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**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
"YOUTH ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE"**

Date: 21st - 24th May 2015 Venue: Swiss-Garden Hotel & Residences, Melaka, Malaysia

**LATEST UPDATE!! DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:  
15th April 2015... PLEASE HURRY!!**

## **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE "YOUTH ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE" 21st - 24th May 2015, Swiss-Garden Hotel & Residences Malacca, Malaysia**

We have the pleasure to inform you that World Youth Foundation, an "NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations" is hosting the **International Workshop on Climate Change "Youth Action on Climate Change"** which will take place from **21st - 24th May 2015, Swiss-Garden Hotel & Residences Malacca, Malaysia**. This International Workshop will bring together a vast array of participants including representatives from youth organizations, institutions of higher learning, civil society organizations to come together and to raise awareness formulate joint actions and improve mechanisms and build capacities to prevent and combat Youth Action on Climate Change.

This International Workshop will seek to explore on how responsible leadership can make a difference in the lives of our future generation in the following areas:

1. **To promote awareness and empower young people** in advocating and initiating climate change adaptation and mitigation actions in their respective communities;
2. **To build the capacity of young people** in matters of environmental awareness and conservation focusing on issues related to Climate Change;
3. **Raising awareness and educating youth** through capacity building workshops.

The International Workshop will be output-oriented and will focus on collective reflection rather than on presentations of individual projects. In addition, it will help participants of the International Workshop to establish contacts, actively exchange ideas and explore how they can collaborate together after the International Workshop. Young people will be invited to multiply the results of the International Workshop after they return home. The **Provisional Tentative Programme, Application Form, FAQ, Open Call for Participation** and Payment Details can be found at the following links or at <http://cc.wyf.org.my>.

**Open Call for Participation:** <http://cc.wyf.org.my/index.php/call-for-participation>

**Provisional Tentative Programme:** <http://cc.wyf.org.my/index.php/provisional-tentative-programme>

**FAQ:** <http://cc.wyf.org.my/index.php/faq>

**Payment Details:** <http://cc.wyf.org.my/index.php/payment-details>

**Application Form:** <http://cc.wyf.org.my/index.php/application-form>

Please **read the eligibility** criteria before completing the Application Form. Kindly disseminate widely on our behalf. Thank you.

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## 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=wrlthy>

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## CLIMATE CHANGE WILL AFFECT MALAYSIA - METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR-GENERAL

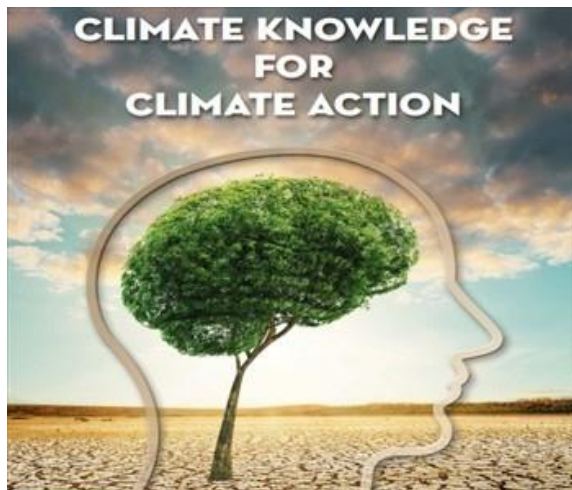


Malaysia cannot escape being hit by extreme weather such as thunderstorms, hurricanes, cyclones and strong winds due to climate change and global warming, said Meteorological Department Director-General Datuk Che Gayah Ismail. "MetMalaysia needs to make a paradigm shift to a new method based on innovation, creativity and high added value in order to remain relevant in competing at the global level," she said.

Read more [here](#).

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## "CLIMATE KNOWLEDGE FOR CLIMATE ACTION"



The world can overcome the challenge posed by climate change and create safer, more prosperous societies if it arms itself with knowledge. According to the UN human influence on the climate system is irrefutable.

For more information, visit [here](#).

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## OCEANS ARE LOSING OXYGEN-AND BECOMING MORE HOSTILE TO LIFE



Low-oxygen areas are expanding in deep waters, killing some creatures outright and changing how and where others live. It may get much worse. [Marlin](#) and [sailfish](#) are the oceans' perfect athletes. A marlin can outweigh a polar bear, leap through the air, and traverse the sea from Delaware to Madagascar. Sailfish can outrace nearly every fish in the sea. Marlin can hunt in waters a half mile down, and sailfish often head to deep waters too.

More information [here](#).

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## WHY GENDER DISASTER DATA MATTERS: 'IN SOME VILLAGES, ALL THE DEAD WERE WOMEN'



Disasters triggered by climate change are not blind to gender and age. They affect men and women, the old and the young, very differently. Sex and age are some of the most powerful indicators of how individuals will experience a disaster: who survives and who dies. Despite this, we have worryingly little data on the issue.

More information [here](#).

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## YOUTH WILL LEAD TOMORROW



Young people today are arguably more engaged in social and civic issues that affect their communities and countries than ever before. Youth Will looks at youth civic engagement, how the global development community can empower young leaders, and how young people can be encouraged to take action. Experts who work in youth civic engagement say the ways development organizations engage young people need to change. That said,

methods like setting up local youth councils and youth parliaments, and getting youth involved in scrutiny groups, yield different results in different countries, according to James Edleston, the British Youth Council's head of international.

More information [here](#).

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## WHY WE NEED YOUTH AT THE TABLE



The youth delegates who attended the event are part of the largest generation of youth in history. Their visit to the UN came at a crucial time for people and our planet. 2015 is not just another year, but one when we have the chance to set the course for a sustainable future - by agreeing on [sustainable development goals](#) and achieving a meaningful, universal [climate agreement](#).

More info: <https://agenda.weforum.org/2015/02/why-we-need-youth-at-the-table>

## JUDI'S STORY: HOW I ESCAPED CHILD MARRIAGE IN KENYA



"I came here with my stepmother when I was 15 years old", says Judi Lerumbe, now 21. "My father wanted to marry me to a much older man but I was a young girl at the time. I remember how my stepmother refused my father's wishes. We packed our belongings overnight and left to join the other women of Umoja". [Umoja is a community](#) of 48 women in the arid, wind swept plains of [Samburu County in northern Kenya](#). The word means 'unity' in Swahili. Poverty is sexist. But we can fight back with equality. We're calling on our leaders to deliver real

action that leads to real change for girls and women this year.

Read more at <http://www.one.org/us/2015/03/07/judis-story-how-i-escaped-child-marriage-in-kenya/>

## IDEAS THAT MATTER: ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE



girls in a comparison area.

The Population Council conducts path-breaking work to reduce child marriage. Through research, programs, and policy change, the Council is delaying the practice in child marriage hotspots. [America Abroad](#), an award-winning program distributed by Public Radio International, spoke with [Annabel Erulkar](#), the Population Council's Ethiopia country director, about her [innovative work](#) on the issue. In a program run by Erulkar in Ethiopia, girls 10-14 years old in the program area were 90% less likely to be married and three times more likely to be in school than

## GENDER EQUALITY VITAL FOR WORLD TO FULFILL POTENTIAL



With thousands gathered in New York for a march to commemorate International Women's Day and to demand gender equality, the Secretary-General sounded a call for global action for women. "When you hold back half of our population, we cannot realise 100 per cent of our potential," he [said](#). "We have to fully respect and use the potential of all of our women." Praising the commitment of those present for their commitment to gender equality, Mr. Ban, he said women had to be "front and centre" in the world, especially on issues like peace and development. "Progress has been too slow, uneven," he said as he recalled that it was 20 years since the Beijing Declaration and sounding a rallying cry for the ["step it up"](#) campaign to reach Planet 50:50 by

To read the full article, [please click here](#).

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## GOODBYE, MATH AND HISTORY: FINLAND WANTS TO ABANDON TEACHING SUBJECTS AT SCHOOL



Finland already has one of the best school education systems. It always ranks near the top in mathematics, reading, and science in [the prestigious PISA rankings](#) (the 2012 list, pdf) by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. [Teachers in other countries](#) flock to its schools [to learn from a country](#) that is routinely praised as just a really, really wonderful [place to live](#).

For more information, please visit [here](#).

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## DEPRESSION AND EATING DISORDERS "SHOULD BE PART OF GENDER DEBATE"



A young Swedish student attending a UN conference on gender equality in New York says she thinks depression and eating disorders are an important part of the discussion on women's rights.

More information [here](#).

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## WHO SUGARS GUIDELINES EXECUTIVE SUMMERY IN SIX LANGUAGES



The **EXECUTIVE SUMMERY** of the WHO Guidelines on sugars intake for adults and children is available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian.

Here is the [link](#).

You can find the press release [here](#).

Read more [here](#).

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## COMIC & CARTOON COMPETITION - GENDER EQUALITY: PICTURE IT!

**GENDER  
EQUALITY:  
PICTURE  
IT!**



UN Women together with the European Commission, the Belgian Development Cooperation, and UNRIC is organizing a Comic and Cartoon Competition on Gender Equality. Show us what comes to your mind when you reflect on women's rights and empowerment and on the relationship between women and men. Get familiar with the Beijing Conference and its outcome document, the Beijing Declaration and

its Platform for Action. Seek inspiration for your drawings in the 12 Critical Areas of Concern of the Beijing Platform! The Competition is open to comic and cartoon artists and art students, from 18 to 28 years old, who are residents of an EU member state. Please note that your comic or cartoon must be without words.

See more at: <http://beijing20.unwomen.org/en/get-involved/comic-competition>

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR IIEP'S ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAMME IN EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT



IIEP is pleased to announce that [registration is now open](#) for the 51st session of the Advanced Training Programme (ATP) in Educational Planning and Management (2015-16), and the 3rd session of the Education Sector Planning Course (ESP) (2015-2016). IIEP's training programmes are designed to strengthen skills and competencies in education policy analysis, sector diagnosis, plan formulation and implementation, and monitoring and evaluation, as well as to develop strategic management and leadership skill in education. Further details on how to apply, along with the application form, are available on the IIEP website

([www.iiep.unesco.org](http://www.iiep.unesco.org)).

The deadline for submission of applications is **15 May 2015**.

## RIO+20 UN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



The Co-Facilitators of the post-2015 process have proposed following themes for the six interactive dialogues to be held during the September post-2015 Summit: 1) Eradicating poverty in all its dimensions and addressing inequality; 2) Tackling climate change and

achieving more sustainable lifestyles; 3) Building strong, inclusive and resilient economies; 4) Promoting peaceful societies and strong institutions; 5) A renewed global partnership and adequate means of implementation 6) Reviewing progress on SDG commitments; universality and differentiations.

Find out more: [www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015](http://www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015)

## 9th UNESCO YOUTH FORUM 2015



**The 9th UNESCO Youth Forum will take place at the end of October 2015 (dates to be confirmed).** The Forum is integral part of the 38th session of the UNESCO General Conference. As with every UNESCO Youth Forum, preparations for the 9th Forum are rooted in the follow-up to the 8th UNESCO Youth Forum, and build on participants' evaluations, as well as the youth-led action that has taken place in its wake.

More info [here](#).



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## EVENTS

### **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2015: PANEL DISCUSSION - "EMPLOYMENT: THE AUTISM ADVANTAGE"**

Website: <http://bit.ly/1CVUFPM>

### **7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE: IMPACTS AND RESPONSES**

Website: <http://on-climate.com/the-conference>

### **13th UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Website: <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/crime-congress/13-crime-congress.html>

### **7th WORLD WATER FORUM**

Website: <http://worldwaterforum7.org/en>

### **2nd SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT - HABITAT III**

Website: <http://unhabitat.org/prepcom2>

### **IAPSS WORLD CONGRESS 2015**

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

### **INTERNATIONAL Y2Y SUMMIT "THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN SOLVING GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND BRIDGING GAPS AMONG NATIONS"**

Website: <http://y2ysummit.org>

**POST-2015 INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS (MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT)**

Website: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/moiandglobalpartnership>

**UN PRESIDENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S HIGH-LEVEL THEMATIC DEBATE ON PROMOTING TOLERANCE AND RECONCILIATION**

Website: [http://bit.ly/21-22April\\_PGA\\_Tolerance-Reconciliation\\_Speaker-Apply](http://bit.ly/21-22April_PGA_Tolerance-Reconciliation_Speaker-Apply)

**INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY**

Website: <http://www.awid.org/Get-Involved/Events/Events-Around-the-World/Seminar13>

**WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM: WILPF 2015 CONFERENCE**

Website: <https://wilpfact.wordpress.com/category/wilpf-history>

**ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT 2015**

Website: <http://www.unescap.org/events/apfsd2>

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Website: <http://cc.wyf.org.my>

**WORLD OCEAN SUMMIT 2015 "BLUE ECONOMY; BLUE GROWTH"**

Website: <http://www.economistinsights.com/sustainability-resources/event/world-ocean-summit-2015>

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHEMICAL, CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (CCEE-2015)**

Website: <http://www.icbe.org/2015/06/07/61>

**25TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

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

**8TH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CRPD**

Website: <http://www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?navid=15&pid=1625>

**HUMANITY IN ACTION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

Website: <http://www.humanityinaction.org/pages/91-call-for-applications>

**THE 9TH ANNUAL POPPOV CONFERENCE ON POPULATION, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Website: <http://poppov.org/Events/2015/Ninth-Annual-PopPov-Conference.aspx>

**8th WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONGRESS (WEEC): PLANET AND PEOPLE**

Website: <http://weec2015.org>

**5th WORLD CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL**

Website: [www.worldchildrenfestival.org](http://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>

**GLOBAL FORUM ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOR HEALTH 2015**

Website: [www.forum2015.org](http://www.forum2015.org)



## 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>

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