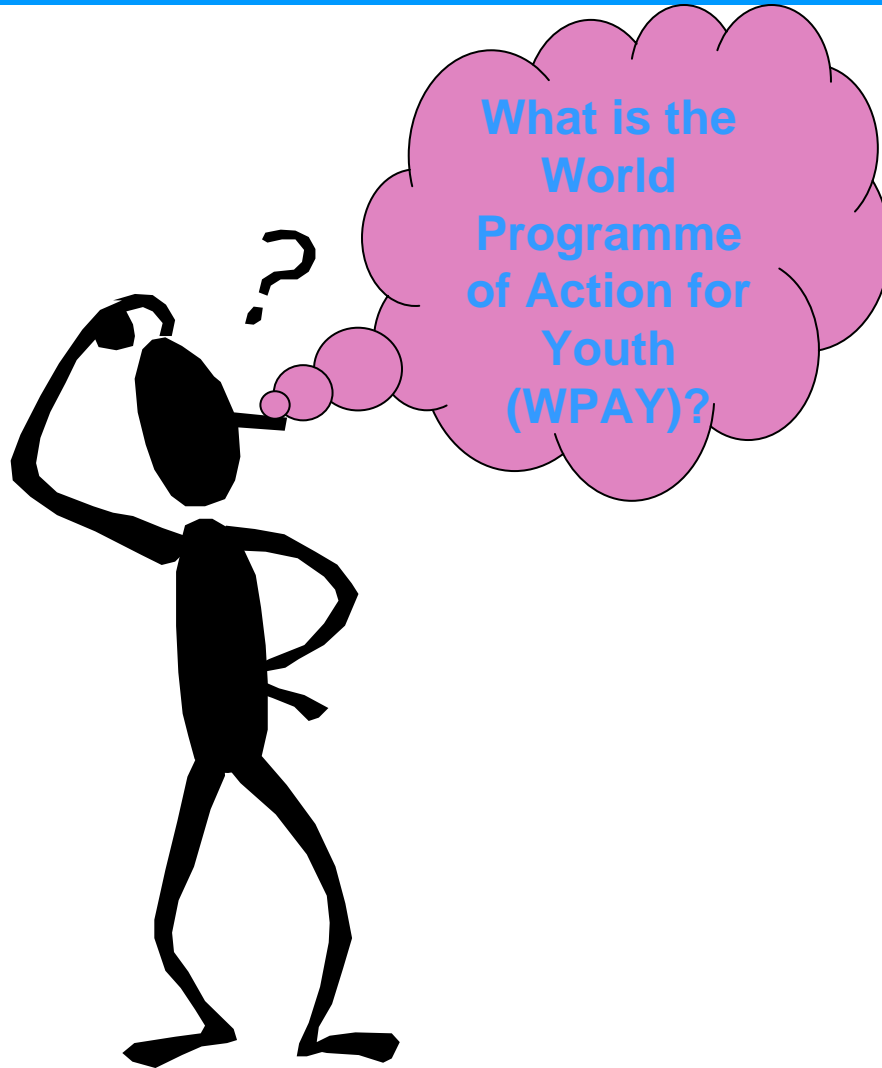
**Creativity, dedication,
enthusiasm, compassion,
energy, technological savvy,
resourceful, capable...**



Participation of young people is vital in implementing
the international development agenda including the
World Programme of Action for Youth
and the
Millennium Development Goals.



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- Commitment by the international community to promote youth development and address challenges in a **holistic** manner
- Guide for the development of national youth policies
- Adopted in 1995

World Programme of Action for Youth



WPAY recognizes 15 priority areas:

- ❖ Education
- ❖ Employment
- ❖ Hunger and Poverty
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Environment
- ❖ Drug and Substance Abuse
- ❖ Juvenile Justice
- ❖ Leisure
- ❖ Girls and Young Women
- ❖ Participation
- ❖ Globalization
- ❖ HIV/AIDS
- ❖ Armed Conflict
- ❖ ICT
- ❖ Intergenerational Issues



➤ A fact sheet on each of these areas can be found on our website: <http://social.un.org/youthyear/links.html>

UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development:



The United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development works to increase the effectiveness of the UN's work in youth development by:

Strengthening collaboration and exchange among all UN entities working on youth.

UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development:



Publications:



- ❖ World Youth Reports
- ❖ World Programme of Action for Youth
- ❖ Youth Participation in Development
- ❖ Guide to Youth Delegates to the United Nations
- ❖ Growing Together: Youth and the Work of the United Nations
- ❖ Activities Kit
- ❖ Youth Flash



- For more publications please visit our website at:
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Recent News:



- In an effort to harness the energy, imagination and initiative of the world's youth in overcoming the challenges facing humankind, from enhancing peace to boosting economic development, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed an International Year of Youth 12 August 2010 – 11 August 2011 in its resolution 64/134 (December 2009).

- The resolution calls upon
 - ❑ Governments,
 - ❑ UN system,
 - ❑ Civil society,
 - ❑ Individuals and communities

- worldwide to support activities at local and international levels to mark the occasion.

For more information and how you can participate visit:
<http://social.un.org/youthyear>



INTERNATIONAL
**YEAR OF
YOUTH**
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Where to go next?



Once you have started your initiatives, please let us know about the outcomes.

Also feel free to contact us if you need guidance and information throughout your journey.

E-mail: youth@un.org

Good Luck!



Video
