



LAST CALL - Closing date 30th April 2016 !!
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILD MARRIAGE:
"STRENGTH IN UNITY, GIRLS ARE NOT BRIDES - A
GLOBAL YOUTH PARTNERSHIP TO END CHILD
MARRIAGE", 19th - 23rd MAY 2016, TEMASEK HOTEL,
MELAKA, MALAYSIA

Preparations for the International Conference on Child Marriage: "Strength in Unity, Girls are Not Brides - A Global Youth Partnership to End Child Marriage" are going on smoothly.

WHY ATTEND ICCM2016?

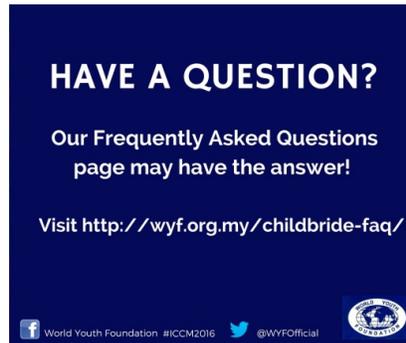
ICCM2016 is a platform for change. At the conference, young people from around the world will present tangible commitments to discuss, understand, share, find solutions and develop strategies on issues pertaining to youth and child marriage that can be implemented at country level.



Make the contacts you need. ICCM2016 provides numerous opportunities for networking at the highest level. Build lasting relationships with influential and diverse young people from the world of civil society, government, and NGOs.



During the five days, key issues relating to Child Marriage will be presented by local and foreign speakers in the form of interactive lectures, case studies, video documentaries, skills sharing workshops, utilizing multi-media and informal discussions through active participation among participants.



Do you have a question about the International Conference on Child Marriage?? Can't find the answer? Have a look at our Frequently Asked Questions page <http://wyf.org.my/childbride-faq/> which may have the answer!

TOPICS

- * Early Marriage of Young and Adolescent Girls - Causes and Impact on Children and society
- * Economics of Child Marriage - where do we go from here?
- * Culture, Religion and Tradition: affirming existing human rights agreements to strengthen the efforts to eradicate child marriage.
- * Preventing the Girl Child Using the Law to End Child and Forced Marriages and related Human Rights Violations
- * Empowering the Girl Child: Child Marriage and Education
- * Empowering young men and women as partners in achieving gender equality
- * What is the Role of Young People In the Fight of Gender Equality
- * Panel Discussion: A Global Youth Partnership to End Child Marriage by Multistakeholders / Youth / Children
- * Training on "Exploring linkages between child marriage and sexual exploitation of children" / Child marriage and Sexual Exploitation of Children: what is in common?" / How exploitation is both cause and consequence of child marriage by ECPAT International

For more information, please visit <http://wyf.org.my/provisional-tentative-programme/>

Further information is available at: <http://wyf.org.my/upcoming-events/>

22 APRIL 2016, THE WORLD COMES TOGETHER TO SIGN THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT



To keep the global spotlight on climate change and build on the strong political momentum resulting from the adoption of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has invited representatives of all countries to sign the Paris Climate Agreement at the United Nations Headquarters on 22 April 2016. In support of the Paris Agreement signing ceremony, UNEP has launched the [#Sign4Climate campaign](#). World Youth Foundation joins the rest of the world in sharing a photo with our signature [#Sign4Climate](#) [#ICCM2016](#)

THE PARIS CLIMATE DEAL AND AFRICA



Africa's development and climate change experts are confident that the historic Paris Agreement on Climate Change that was unanimously adopted last December in Paris will be a win for the continent. At the Paris summit, 195 countries agreed to cut greenhouse gas emissions and enhance adaptation in a way that will keep global temperature increase to "well below 2° C" and, more optimistically, to attempt to limit it to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Overall, the consensus is that the Paris

Agreement is a win for all. For Africa in particular, it presents a unique opportunity to create and implement strategies that use new approaches and technologies to realize the dream of an environmentally sustainable and economically flourishing continent. See more at [here](#).

UN DPI/NGO CONFERENCE E-CONSULTATION: EDUCATION FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP - ACHIEVING THE SDGS TOGETHER



The consultation process for the Action Agenda of the 66th UN DPI/NGO Conference is now open. We invite you to comment on the draft document of the Conference and share your thoughts on what you think should be included in the final version. This unique global consultation process seeks to provide a platform for civil society to contribute to the conversation on the crucial role that education plays in the implementation of the [#Agenda2030](#) and the [SDGs](#). Read more at [here](#).

YOUNG PEOPLE NEED EDUCATION TO CHALLENGE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

In Uganda and beyond, women still struggle and pay for the side effects of inequity and violence. This can take the form of sexual abuse, rape, genital mutilation, coerced early marriage, stigma and discrimination. A new study by the Population Council shows that young people in Uganda continue to hold inequitable attitudes towards gender roles and



rights. And the research reveals, perhaps surprisingly, that in some cases, young women have less equitable views about gender roles than young men. See more at [here](#).

TEACHING GIRLS THEY'RE MORE THAN 'REPRODUCTIVE AND DOMESTIC' CUTS CHILD MARRIAGE RATES



A study by Population Council in Bangladesh, called the BALIKA project, found that providing girls with educational support and training on gender rights and decision-making reduces the likelihood of child marriage by one third. "It was about girls articulating what they wanted," Amin said. "What made a difference was showing that girls are of value, that they can do something beyond the reproductive and the domestic; that they are assets, not liabilities." See more at [here](#).

THE ISSUE OF GENDER EQUALITY - WHAT CAN YOUR BUSINESS DO?



The fact that April 12th was the day when women's earnings finally caught up with men's 2015 pay makes it clear that we still have a glaring gender incongruence to overcome in our workplaces. While the ethical objective for equality is a given, the Equal Pay Day is a timely opportunity

to look at the financial gains of better equality in the workplace. Gender equality is a goal we must meet in the work environment - it creates a more vibrant, productive working culture, while also driving profitability. Read more at [here](#).

A YEAR AFTER NEPAL QUAKE, BILLIONS UNSPENT AND LITTLE REBUILT

Hundreds of thousands of people are now bracing themselves for their second monsoon season in temporary shelters. The government recently admitted it won't be able to finish - or even begin - the construction of permanent housing in many districts before the rains hit. Renu Sharma, who runs the Women's Foundation Nepal, was blunt: "This was a natural disaster, but the humanitarian disaster is far worse." The National Reconstruction Authority finally emerged from months of political squabbling as a functional body in December. It began work on 16 January, although it has only about a quarter of the staff it needs and is itself housed in a temporary building. See more at [here](#).



CAN'T REVERSE CLIMATE CHANGE? THINK "CLIMATE-NEUTRAL" INSTEAD



"I don't see how anything I do can make a difference. Climate change is one of the most terrifying events that may happen in my lifetime." Should you just give up? No! You can make a difference with every choice you take. Each climate-neutral step you take may seem small, but when 7 billion people start living sustainably, the solutions multiply faster than any one person or group of people can imagine. Read more at [here](#).

HOW MILLENNIALS WILL SAVE US FROM OUR BROKEN ECONOMIC SYSTEM



In a crisis of economic and political leadership, who should we turn to for a vision of the future, for the rebirth of our society? Turn to the young, for they shall inherit the earth. Capitalism is coming under attack. The way of the free market, with its gospel of globalization and the primacy of growth and GDP as a measure of happiness, is under siege.

From the financial crisis of 2008, via the great recession that followed, into the quantitatively eased pains of low consumption and investment, the emperor of profit stands naked, undressed by the Panama Papers. Many people have had enough. Faced with these challenges, our leaders have been called out and found wanting. If you're not convinced of the crisis of democratic governance and its ability to provide sound leadership, you need simply look at what's been happening in the US elections. Read more at [here](#).

EVENTS

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY FORUM 2016 (WSIS)

Website: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2016/>

WOMEN DELIVER 2016

Website: <http://wd2016.org/>

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Website: <http://wyf.org.my/upcoming-events/>

WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT 2016

Website: <https://www.worldhumanitariansummit.org/>

66th UN DPI/NGO CONFERENCE

Website: <http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/conference/>

THE FUTURE OF PEACE SUMMIT

Website: <https://globalpeace.splashthat.com/>

FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD 14)

Website: <http://unctad14.org/EN/Pages/Home.aspx>

SYMPOSIUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND 2016

Website: <http://www.haw-hamburg.de/en/ftz-als/veranstaltungen/sustainable-development-research2016.html>

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