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UPDATE: THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE "YOUTH ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE"

Updated information on the International Workshop On climate Change can now be found [here](#).

A short video clip summarizing the four days at #IWCC2015 can be found at our YouTube channel [here](#).



We would like to say again, on behalf of the International Workshop Committee, how much we appreciate all of the co-organizers, sponsors, supporting agencies, speakers, participants, volunteers, workshop staffs, who contributed their efforts to us during the International Workshop preparation.

MY WORLD GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION



**MY WORLD.
THE UNITED NATIONS
GLOBAL SURVEY
FOR A BETTER 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. Together we can make it happen! The more we can engage, the more votes we drive, the more people around the world will participate in shaping the future of development.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.

To Vote Click: <http://www.myworld2015.org/?partner=wrlldyth>

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2015



2015
YOUTH CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT

The theme of International Youth Day 2015 is "Youth Civic Engagement." The engagement and participation of youth is essential to achieve sustainable human development. Yet

often the opportunities for youth to engage politically, economically and socially are low or non-existent. The International Youth Day 2015 campaign aims at promoting civic engagement and participation of youth in politics and public life, so that young people can be empowered and bring a full contribution to society, development and peace. **You can be part of these efforts!** More info at [here](#).

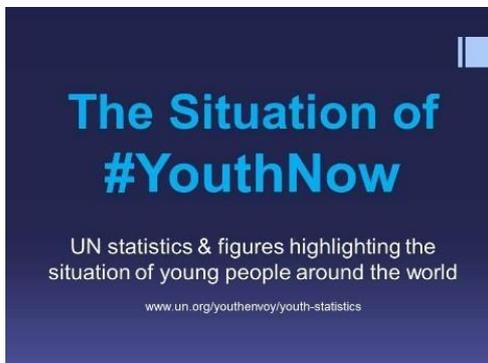
YOUTH ENVOY CALLS FOR EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUTH TO COUNTER VIOLENT EXTREMISM



The UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, Ahmad Alhendawi, spoke at the International Conference on "Youth and the Internet: Fighting Radicalization and Extremism," held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France. In his remarks, the UN Youth Envoy stressed that "today's young people live with the growing threat of violence and armed conflict," noting that 40 percent of those living in fragile and conflict-affected states globally are youth. Attended by more than 250 officials,

experts, academics, youth activists, civil society leaders and media representatives from all parts of the world, the conference served as a launch of UNESCO's new integrated Framework of Action - Empowering Youth to Build Peace. Read more [here](#).

THE SITUATION OF #YOUTHNOW



Statistics and figures highlighting the situation of young people around the world. The Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth presents this overview highlighting the situation of young people around the world. This overview is the result of the information and statistics gathered to inform the discussion about the situation of young people during the campaign #YouthNow. The infographics in this section were produced for the #YouthNow campaign as part of the commemoration of the 20th Anniversary World Programme of Action for Youth which was launched by the United

Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The campaign was coordinated by the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth and the UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs, and with the support of the Office of the President of the UN General Assembly.

More information at <http://www.un.org/youthenvoy/youth-statistics>

6th SESSION OF THE POST-2015 INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS



The 6th Session of the Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiations continued consideration of the zero draft of the outcome document. On the preamble and declaration, there was emerging consensus that the declaration should be short and accessible and highlight the transformative nature of the agenda. Issues discussed included the need to reference the positive aspects of migration for sustainable development in both countries of origin and recipient countries, how to develop a

common understanding of the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR), and whether people and states under foreign occupation should be mentioned.

More information at <http://www.iisd.ca/post2015/in6/23jun.html>

LANDMARK DUTCH RULING: CUT EMISSIONS TO PROTECT CITIZENS



A Dutch court ordered the government Wednesday to slash greenhouse gas emissions to help fight [global warming](#), a landmark ruling in a case brought by hundreds of concerned citizens that could pave the way for similar legal battles around the world. Climate activists in a packed courtroom in The Hague erupted into cheers as Presiding Judge Hans Hofhuis told Dutch authorities to cut the country's greenhouse gas emissions by at least 25 percent by 2020 from benchmark 1990 levels. The country currently is on

track for a 17-percent reduction and it is not clear how it can achieve the further cut.

Read more [here](#).

SURGEON GENERAL CALLS CLIMATE CHANGE A 'SERIOUS, IMMEDIATE AND GLOBAL THREAT TO HUMAN HEALTH'



Surgeon General Vivek Murthy said Tuesday that climate change presents a "serious, immediate and global threat to human health," calling the danger a "sobering truth." Murthy spoke before a [gathering of health leaders](#) that the White House hosted as part of a [week of events](#) intended to promote the Obama

administration's actions to address climate change. Read more [here](#).

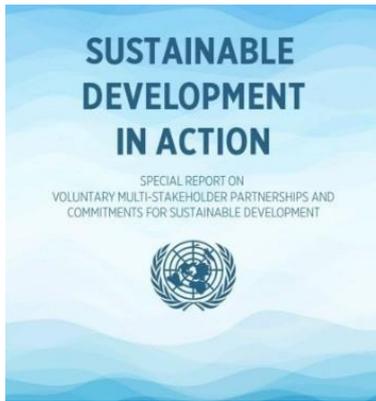
UNITED NATIONS DECIDE TO DEVELOP A HIGH SEAS BIODIVERSITY AGREEMENT



The United Nations General Assembly formally decided to develop a High Seas Biodiversity Agreement, endorsing [the breakthrough outcome](#) of the UN biodiversity working group meeting in January. Starting next year in March, countries will begin wrestling out the content of this new High Seas Treaty. A lot of heavy debate and controversy is expected. There are countries that realize that bold measures are needed to save the oceans and others who will do what they can to stall and

weaken the outcome. More info [here](#).

RIO+20 UN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



The 2015 SD in Action Report on progress of multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments in realizing sustainable development. This year's edition reviews a numbers of action networks and multi-stakeholder partnerships with a particular focus on how knowledge and expertise is aggregated, managed and ultimately shared, in order to identify trends and challenges in this area, and to inform and prepare all stakeholders and partners as the world transitions into the post-2015 development era.

Read and download [here](#).

WHAT ARE THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS?



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), to be agreed in September and come into effect on 1 January 2016, will guide international development and cooperation for the next 15 years. According to the draft [released this month](#), they will be aspirational goals, intended to provide a reference for setting national priorities, in rich and poor countries alike. But what are the 17 proposed goals?

Read more [here](#).

WE MUST PROTECT WOMEN AND GIRLS DURING CRISES



Recent news stories and reports testify to a horrifying reality for women and girls caught in crisis situations. From rape to child marriage to sexual slavery, women and girls in conflict face severe threats and violations of their human rights that most of us cannot begin to imagine. While it is good news that some of the women and girls abducted by Boko Haram were recently rescued, they face trauma, stigma and health concerns. As we provide services to

them, we cannot forget countless others in many countries who face an ongoing nightmare of fear and violence. An estimated 4 million Syrian women and girls of childbearing age are in need of humanitarian assistance. More info [here](#).

FUTURE FORTIFIED: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO END HIDDEN HUNGER?



More than two billion people are affected by micronutrient deficiency, also known as hidden hunger, a global health challenge that impairs cognitive development, increases maternal and infant mortality and undermines efforts to combat poverty. The fortification of staple foods and condiments with vitamins and minerals is often cited by experts as among the most effective and least expensive interventions to tackle hidden hunger on a large scale. Read more [here](#).



EVENTS

5th WORLD CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Website: www.worldchildrenfestival.org

UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: 3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Website: <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2014/gaab4115.doc.htm>

HUMANITARIAN INNOVATION PROJECT

Website: <http://www.oxhip.org/2014/11/hip2015-cfp>

14th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MOBILITY AND TRANSPORT FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS

Website: <http://www.transed2015.com>

CHILDHOOD: EXPLOITATION AND DANGER (THE CHILDHOOD PROJECT)

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

2015 NGO CONFERENCE "HONORING THE PAST, RECOGNIZING THE PRESENT, IMAGINING THE FUTURE"

Website: <http://www.2015ngoconference.org/reg.html>

GLOBAL FORUM ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR HEALTH 2015

Website: www.forum2015.org

GLOBAL YOUTH CONSULTATION FOR THE WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT (WHS)

Website: https://www.worldhumanitariansummit.org/whs_youth

2nd WORLD CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION

Website: <http://www.sci-math.org>

3rd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON YOUTH 2015 (ICYOUTH 2015)

Website: <http://www.icyouth2015.upm.edu.my>

10th REGIONAL CONGRESS - SEARCH FOR SEAMEO SCIENCE YOUNG SCIENTISTS

Website: <http://www.recsam.edu.my/index.php/events/ssys>

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