

How Youth Drive Change

7th UNESCO YOUTH FORUM

of the 36th session of the UNESCO General Conference

17-20 October 2011

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Venue: 125 Avenue de Suffren – 75007 Paris, France

Monday 17 October 2011: pre-day for Youth Delegates

The programme of the 7th UNESCO Youth Forum begins with a capacity-building pre-day focusing on leadership and communication skills for the youth delegates. The workshops will be organized by UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador and Academy Award Winner, Forest Whitaker (morning sessions) and by the International Youth Foundation (afternoon session). The pre-day will also include a briefing session for the youth delegates and the election of the Youth Forum Drafting Committee.

8:00 am-9:00am:	<i>Registration of participants</i>	125 Avenue de Suffren
9:00am-1:00pm:	Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation workshop Workshop aiming at strengthening communication skills for conflict resolution and reconciliation, organized by Forest Whitaker, Academy Award Winner and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador	Room XI
1:00pm-2:30pm	<i>Lunch break and networking</i>	Salle des Pas Perdus and Foyer
2:30pm-4:30pm:	Youth leadership– International Youth Foundation Workshop aiming at building leadership skills based on the methodology and curriculum of the YouthActionNet programme of the International Youth Foundation	Room XI
4:30pm-5:30pm:	Setting the stage: briefing session for youth delegates The briefing session will provide an opportunity to introduce the Youth Delegates to the format of the Forum and to elect one youth delegate per region to participate in the Drafting Committee of the Youth Forum and of two youth delegates to present the report of the Youth Forum to the UNESCO General Conference	Room XI
6:00pm-7:30pm:	Youth Drafting Committee The five youth delegates elected by their peers to participate in the Youth Forum Drafting Committee will hold their first meeting. Two representatives of the Joint Programmatic Commission on Youth of the UNESCO-NGO Liaison Committee will attend as observers	Room VIII
7:30pm-9:30pm:	Musical performance, sponsored by Peace Child International Young actors and dancers perform live at UNESCO on the theme of sustainability!	Room I

Tuesday 18 October 2011: launch of the 7th UNESCO Youth Forum

8:00 am-
9:00am:

Registration of participants

125 Avenue
de Suffren

9:00am-
10:00am:

Plenary session 1: Opening the debate - Drive the change!

Official opening ceremony of the 7th UNESCO Youth Forum

Room I

- Video message by Paulo Coelho , exchanging with youth on how to drive change

Speakers:

- Young keynote speaker to be identified
- Mr Andrés Villena, young economist, columnist, blogger and activist of the 15M movement in Spain

Official Opening of the 7th UNESCO Youth Forum:

- Ms Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General
- Mr Davidson L. Hepburn, President of UNESCO General Conference

10:00am-
11:00am:

Plenary session 2: The path to the 7th UNESCO Youth Forum

The session will provide an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the youth delegates of the previous Forum in 2009 and to report on follow-up action. Five youth delegates, selected by UNESCO based on their actions following the 6th UNESCO Youth Forum, will present their achievements since 2009, in follow-up on the recommendations of the Youth Forum, in their respective regions.

Room I

“How the UNESCO Youth Forum has helped me drive change”

Keynote intervention by Mr Miguel Angel Carreón Sánchez, Director General of the Mexican Youth Institute / Instituto Mexicano de la Juventud (IMJUVE) and youth delegate of the 4th UNESCO Youth Forum in 2005

Reporting on follow-up action of the 6th UNESCO Youth Forum:

- Ms Xing Chiu, 6th UNESCO Youth Forum delegate, Canada
- Mr Edwin Haluoleo Agus Mokodompit, 6th UNESCO Youth Forum delegate, Indonesia
- Mr Ibrahim Mothana, 6th UNESCO Youth Forum delegate, Yemen
- Ms Sylvia Namukasa, 6th UNESCO Youth Forum delegate, Uganda
- Mr Carlos Andres Cisneros Pazmino, 6th UNESCO Youth Forum delegate, Ecuador

11:00am-
12:00pm:

Plenary session 3: The “legacy” of the International Year of Youth and the results of the High Level Meeting on Youth

Hundreds of youth initiatives across the world and major youth movements have built momentum during the *International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding*. This session will take stock of these initiatives and acknowledge the youth contributions, as well as link to the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures. The session will also provide an opportunity to present and discuss the results of the UN High Level Meeting on Youth (New York, 25-26 July 2011).

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- Ms Monique Coleman, UN Champion for Youth
- Co-Chairs of the Interagency Network on Youth development during the International Year of Youth:
 - United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
 - International Labor Organization (ILO)
 - United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

12:00pm-
2:30pm:

Youth Expo and Networking

Salle des
Pas Perdus
and Foyer

12:30pm – 1:00pm	<p>Launching the Youth Expo – a space for networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Representative of the UNESCO Joint Programmatic Commission on Youth
1:00pm- 1:30pm:	<p>Launch: UNESCO – International Youth Foundation partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General ➤ Mr William Reese, President and CEO, International Youth Foundation
1:30pm– 2:00pm	<p>Launch of the online Hub by Forest Whitaker, Academy Award Winner and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador</p>

12:30pm-
2:30pm:

In parallel - Transformational Leadership workshop, led by Forest Whitaker’s team (*private session for 30 youth participants active on conflict resolution and reconciliation*)

Room tbc

2:30pm-
5:30pm:

Plenary session 4: How Youth Drive Change, Main thematic Plenary

Room I

- Keynote speech by Mr Forest Whitaker, Academy Award Winner and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador

Citizens in action: youth in political and public life

- Ms Felogene Anumo, 24, young activist promoting women’s civic engagement in Kenya
- Professor Gunter Faltn, Free University of Berlin

Countering youth exclusion, vulnerability and violence

- Mr Mousa Mosawy, 18, Young man with disability organising emergency support by civil society organisations during the war in Iraq
- Mr César Lopez, Musician and advocate on non-violence, Colombia

Breaking through employment barriers

- Ms Akanksha Gulia, 22, young entrepreneur in India
- Ms Reeta Roy, CEO Mastercard Foundation

5:30pm-
7:00pm:

Meeting of the Youth Forum Drafting Committee

Room VIII

6:00pm-
7:00pm:

Presentation of the toolkit on youth engagement in National Commissions

Room tbc

- Representatives of the National Commission of Canada to UNESCO

7:30pm-
9:30pm:

Reception hosted by Mr Nizan Guanaes, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador and President of Grupo ABC

7th floor

Wednesday 19 October: how youth drive change

9:00am-12:00pm: **Session 5: Thematic Parallel Debates**
 These sessions will look transversally into the themes of the 7th UNESCO Youth Forum, by focusing on specific topical issues of concern to youth and identified in consultation with them. These sessions will identify specific recommendations for innovative action which will be considered by the Drafting Committee of the Youth Forum.

Multiple Rooms

How Youth Drive Change?

1. *Education, Social Transformation and Sustainable Development* (led by the Education Sector)
2. *Towards green societies; engaging the youth to create local solutions for a sustainable future* (led by the Natural Sciences Sector)
3. *Culture of peace, conflict resolution and violence prevention* (led by the Social and Human Sciences Sector and the Bureau of Strategic Planning)
4. *Culture for Diversity, Dialogue and Development* (led by the Culture Sector)
5. *Changing the world through the internet: opportunities and challenges* (led by the Communication and Information Sector –title tbc)
6. *Youth-led social innovation in Africa* (led by the Social and Human Sciences Sector and the Africa Department)

9:00am-1:00pm: **In parallel - Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Workshop**, led by Forest Whitaker's team (*private session for 30 youth participants active on conflict resolution and reconciliation – runs in parallel to the thematic parallel sessions*)

Room tbc

12:30pm-2:30pm: **Youth Expo and Networking**

Salle des Pas Perdus and Foyer

1:00pm-1:45pm: (tbc)	Launch: UNESCO – Peace and Sport, L'Organisation pour la Paix par le Sport partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General ➤ Mr Joel Bouzou, President and Founder of Peace and Sport, L' Organisation pour la Paix par le Sport
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12:30pm-2:30pm: **In parallel - Transformational Leadership workshop**, led by Forest Whitaker's team (*private session for 30 youth participants active on conflict resolution and reconciliation*)

Room tbc

1:00pm onwards **In parallel - The Youth Forum Drafting Committee develops the draft Report to the General Conference**

Room VIII

2:00pm-5:30pm: **Session 6: Café discussions - Networking at the Youth Expo**
 Young participants will have the opportunity to network, engage in interactive activities and participate in café discussions organized by key partners

Salle des pas perdus

2pm-3.30pm	Youth development through sports (GiZ)	International Year of Volunteers +10 (UNV) -tbc
4pm-5.30pm	Online Hub (by Forest Whitaker)	How the UN works (UNITAR) - tbc

<p>2:00pm-6:00pm:</p>	<p><i>In parallel - Conflict Resolution Workshop</i> , led by Forest Whitaker’s team (private session for 30 youth delegates active on conflict resolution and reconciliation – runs in parallel to the Youth Expo and the café discussions)</p>	<p>Room tbc</p>
<p>6:00pm-8:30pm:</p>	<p>Cultural event sponsored by Goi Peace Foundation Kenji Williams, young social entrepreneurs and the winners of the 2010 International Essay Contest take the stage for a “<i>Bella Gaia</i>” performance around peace and sustainability!</p>	<p>Room I</p>

Thursday 20 October: setting the youth agenda after the International Year of Youth

The last day of the Youth Forum will be devoted to the adoption of the Final Report to be presented at the 36th UNESCO General Conference by the youth delegates and to discussing the way forward with key partners, youth organizations and UN agencies.

<p>8:00am-10:00pm:</p>	<p>Session 7: Meetings of Regional Groups Youth delegates will be divided into 5 regional groups to discuss the draft Youth Forum Report before debating it in Plenary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Youth Regional Group for Africa ➤ Youth Regional Group for Arab States ➤ Youth Regional Group for Asia and Pacific ➤ Youth Regional Group for Europe and North America ➤ Youth Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean 	<p>Multiple rooms</p>		
<p>10:00pm-1:00pm:</p>	<p>Plenary session 8: Adoption of the Youth Forum’s Report The youth delegates will discuss and adopt the final Report of the Youth Forum which will include succinct recommendations that will be submitted to the 36th session of the UNESCO General Conference</p>	<p>Room I</p>		
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<p>2:30pm-4:00pm:</p>	<p>Plenary session 9: Towards a new agenda for youth The session will discuss the emerging youth agenda following the International Year of Youth and the High Level Meeting in New York. It will bring together the youth delegates, representatives of UN System entities, key IGOs and NGOs, public and private sector foundations, youth activists and social entrepreneurs to discuss ways to strengthen collaborative action to address the emerging youth development agenda.</p>	<p>Room I</p>		
<p>4:00pm-5:00pm:</p>	<p>Plenary session 10: The Youth Delegates exchange with the UNESCO Director-General Q&A session where ten youth journalists and bloggers will interview Ms Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General, with key questions identified by the youth delegates.</p>	<p>Room I</p>		

**5:00pm-
5:30pm:**

Plenary session 11: Official Closing of the 7th UNESCO Youth Forum

The two elected youth delegates will present the Report of the Youth Forum to the Director-General and the President of the UNESCO General Conference.

- Elected youth delegates (1 young woman and 1 young man)
- Ms Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General
- Mr Davidson L. Hepburn, President of UNESCO General Conference

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**5:00pm-
5:30pm:**

Photo session

Room I

**6:00pm-
6:30pm:**

Peace flag and peace pole ceremony organized by the Goi Peace Foundation
The Goi Peace Foundation presents a Peace Pole to Ms Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General.

Patio