Youth Employment Network

Youth Consultative Group proposals to the High-Level Panel of the Youth Employment Network

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The role of the Youth Consultative Group (YCG) is two-fold:

1. at the global political level, aiming at contributing to the policy recommendations and priorities of the Youth Employment Network (YEN). In the first year of its mandate, the YCG will focus on youth employment in the framework of the 5-year review of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and of the 10-year review of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (WPAY2000).

2. at the national level, aiming at the youth contribution to the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of National Action Plans (NAPs)

The YCG has the capacity of being involved at the global, regional and national/local levels through its constituencies and partner youth NGOs, from the moment of the development of the policies at the global level until the implementation at the national/local level.

Assessment of National Action Plans

The YCG will focus on the YEN lead countries, starting with a pilot assessment on the process and the participation of youth NGOs. Indonesia will be assessed the first since it is the only country that has already developed an integral NAP. Based on the findings of the pilot assessment, the YCG will develop a model for the comprehensive involvement of youth NGOs in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of NAPs.

Elements of the assessment:

- The process leading to the development of a NAP
- The level of involvement of youth NGOs in the process
- NGOs bring in the process elements of the local perspective
- NGOs bring in the process elements of an International and neighbouring region perspective
- Advantages and disadvantages of the process
- Implementation of policy and political willingness
- Recommendations for improvement of the NAP
- Recommendations for the process to be followed by other countries, in the neighbouring region or elsewhere

Timeframe

Working until the next meeting of the HLP in July 2005 the YCG will focus on:

- October – December 2004: Strengthening the capacity of the YCG; development of internal working methodologies and distribution of tasks
- January – February 2005: Evaluation meeting in the pilot assessment country (Indonesia) with participation of about 35 participants reflecting the international, regional/neighbouring and national/local dimension
- End of March 2005: Report of the pilot assessment is prepared
- April 2005: Report is distributed to the partners in YEN
- May 2005: Model for youth participation in the process of NAP development is developed and offered to the YEN partners and national governments
- September 2005: Assessment of the usage of the model