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-Francis 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