



UNGA Youth Delegates ready

This month the National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations hosted a preparation meeting for UN Youth Delegates. The meeting was made possible with support from the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 13 Youth Delegates from 11 countries participated in the meeting and are now fully ready to give input on their delegations' work at the UNGA.



Russian Youth Delegate Debut

Russia has for the first time initiated a Youth Delegate Programme. Ms Viktoria Kharchenko is Russia's Youth Delegate this year.

National Youth Councils and other NGOs

Like most of the Youth Delegates Viktoria is nominated by the National Youth Council of her country. One exception is the Youth Delegate who travelled the longest to make it to the prep-meeting in Stockholm; Mr Ben Groom from Australia, where UNA Australia co-ordinates the programme. Also global Youth NGOs as the World Organisation of the Scouts Movement and regional Youth platforms as the European Youth Forum will attend the GA.

Developing Countries should have Youth Delegates

The Youth Delegates see it as a threat to the Youth Work of the United Nations that so few countries send Youth Delegates to UN decision making bodies.

- We encourage all the Member States to include Youth Delegates in their delegations. In particular we miss more Youth Delegates from Developing Countries, and Donor Countries should contribute to make this possible, says Jonathan Mack, one of the two German Youth Delegates.

The countries

These are the countries that include Youth Delegates in their delegations to this session of the UNGA:

Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden and Switzerland.

Do you know any other Youth Delegates?

Let us know! Please e-mail:
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Processes and Papers

These are the most important papers concerning youth at the UNGA:

- ⇒ Report by the Secretary General (A/62/61–E/2007/7)
 - as requested by the 60th session of the UNGA
 - focus on Youth in the Global Economy
 - also outlining potential indicators for the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY)
- ⇒ Supplement to the World Programme of Action for Youth
 - as requested by the 60th session of the UNGA and proposed by the 45th session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD)
 - elaborating the five additional priority areas to the WPAY as adopted at the 60th session of the UNGA
- ⇒ Addendum to the report of the Secretary General (A/62/61 Add 1.)
 - as requested by the 45th session of the CSocD
 - outlining potential goals and targets for youth and the priority areas globalization, hunger and poverty, education and employment

Priorities-07

Like the Member States the Youth Delegates have different priorities for their participation at the UNGA.

However, these common priorities were set by the Youth Delegates who met in Stockholm:

- ⇒ The supplement to the World Program of Action for Youth is needed to ensure young people their rights and youth organisations their necessary role in development
- ⇒ The goals and targets presented to the UNGA by an addendum to the Secretary General's report A/62/61 should be strengthened, particularly when it comes to the gender equality perspective
- ⇒ Youth must be recognized as important contributors to the Global Economy and given access to microcredit

Youth in the Global Economy

- the Side Event you should not miss this year

October 8, 2007
1315 - 1430 hrs
Conference Room 9,
UNHQ

Invitations and program to follow



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