



## **COMING SOON:**

### **MULTISTAKEHOLDER MEETING: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN “ENGAGING YOUTH AS AGENTS OF CHANGE”**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Melaka, Malaysia**

The **Multi-stakeholder Meeting: Violence Against Women “Engaging Youth As Agents Of Change”** is organised by the World Youth Foundation (*“an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations”*). The **Multi-stakeholder Meeting** is tentatively scheduled to be held from **13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Melaka, Malaysia**. The meeting is a platform to bring young people together to learn, share, create awareness and mobilize them for action against violence against women. Further Information on the Multi-stakeholder Meeting including will be made available in our February 2014 e-newsletter.

### **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON YOUTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE September 2014, Melaka, Malaysia**

The **International Workshop on Youth and Climate Change 2014** is a follow-up to the **“Youth Be Aware” Workshop 2012: Health and Environment** and is tentatively scheduled to be held in September **2014 at Melaka, Malaysia**. This International Workshop will examine evidence of climate change, its natural and human causes, its ecosystemic impacts and its human impacts. Further information on the International Workshop including the Application Form, Provisional Programme, Payment and FAQ will be available on WYF’s website at <http://www.wyf.org.my> from **15<sup>th</sup> March 2014**.

## **MY WORLD**

World Youth Foundation (WYF) has joined force with the UN and became a committed partner for MY WORLD. It is an options survey which MY WORLD asks individuals which six of sixteen possible issues you think would make the most difference to your lives. We seek your support to disseminate this campaign widely to get millions of people to VOTE.

**Click Here to Vote:** <http://www.myworld2015.org/?partner=wrlthyth>

## **WORLD YOUTH FOUNDATION SIGNS THE ACADEMIC SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE AND COLLABORATIVE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS (AUSN), SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

**World Youth Foundation is honored to be given the privilege to join forces with the Academic Scholarly Exchange and has signed a Collaborative Articulation Agreement with American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN), which is based with in Scottsdale, Arizona.**

The joint collaboration will among others:

- Encourage exchanges and visits among both the organizations:
- Exchange information and educational materials
- Organize joint educational activities
- Promote the joint development of educational programs The Agreement is an evidences of both parties desire to mutually promote cooperation and scholarly advancements in the fields of youth issues in emerging sectors, joint programs and end youth exchange, intern and volunteer partnerships, education, academic research, bioethics, disaster prevention and mitigation and climate change.

## **SPECIAL ENVOYS ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced the appointment of two Special Envoys on Climate Change. The Special Envoys are John Kufuor, former President of Ghana, and Jens Stoltenberg, former Prime Minister of Norway. To read more: <http://www.un.org/climatechange/blog/2013/12/23/secretary-general-appoints-special-envoys-on-climate-change-to-engage-global-leaders-ahead-of-2014-climate-summit/>

## **UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT JOHN ASHE ON CLIMATE CHANGE: THE NEED TO ACT FAST AND COLLECTIVELY**

The sitting president of the 68th United Nations General Assembly John Ashe, a trained bioengineer from the Caribbean islands Antigua and Barbuda, has for a long time dedicated his energy and expertise to the causes of climate change and sustainability. For more info, please visit: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lia-petridis/ungeneralassembly-preside\\_b\\_4640779.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lia-petridis/ungeneralassembly-preside_b_4640779.html)

## **EARTH DAY 2014 IS GREEN CITIES**

Today, more than half of the world's population lives in cities. As the urban population grows and the effects of climate change worsen, our cities have to evolve. It's time for us to invest in efficiency and renewable energy, rebuild our cities and towns, and begin to solve the climate crisis. That's what the [Green Cities](#) campaign is all about. Over the next two years Earth Day Network will mobilize a global movement to accelerate the transition to green cities. With your support, we will push government officials to improve energy efficiency, advance renewable energy, and implement green building practices. [Visit the Green Cities website](#) to learn more about the campaign and find other ways to participate.

## **GLOBAL EMPLOYMENT TRENDS 2014**

Employment growth remains weak and unemployment continues to rise, especially among young people, according to a new [International Labour Organization](#) report just released today. The number of unemployed worldwide rose by 5 million in 2013 to almost 202 million -- a 6% unemployment rate. For more information, please visit: <http://www.ilo.org/global/research/global-reports/global-employment-trends/lang--en/index.htm>

## **A GUIDEBOOK FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**

Tourism is a major activity with characteristics that make it particularly valuable as an agent for development. Developing countries however face a particular fragility in their natural, economic, social and human environments which could jeopardize the sector's dynamism and beneficiary qualities.

The Guidebook "Sustainable Tourism for Development" has been carried out by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) with the financing of the European Commission Directorate-General Development and Cooperation. It takes a comprehensive approach to tourism, covering a wide range of topics relating to its planning, development, management and impact. By working through the whole document, users can identify priorities for intervention across a spectrum of issues. The Guidebook is available online in English and in French: <http://icr.unwto.org/en/content/guidebook-sustainable-tourism-development>

## **A NEW WEB PORTAL ON GENDER, YOUTH AND MIGRATION**

UNESCO announced the launch of an online knowledge platform on Gender, Youth and Migration (GYM), as a sub-community of practice of the Gender Community of UN Solution Exchange. The GYM initiative hopes to bridge the gap and link researchers, practitioners and decision makers working on gender, youth and migration in India.

The GYM webpage provides access to over 200 resources on internal migration, gender and youth, at policy, research and case-studies level. To visit the Gender, Youth and Migration's New Web Portal: <http://www.solutionexchange-un-gen-gym.net/>

## **LOOKING AHEAD AT KEY EVENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN 2014**

As 2013 came full circle, DESA News got an exclusive interview with the department's Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Wu Hongbo, who shared some of the past year's gains as well as some highlights for an eventful and action-packed new 2014. "We will discharge our mandates [...] and do whatever we can to make our work a success next year," said Mr. Wu.

[Read More](#)

## **THE WORLD TELEVISION AWARDS 2014 - CALL FOR ENTRIES**

The deadline for the programme submission is **15 March 2014**. Criteria and Entry Form are available on AIBD website: [www.aibd.org.my/worldtv](http://www.aibd.org.my/worldtv). The World TV Awards are open to broadcasters in Asia-Pacific, Europe, Africa, and North & South America from public, private

sector and freelance producers. Winners will be presented with their Awards during the Asia Media Summit 2014 to be held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 6-8 May 2014, a global gathering of broadcasters. *The World TV Awards are supported by Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK), Radio TV Malaysia (RTM) and The Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU).*

## **11 – 21 FEB 2014: 52<sup>nd</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The session will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York; under the priority theme is “Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all”. This year will be devoted to the policy segment of the cycle. (<http://undesadspd.org/CommissionforSocialDevelopment/Sessions/2014.aspx>)

## **EVENTS**

### **EIGHTH MEETING OF THE OPEN WORKING GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (OWG 8)**

3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> February 2014

New York, United States

Website: <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1549>

### **6<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES**

6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014

University of Malta, Malta

Website: [www.wces.info](http://www.wces.info)

### **52<sup>nd</sup> SESSION, COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

*"Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all"*

11<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014

UN Headquarters in New York, USA

Website: <http://undesadspd.org/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD52Session/WrittenStatement.s.aspx> / <http://social.un.org> / <http://www.unsdsn.org>

Email: [ngo@un.org](mailto:ngo@un.org)

### **GENDER, WATER AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2014**

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014

East London, South Africa

Website: <http://water-l.iisd.org/events/gender-water-and-development-conference-2014/>

### **SIXTH MEETING OF THE GREEN CLIMATE FUND BOARD**

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014

Indonesia

Website: <http://gcfund.net/home.html>

## **FIRST GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON UN PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION ON GREEN ECONOMY**

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Website: <http://www.unep.org/newscentre/Default.aspx?DocumentID=2755&ArticleID=9676&l=en>

## **THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS, ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA (COSA 2014)**

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Hiroshima, Japan

Website: <http://www.presdafoundation.org/sustainable-business-conference/proposals>

Email: [cosa.secretariat@presdafoundation.org](mailto:cosa.secretariat@presdafoundation.org)

## **THE ROLE OF WOMEN, THE YOUNG AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014

New York, United States

Website: [http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/68/pdf/letters/12052013Post-2015\\_Development\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/68/pdf/letters/12052013Post-2015_Development_Agenda.pdf)

## **CONGO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014

New York, United States

Website: <http://www.ngocongo.org/9-what-we-do/81-congo-general-assembly-2014>

## **UN COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT, 47<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014

New York, United States

Website: <http://sids-l.iisd.org/events/47th-session-of-the-commission-on-population-and-development/>

## **3<sup>rd</sup> WORLD CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT (BEM-2014)**

9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Sapienza University, Faculty of Economics, Rome, Italy

Website: [www.wc-bem.org](http://www.wc-bem.org)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (CENVISU-2014)**

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Sapienza University, Faculty of Economics, Rome – Italy

Website: [www.cenvisu.org](http://www.cenvisu.org)

## **4<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONFERENCE ON INNOVATION AND COMPUTER SCIENCES (INSODE-2014)**

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Sapienza University, Faculty of Economics, Rome, Italy

Website: [www.insode.org](http://www.insode.org)

## **GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2014**

*“Celebrating Philanthropy in Emerging Economies”*

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Washington, D. C, USA

Website: [www.globaldonorsforum.org / gdf@thewcmp.org](http://www.globaldonorsforum.org / gdf@thewcmp.org)

## **WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY+10: HIGH-LEVEL EVENT**

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt

Website: [www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/](http://www.itu.int/wsis/implementation/2014/forum/)

## **DIABETES SUMMIT 2014**

23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Boston, USA

Website: <http://www.gtcbio.com/newsletter/diabetes14I-w.htm>

## **WORLD YOUTH CONFERENCE 2014**

Sri Lanka

May 2014

Website: <http://www.worldyouthconference2014.org/>

## **5<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONFERENCE ON PSYCHOLOGY, COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE**

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Website: [www.wcpcg.org](http://www.wcpcg.org)

## **3<sup>rd</sup> WORLD CONFERENCE ON DESIGN, ARTS AND EDUCATION**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Website: [www.artsedu.org](http://www.artsedu.org)

## **4<sup>th</sup> GLOBAL CONFERENCE: LIVING RESPONSIBLY**

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Lisbon, Portugal

Website: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/ethics-everyday-life/call-for-papers/>

**2<sup>nd</sup> GLOBAL CONFERENCE: TEENAGERS AND CONTEMPORARY VISUAL CULTURE**

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Lisbon, Portugal

Website: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/ethos/skins/call-for-papers/>

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN STRATEGIC CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014

London, UK

Website: <http://parliamentarystudies.org.uk/O8S-1ZPNH-66KFTF-TO07D-1/c.aspx>

**GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Stockholm, Sweden

Website: <https://www.gfmd.org/en/gfmd-2012/key-2013-2014-activities>

**ACSEE2014 - THE FOURTH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Osaka, Japan

Email: [acsee@iafor.org](mailto:acsee@iafor.org)

Website: <http://acsee.iafor.org> / [www.iafor.org](http://www.iafor.org)

**RHYTHMS OF ONE WORLD 2014 INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL**

Geneva, Switzerland

24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Website: [www.faf.org](http://www.faf.org)

Email: [friendlyam@faf.org](mailto:friendlyam@faf.org)

**UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY**

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Nairobi, Kenya

Website: <http://climate-1.iisd.org/events/un-environmental-assembly-of-unep/>

**SUBSTANTIVE SESSION OF UN ECOSOC**

1<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Geneva, Switzerland

Website: <http://post2015.iisd.org/events/2013-substantive-session-of-ecosoc/>

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2014: GREEN TECHNOLOGY, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Bangkok, Thailand

Website: <http://www.sdconference.org>

Email: [contact@tomorrowpeople.org](mailto:contact@tomorrowpeople.org)

**4<sup>th</sup> GLOBAL CONFERENCE: CHILDHOOD**

Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Website: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/childhood/call-for-papers/>

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2014**

Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Website: [www.ontariointernational.org](http://www.ontariointernational.org)

Email: [oida@ontariointernational.org](mailto:oida@ontariointernational.org)

**7<sup>th</sup> KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (KMICe)**

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Langkawi Island, Malaysia

Website: <http://www.kmice.uum.edu.my>

Email: [kmice@uum.edu.my](mailto:kmice@uum.edu.my)

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WATER, INFORMATICS, SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT**

26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Gatineau - Ottawa, Canada

Website: <http://www.iwiseconference.com>

Email: [iwsie@sciencetarget.com](mailto:iwsie@sciencetarget.com)

**THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES, SIDS**

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Apia, Samoa

Website: <http://www.sids2014.org/index.php?menu=1498>

**UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON ICPD BEYOND 2014**

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014

New York, United States

Website: <http://icpdbeyond2014.org/key-events/view/15-icpd-beyond-2014-review-timeline>



## **2014 CLIMATE SUMMIT, ORGANIZED BY UN SECRETARY-GENERAL**

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014

New York, United States

Website: <http://climate-1.iisd.org/events/2014-climate-summit/>

## **18<sup>th</sup> ORGANIC WORLD CONGRESS**

13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Istanbul, Turkey

Website: [http://ifoam.us4.list-](http://ifoam.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=75bdf144a46c1e451eecde10&id=7759e33d50&e=87796b5e65)

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## **INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION, PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE**

20<sup>th</sup> October – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Busan, Korea

Website: <http://www.itu.int/en/plenipotentiary/2014/Pages/default.aspx>

## **WORLD CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, ORGANIZED BY UNESCO**

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Aichi-Nagoya, Japan

Website: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/education/events/calendar-of-events/education-global-conferences/>

## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT+20**

Website: <http://icpdbeyond2014.org/>

## **INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY+20**

Website: <http://www.family2014.org/home.php>

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