



INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND - WORLD BANK ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS 2018

The IMF World Bank 2018 Annual Meeting attracted around **36,669 participants from 189 member countries**, representing various fields from private sector, banking community, government, academic institutions, civil society and 1,000 media representatives from around the world. Attendance to the IMF World Bank 2018 Annual Meeting is by invitation only.

World Youth Foundation (WYF) was represented by its COO **Ms. Varsha Ajmera** at the Annual Meeting. Ms Varsha had the opportunity to attend several sessions on poverty eradication, women and youth empowerment, famine, resurgent of East Asia, global trade, financial technology, global economic outlook, SDGs and many others. It was a great to hear up close and personal from IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde, World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Co-founder and Executive chairman of the Alibaba Group Jack Ma Yun, Melinda Gates philanthropist, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Sri Mulyani Indrawati Minister of Finance Indonesia and several head of governments she said. During her participation at the Annual Meeting she had the opportunity to interact with several senior management from IMF and World Bank, representatives of the various UN agencies and Commonwealth Secretariat, government delegations, youth groups etc.



GREEN CITIES CONFERENCE

World Youth Foundation was glad to be a part of the Green Cities Conference which was held in Melaka from 1st -3 October 2018. This conference opening was attended by H.E Darmin Nasution, IMT-GT Minister of Indonesia, H.E Dato' Seri Mohammed Azmin Ali, IMT-GT Minister of Malaysia, H.E Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, IMT-GT Minister of Thailand, H.E Adly Zahari, Chief Minister of Melaka, Hon Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community and Hon Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General, Southeast Asian Department, Asian Development Bank.

The Conference explored how the 4Ps - partnering between Public, Private, People and Professional stakeholders represents a crucial way of working in order to deliver a new green growth agenda that achieves the United Nations's (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Paris Agreement targets under COP21 and ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS) goals.



ON UN DAY, MALAYSIA SAYS UNITED NATIONS STILL BEST PLATFORM TO ADDRESS GLOBAL WOES

Malaysia strongly believes the United Nations (UN), which celebrates its 73rd anniversary today (UN Day), remains the best platform to pursue international cooperation and address problems of the global commons, based on the principles of mutual respect and international law. Foreign Ministry Deputy Secretary-General (Multilateral Affairs), Datuk Kennedy Jawan said on this day, Malaysia looked forward to working together with the wider UN members and Secretariat in carrying out its obligations, as enshrined in the UN Charter. Read more [here](#).



73rd Anniversary of the United Nations



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MALAYSIA



"A world where no one is left behind"



Wednesday, 24 October 2018
Kuala Lumpur



WORLD BANK GROUP LAUNCHES FUND TO CATALYZE HIGH-IMPACT SDG INITIATIVES



The World Bank Group has launched the Partnership Fund for the SDGs (SDG Fund), a multi-donor fund to incentivize catalytic activities for SDG implementation, as well as to equip countries with tools and best practices to achieve the Goals. Sweden is the first partner to help launch the SDG Fund, with an initial contribution of US\$7 million. Mahmoud

Mohieldin, World Bank Group, explained that the Fund was created in recognition of a funding gap for high-impact SDG strategic initiatives. He said the Fund will complement the Bank's efforts at the country level, and also focus on cross-country capacity building, quality data, knowledge generation, and multi-stakeholder partnerships. Read more [here](#).

DESA ISSUES HANDBOOK TO GUIDE PREPARATION OF 2019 VNRS



The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) has released a handbook to guide countries' preparation of voluntary reviews of SDG implementation for the 2019 session of the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). The 2019 edition of the 'Handbook for the Preparation of

Voluntary National Reviews' (VNRs) provides "basic, practical information" on steps that countries may take when preparing a review. Currently, 51 countries are planning to present a VNR in July 2019. Read more [here](#).

FROM THE FIELD: COMOROS FARMERS BATTLE CLIMATE CHANGE



A UN climate change expert panel determined in a special report that the world needs to move much faster and more dramatically, if global warming is to be contained to anything like the levels demanded by the 2015 Paris Agreement. The Comoros sits some 300 kilometres off the coast of East Africa and is amongst the most underdeveloped countries in the world. But now, a project backed by UN

Environment has been launched to plant 350,000 trees per year across the three islands of the archipelago, in the hope that reforestation will protect the environment and boost development there. Read more [here](#).

ARE YOUTH KEY LOCALIZING THE YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY AGENDA?



Across the globe, one in four youths is affected by armed conflict or organized violence. Many more are stereotyped as perpetrators and at-risk individuals. Yet, if given the opportunity, youth can be key partners in building peace. This was a key message at the side event co-hosted by UN-Habitat and the Government of Canada in early October. In what was a significant 73rd United Nations General Assembly for youth worldwide, the side event explored how to involve young people in peacebuilding on a local level. Read more [here](#).

HOW WE CAN HELP YOUNG PEOPLE BUILD A BETTER FUTURE



A massive generation of young people is about to inherit the world, and it's the duty of everyone to give them a fighting chance for their futures, says UNICEF executive director Henrietta Fore. In this forward-looking talk, she explores the crises facing them and details an ambitious new global initiative, Generation Unlimited, which aims to ensure every young person is in school, training or employed by 2030. Watch the video at [here](#).

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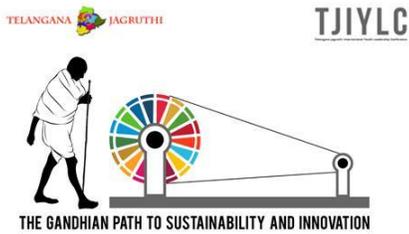


**World
Anti-Bullying
Forum**
DUBLIN
JUNE 4 - 6, 2019

World Anti-Bullying Forum will take place in Dublin, Ireland, on June 4-6th 2019. The aim of this unique international and multidisciplinary forum is to broaden our understanding of bullying and to create a stronger bridge between the disciplines, and spread knowledge to more practitioners, researchers and decision-makers around the world. The overall goal is to create even more

effective approaches to tackling bullying and allow every child and young person the right to grow up without being bullied, ostracized or discriminated against. As the initiators of the forum, we are particularly proud that it is arranged together with the National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Center at the Dublin City University as well as with the International Bullying Prevention Association. Apply at [here](#).

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TELANGANA JAGRUTHI INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - 2019



TJIYLC brings together leaders from different walks of life and serves as a point of confluence for young professionals, students, innovators, and policymakers to come together and build consensus around SDGs and other critical development agenda. Delegates acquire first-hand experience in leadership, join a lasting global leadership network and build a platform to tackle current critical issues. The TJIYLC take place on

the 18th, 19th, and 20th January, 2019 at Hyderabad. The event is hosted by Telangana Jagruthi - one of the largest NGOs in India working on skill development, youth empowerment and women leadership. Apply at [here](#).

WE WISH ALL OUR HINDU FRIENDS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS DIWALI. MAY THE LIGHT AND HAPPINESS BRING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES ABUNDANCE OF LOVE AND HAPPINESS ALL YEAR ROUND.



EVENTS

10TH INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC MARKETS CONFERENCE IN LONDON

Website: <https://www.pps.org/article/join-us-for-the-10th-international-public-markets-conference-in-london?mc-cid=fe7ef47e61&mc-eid=e694c71237>

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Website: <http://www.iylc.com/prague/>

5TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE, THE WORLD'S LARGEST CONFERENCE ON THE HEALTH, RIGHTS, AND WELLBEING OF GIRLS AND WOMEN

Website: <http://wd2019.org/>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMANITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION: GENERATING SYNERGIES BETWEEN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HUMANITIES

Website: <https://www.conftool.com/humanities-and-higher-education-2018/>

SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY CONFERENCE

Website: <http://www.blueeconomyconference.go.ke/>

WORLD FORUM ON URBAN FORESTS

Website: <http://www.fao.org/forestry/urbanforestry/en/>

REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

Website: <http://www.unece.org/sustainable-development/rfsd2019.html>

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