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Welcome



Patrick Sciaratta
Co-founder and Project Director
Youth Assembly at the United Nations
Executive Director, FAF

... from the 2013 Youth Assembly
Project Director, Staff, and YA Interns

WELCOME AND CONGRAULATIONS: AHMAD ALHENDAWI

To my dear friend and 'brother in arms,' working toward a greater voice for youth at the United Nations itself, we are pleased to welcome and congratulate **Ahmad Alhendawi** on his new role as *YOUR* daily voice at the United Nations.

Ahmad has already made his mark in the name of all youth, throughout the world. He has placed critical importance on marginalized youth, the post-2015 agenda, and an action plan to assure that youth have a place at the UN, every day. *Mr. Maher Nasser, Chief, Outreach Division at UN Department of Public Information stated:*

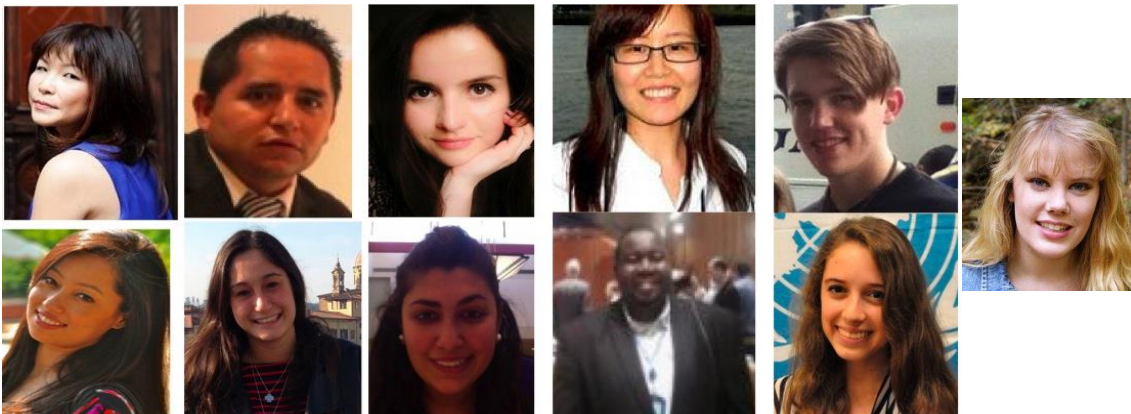
"The Secretary-General has recently appointed his first-ever Envoy on Youth. Ahmad Alhendawi, from Jordan, will work to address the needs of youth. Mr. Alhendawi is the youngest envoy ever to be appointed by UN Secretary General. Despite his young age, he brings a wealth of experience to his position. It is worth noting," Mr. Nasser concluded, " that Ahmad started participating in the Youth Assembly in 2007, then came back to the YA as a representative of Save the Children, and later still as a representative of the League of Arab States: leading a group of young men and women who were active in the Arab Spring."

Ahmad himself sent this message to the Youth Assembly at the UN in January 2013:

"What could be a better message of hope and inspiration than the fact that young people are acknowledged by the UN as full partners in designing, implementing, and evaluating the policies and programmes affecting their lives. I was once sitting in the same setting as you, not sure if I could really influence policies. The Secretary-General and the UN send a clear message with my appointment that all youth can contribute and nothing for youth should be done without youth involvement."

Now it is up to each of you, to utilize this encouragement and take up the call for the greater youth voice here and abroad that you all know you deserve. Congrats, Ahmad; congratulations, *all*. Now, lets get to work!

*With many thanks to our talented professional and intern youth staff.
When you see them, please thank them for making this YA a powerful event:*





FAF/YA STAFF AND INTERNS 2013 - From left to right from the top: Yin-Chu Jou, Victor Izquierdo, Ana Maria Lebeda, and Yanyu Li. Interns: Thomas Pearse, Grace McCarty, Jolly Amatya, Clara de Frutos, Mariam Boutros, Chukwuma Menakaya, and Aliana Michals

Program

Check for Daily Program Updates Online between August 7 - 9

12th Youth Assembly at the United Nations

Represent! On the Road to Actions

UN General Assembly Hall, NYC, USA
Twitter: @YouthAssembly #YouthUN

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

UN General Assembly (UNGA) Hall, Enter at Visitors Entrance on 1st Avenue at East 47th Street

Networking and Hollaback* Room

** In Urban Parlance: "Get Back To Me" or "Please Respond"*

An Open Space for Quiet Networking and Small Group Presentations

Open Wednesday from 9:30am-4:30pm and Friday from 11am-4:30pm

Second Floor North Lawn Building (NLB Room to be Assigned)

Social Issue Oriented Art on Display: **TakingITGlobal's ADOBE YOUTH VOICES ART EXHIBIT**

8:30am

EVENT DAY 1 CHECK-IN

All delegates and guests must check in through UN Security at 1st Ave & 47th St

REGISTRATION

9:00-9:30am

YA Registration Desk, North Lawn Building

Check-In: Delegates, Speakers, Media, Resolution Project, IYC, and Volunteers

Doors open to GA Hall (North Lawn Building)

OPENING SESSION

9:30am

Welcome to the 12th Youth Assembly at the United Nations

Patrick Sciaratta, Opening Session Officiant

Co-Founder and Project Director, Youth Assembly at the United Nations

Conference Musical Opening: Song Medley for Peace

Tami Tyree, Singer; Founder, Echoes of Our Ancestors

Daryle Pooser, Guitarist

Official Conference Welcomes

Ban Ki-moon

United Nations Secretary General

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,
UN High-Representative, Alliance of Civilizations

Simona Miculescu, H.E. Ambassador
Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations



Program

WEDNESDAY (continued)

Video: *Roots & Shoots* youth organization

Dr. Jane Goodall, the Jane Goodall Institute

10:20-10:30am **Youth Welcome and Challenge**
Sam Vaghar, YA@UN alumnus, International Youth Council (IYC)
Executive Director and Co-founder, Millennium Campus Network

10:30-10:40am **VIDEO: 8MDGs, Overview**

10:40-11:40am **Opening Panel:**
Youth Leadership and Global Development in the 21st Century
Ramu Damodaran, Deputy Director for Partnerships and Public Engagement,
UN DPI Outreach Division, Moderator
Ahmad Alhendawi, UN Special Envoy for Youth
Daniel Bena, Head, Global Sustainable Development, PepsiCo
Sam Vaghar, Executive Director and Co-founder, Millennium Campus Network
Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury
Founder, Global Movement for The Culture of Peace,
Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

11:45-Noon **WFUNA Globetrotters: Educational Exchange and Service Opportunities**
Julia Diegel, Development Associate, WFUNA

12:00-12:15pm **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12:15-1:15pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1:15-2:45pm **Workshop Schedule: 2 Conference Rooms = 4 workshops today**
Locations to Be Announced
Workshop Session 1, 1:15pm-1:55pm
Workshop session 2, 2:05pm-2:45pm

1:30pm **NOTE EARLY: Doors Open to GA Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

Klevisa Kovaci, Program Coordinator 12th Youth Assembly at the UN

1:35-3:20pm

NO MEDIA

No Reviewers

No Recording Devices

DON'T MISS THIS *SNEAK PREVIEW* OF A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE!

A Very Special Screening, Prior to its ICM Film World Premiere

Scheduled for Release: March 2014 • NOTE: YA DELEGATES, ONLY!

Screening, discussion, Q&A with the film's star: Pierre Dulaine



Program

WEDNESDAY (continued)

3:30-5:30pm

Youth Engagement Toward Employment in Global Development

James Ansorge, Moderator and Host

Co-Founder and Executive Committee Member, International Youth Council (IYC)

3:30-4:10pm

Youth to Youth: Interviews on the Future

Kamila Jacob, Envoy Coordinator, Unitarian Universalist UN OFC (UU-UNO)

Interviews

Paige and Ashley Alenick, Founders, Donate A Toothbrush

Lawrence Haseley, Youth Representative, The City College of New York

Interviews

Christopher Stampar, International Director, IDEAS for Us

Alexandria Fitzgerald, Undergrad. Ambassador, Institute for Global Understanding

Interviews

Soo Yeon Kim, Founder, Vision Care Global Youth

4:15-5:45pm

Global Partnerships Forum: Youth Engagement Toward Employment in Global Development

Amir Dossal, Founder and Chairman Global Partnerships Forum

Session Leader and Moderator

Mariel Davis, Communications & Special Projects, Education for Employment

Nejeed Kassam, Founder and Executive Director, Networks for Change

Terry Ryall, Chief Executive, vInspired.com

Andrea Taylor, Microsoft YouthSpark Presentation Coordinator

5:45-5:55pm

Doreen Bogdan, Chief, Strategic Planning and Membership Department

UN International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

6:00-9:00pm

DINNER OPTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY

➤ **Meal Plan delegates: The Arts and the MDGs Dinner/Workshop**

Featuring the Bond Street Theatre of NYC; Returning from Afghanistan

Church of the Holy Family, 47th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue

➤ **Other Delegates:** Enjoy your evening! The Registration Desk has a list of dining options.

THURSDAY, August 8 – NOTICE: DUE TO EID, THE UN IS CLOSED

DELEGATES WILL BE ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- **South Street Seaport/AM:** Historic Presentation, Pier 17, Lower Manhattan Waterfront
- **Salvation Army Auditorium/AM:** The Global Networking Session, 52nd Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues
- **UN Mission Visits/AM&PM:** Various locations around the UN – All Registrants will be assigned in advance!
- **Salvation Army Auditorium/Early PM:** Resolutions Project's SOCIAL VENTURE FORUM
- **Salvation Army Auditorium/Early PM:** TakingITGlobal's ADOBE YOUTH VOICES ART EXHIBIT
- **UN Dag Hammarskjöld Park Events/Late PM:** IYC & Hip Hop, E 47th St, between 1st and 2nd Ave's

Further Details Below, in Your Packet, and through Announcements from the Podium:

The Dag Hammarskjöld Park is designated as the Networking/Hollaback Room from 10AM-4PM, Thursday, only.

Delegates will be assigned to a Mission, South Street Seaport, or Salvation Army locations



Global Networking and Youth: Digitally Connected, Digitally Divided

Yin-Chu Jou, FAF Artistic Director, Moderator

Program

THURSDAY *(continued)*

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| 10:00-11:00am
Salvation Army | H. E. Ambassador Ruben Armando Escalante Hasbun
Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of El Salvador to the UN

Dr. Josephine Ojiambo (Former Ambassador, Kenya Mission to the UN)
UNFPA, Chief, Executive Board and External Relations |
| 11:00-12:00pm
Salvation Army | The Global Networking Session – A Mass Google Hangout |
| 12:15pm | LUNCH BREAK |
| 2-5:00pm | UN MISSION VISITS, As Assigned |
| 1-4:00pm | Resolution Project's SOCIAL VENTURE FORUM - Delegate Ideas in Action
All eligible submissions will be invited to showcase their proposals to YA attendees, faculty advisors and judges at the Social Venture Forum.
Salvation Army Downstairs Conference Rooms, 52nd Street, between 2nd and 3rd Ave |
| 1-4:00pm | TakingITGlobal's ADOBE YOUTH VOICES ART EXHIBIT
Curated, Teen Art Exhibit, featuring a variety of social issue artworks.
Salvation Army Auditorium, 52nd Street, between 2nd and 3rd Ave |
| 3-6:00pm | The Greater YA Networking Session: DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD PARK
47th Street between 1st and 2nd Ave.
Come and Network with the YA Delegates and Alums; Program in cooperation with the International Youth Council (IYC) and the National Hip-Hop Summit Youth Council
Evening: <i>Youth Assembly Culture Night</i> . Contact Registration desk to see if dinner places are available. |

Friday, August 9

8:30am

EVENT DAY 3 CHECK-IN

All delegates & guests must check in through UN Security - On 1st Ave, at East 47th Street

Networking and Hollaback Room: An Open Space for Quiet Networking and Small Group Presentations
Open Today from 11am-4:30pm; Second Floor North Lawn Building (Room to be Assigned)

REGISTRATION

9:00-9:30am

YA Registration Desk

Check-In: Delegates, Speakers, Media, Resolution Project, IYC, and Volunteers

MISSION VISITS (Throughout the morning – check assignments)

9:00-11am

Resolution Project's Social Venture Challenge Finals

Selected teams will be invited to present their project to a panel of judges. Team presentations will be followed by Question and Answer sessions.

Conference Room To Be Announced



Program

FRIDAY (*continued*)

OPENING SESSION

9:30am

Doors open to GA Hall (North Lawn Building)

9:30am

CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gayatri Amatya, FAF Youth Fellow, Host

9:35-10:15am

H. E. Ambassador Palitha T.B. Kohona,

Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN
UN Global Youth Summit, 2014, Sri Lanka

Music Video: *I Am Malala*

Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

Young Women, Girls, and Global Development past the MDGs

Q&A

10:15-10:30

***Half the Sky: The Game* Demonstration**

Michelle Byrd, Co-President, Games for Change

10:30-11:00am

Yin-Chu Jou, Artistic Director, FAF, Host

Impact Repertory Theatre

NY Metropolitan Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolence

Marta Lopez

Campaign Coordinator, UNAOC

Video: 8 Goals for Africa

11:00-11:45am **Youth, Media, Outreach: Communicating YOUR MESSAGE**
John Romano, Global Fellow, Natural Resources Defense Council, Moderator
Rehema Ellis, News Education Correspondent, NBC
Lance Gould, Executive Education Editor, Huffington Post
Nathalie Leroy, Chief, Education Outreach Section, UN DPI
Bill Oberlander, Managing Director, Marketing Communications & Events,
The Robin Hood Foundation

11:45-Noon **Morgan Wienberg**, Founder, Little Footprints Big Steps



LUNCH BREAK

Program

FRIDAY (Continued)

1:15-2:45pm **Workshop Schedule: 2 Conference Rooms = 4 workshops today**
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Workshop Session 2 2:05pm-2:45pm

2:00-3:15pm **Feature Length Film: *DisneyNature's Chimpanzee***
UN GA Hall
Discussion and Q&A with Shawn Sweeney,
National Program Coordinator for Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots

3:30-5:00pm **CLOSING SESSION: UN General Assembly Hall, UNHQ**

3:30-4:15pm **Post 2015: Beyond the MDGs**
Amir Dossal, Founder and Chairman, Global Partnerships Forum, Moderator
Kehkashan Basu, Global Coordinator for Children and Youth, UNEP
Kate Offerdahl,
Reporting Services, International Institute for Sustainable Development
Willice Onyango, Chairman, IYC Kenya
Prashanth Ramakrishna,
National Youth Leadership Council, Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots

4:15-4:30pm **Short Break**

4:30-5:00pm **Awards and Closing Ceremonies**
Patrick Sciarratta, Project Director, YA@UN (Closing Session Officiant)

4:30-4:45pm **Resolution Social Venture Challenge Awards**

The winning students will be awarded Resolution Fellowships, joining a community of Resolution Fellows doing inspiring, socially-responsible work around the world. Each winning venture will receive up to \$3,000 in seed funding, as well as ongoing mentorship, robust support, and access to Resolution's network—a true ecosystem for social entrepreneurship.

Awards presented by H.E. Ambassador Miculescu and Ahmad Alhendawi

4:45-5:00pm

Closing Keynote

Taylor Conroy, Founder, The Change Heroes

5:00pm

Closing Remarks and Musical Selection

“Imagine”

NOB, Recording Artist

Shoji Kumamoto and Yuki Shigemitsu, Background Vocals

5:15pm~

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Special Events / Notes

12th YOUTH ASSEMBLY AT THE UNITED NATIONS • SPECIAL EVENTS

August 3 – 5

Mini-Course

Open to all

Emerging Global Leaders Seminar: Fairleigh Dickinson University

Led by FDU and FAF faculty and senior staff. Certificate based. Intensive, global leadership training. Corporate & NGO visits; beautiful location.

Wed., 7 Aug

6:30 – 9:00pm

THE ARTS AND THE MDGs – Dinner Workshop

Dinner and an opportunity to get involved! Featuring the Bond Street Theatre of New York, recently returned from multiple theatre without borders programming in Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Haiti. Pierre Dulaine, star of the new preview film we will see at the YA, will also be on hand to show how ballroom dance is bringing together youth and families on opposite sides of the strong cultural divides in Israel. Theatre and dance games and lots of meaningful fun!

Thurs., 8 Aug

ALL DAY @ YA

Resolution Project: Rewarding Social Entrepreneurship for MDGs

Resolution's Social Venture Challenge encourages and rewards Youth Assembly delegates for building teams or submitting individual plans for actual social ventures that can make a real impact on global development today. *Registering projects for consideration takes place in July online, in advance of the conference. It is free and open to all college-level Youth Assembly delegates.* [For details on submitting projects, Click Here.](#)

Finalists present to all YA delegates during the Youth Assembly's Resolution Social Venture Forum on Aug 2nd and then present in front of a panel of judges on Aug 3rd. Winning pitches will be announced on Friday in the U.N. General Assembly Hall and will receive a Resolution Fellowship grant of up to US \$3,000 and a year of mentorship support. There are already 28 Fellows on six continents working in diverse, high-impact fields including education, healthcare, human rights & water resources. Will yours be next?

Thurs., 8 Aug

6:30 – 9:00pm

YA Culture Night (*Event sells out early due to pre-registration and limited space*)

Dinner, cultural performance sharing; the YAs most FUN event!

Lost? Please ask our excellent team for any directions and thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

UN Venue Notes: Due to the Capital Master Plan (CMP) at the United Nations, the Youth Assembly this year will take advantage of the entire, extended UN campus for its program. We will of course open and close in the UN **General Assembly Hall, North Lawn Building (NLB)** at 47th Street and 1st Avenue, Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesday and Friday, we will also utilize **3 smaller conference rooms**: 1 is available to us on the second floor of the NLB, just above the UN GA Hall; 2 are in the Conference Building, directly across and to the right of the NLB, as you exit it from the back. Continuing along the hallway of the UN Conference Building, is an escalator that leads to the ground level and the **UN staff cafeteria**, where some of the UN delegates have scheduled meals. Due to the UN-wide celebration of Eid on Thursday, the program will take place in a variety of locations *outside* of the UN campus.

Other Outside venues: On Thursday, 8 August, marking the closing of the UN for Eid, the YA@UN has been invited to take part in activities at **Dag Hammarskjöld Park**, on 47th Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues, at **South Street Seaport**, Pier 17 at Fulton Street, and the **Salvation Army Auditorium**, at 52nd Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue, for YA programming. Some meals and other events will take place for small groups attending the YA, at **Church of the Holy Family** (which hosted the visit by a Pope to the UN as well as FAF's "Convocation on the Rights of the Child" in 2012, among many other UN related events). Holy Family Church is across from the park, just off 1st Avenue, on 47th Street. Forty-plus **Permanent Missions to the United Nations** will be

• YA delegates; individual assignments & directions will be provided to all YA registrants.



SPECIAL NOTES & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SPECIAL THANKS

H.E. Ambassador Simona Miculescu for her guidance and support throughout the planning of the **YA@UN**: we are so proud to be working together! **The Salvation Army and the South Street Seaport** for their kind generosity; Katalin Oanta, Beatrice Cord, Mimi Mouakad, Fernando Barquin, Lt. Malinda McCormack, Christopher Castro, Elena Bunoara, Amir Dossal, Ademola Olugebefola, Kamilah Martin, Soo Park, Marienette Abadilla, Kyoko Uchiki, International Youth Council, Jamie Ansorge, Nicole Rapista, Lindsay Ashby, Bond Street Theatre, Randy and Charles Fisher, National Hip-Hop Summit Youth Council, Pace University, Canon Inc., Sebastian Mony, Dilly Hossain, IMPACT Repertory Theatre, New York Metropolitan Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolence, PETROM Romania, WFUNA, Networks for Change, IDEAS For US, TakingITGlobal, The Resolution Project, UNAOC, Young Scholars Global Development, UN Conference Technical Service, the Jane Goodall Institute, Education Association for China Tomorrow, Brain Training Center, Nigeria National Youth Award, Young Leaders Future Lawyers, Washington Scholars, Qatar Foundation International, New York Academy, Management Arts & Events AS, The Janangir Cancer and Disability Foundation, Inc., & King Foundation Family Network, Inc., Diane Nabatoff, and Robert Slaughter

JOIN A CAMPAIGN, PEACE ARTS FESTIVAL, OR CULTURAL EXCHANGE IN 2014!

Friendship Ambassadors Foundation is joining with WFUNA to conduct several volunteer and cultural exchange travel projects in the fall and winter of 2014 from campaigns created or highlighted at the Youth Assembly at the UN. *You or your group* can join in these trips, below:

- **Ecuador: Rebuilding the Indigenous Shuar Community of Central Ecuador.** Volunteer for sustainable development building, tourism development, and agriculture assistance to a grateful community in the Central Ecuadorian rainforest close to the Equator. Homestays available. (Dates throughout 201-14. Groups or Individuals, contact: victor@faf.org for more information.)

- **The Rhythms of One World:** A Celebration for Peace through Music. International choirs come together to celebrate the signing of the UN Charter (Its birth, on June 26, 1945) and a fund-raiser for NGOs worldwide. Volunteers sought. (May - June 2014, NYC and Geneva; info: therhythmssofnewworld@faf.org)

• **China and the Philippines or Romania and the Czech Republic with the World Federation of United Nations Associations.** Peace-building through real cultural exchange. (to join, contact grace@faf.org.)



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