



Dialogue and Mutual Understanding

**Global Launch of the International Year of Youth
United Nations General Assembly Hall
12 August 2010, 10 am – 1 pm**

Introduction by the moderator, Chris Bashinelli

Executive Director, Bridge the Gap TV

Musical Performance

The Bonde

Welcoming remarks by H.E. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Public Service Announcement on the International Year of Youth

Statement by Ms. Maya Saoud

Youth Representative

Dance Performance

Move for Autism

Statement by H.E. Samir Laabidi

Minister of Youth, Sport and Physical Education of the Republic of Tunisia

Slide show: *Shoot Nations – a global youth photography project*

Members of Plan International's Youth Advisory Group

Statement by H.E. Modeste Kérékou (tbc)

Minister of Youth, Sports and Leisure of Benin

Video: *Youth Zones – Voices from Emergencies*

Introduction by Wissam Samhat

Statement by H.E. Jean-François Régis Zinsou,

Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations

Video: *Abrindo Espaços/Making Room*

Progressive Performance Poetry

The UN system's commitment to Youth

- Delivering on the UN system's commitments through the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development: Remarks by **Sha Zukang**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- Joint statement of Heads of UN entities participating in the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development to be delivered by **Thoraya Obaid**, Executive Director of UNFPA

Video: *Diversity Makes the World Colourful*

Launch of the ILO Report "Global Employment Trends for Youth" by Jane Stewart

Special Representative and Director, ILO Office to the United Nations

Video: *Youth in Action*

Remarks by Monique Coleman

American actress, singer and dancer

Closing statement by the moderator

