



THE YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS CONCLAVE

7th - 9th January 2011



The International Year of Youth is being celebrated from 12 August 2010 to 11 August 2011 and YOU have a role to play!

In December 2009, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 64/134 proclaiming the Year, signifying the importance the international community places on integrating youth-related issues into global, regional, and national development agendas. Under the theme Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, the Year aims to promote the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and solidarity across generations, cultures, religions and civilizations. The world is facing many, often overlapping, crises including financial, security, environmental and other socio-economic challenges hindering the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals. Investing in and partnering with youth is key to addressing these challenges in a sustainable manner.

Why Youth?

Today, youth represent 18% of the global population or 1.2 billion people. 87% of youth live in developing countries facing challenges brought about by limited access to resources, healthcare, education, training, employment and economic opportunities. Member States of the United Nations recognize that young people in all countries are a major human resource for development, positive social change and technological innovation. Their ideals, energy and vision are essential for the continuing development of their societies. Young people are not merely passive beneficiaries but effective agents of change. Dedicated, enthusiastic and creative, youth have been contributing to development by addressing society's most challenging issues.

The Young Changemakers' Conclave

In a message issued on the occasion, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said that "in a world in which different peoples and traditions are coming into closer, more frequent contact than ever before, it is crucial that young people learn how to listen intently, empathize with others, acknowledge divergent opinions, and be able to resolve conflicts."

To celebrate this year & in support of the United Nations 'Academic Impact', The United Nations Information Center (UNIC) for India & Bhutan is hosting 'The Young Changemakers Conclave' from the 7th to 9th January'2011 at its head quarters on 55, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi.

100 students between the age of **18 to 24 years** from across India will be selected to participate in this conclave after an exhaustive application process. The theme of this event being '**Action: Beyond Dialogue**'.



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The Conclave: Program

The 100 participating students will be divided into 10 multi-disciplinary groups. There will be 5 sets containing 2 groups & each of these sets will be allotted either of the following topics:

- *Human Rights*
- *Educational Opportunity for all*
- *Poverty & Hunger*
- *Environmental Sustainability*
- *Intercultural Dialogue*
- *Water: Harvestation & Conservation*

Each individual group will also be provided a mentor who is an expert in either of the above fields. The main aim is for the groups under each set to prepare an 'Action Plan' to make a small but significant difference to the issue allotted to them. 1 of the 2 groups in each set will be awarded a seed fund to implement their Action Plan after a critical judging process.

The Conclave's agenda throughout the 3 days will also include panel discussions, keynote addresses & workshops which will equip participants with the intellectual resources required to prepare their Action Plans.

Day 1: (7pm onwards)

Inaugural dinner at the UNIC Head Quarters with esteemed Keynote address by: Dr. Shashi Tharoor. In attendance will be the 100 participants along with entrepreneurs, diplomats & popular media

Day 2: (9am – 9pm)

Young Member of Parliament's Forum: Interactive forum with current young MPs.
Interactive Discussion on 'Challenges faced by young social entrepreneurs'
Workshop on 'The power of media'
Training session on 'Fund Raising'
Group break out session with mentors
Dinner with an international diplomat as a keynote

Day 3: (9am – 9pm)

The 10 Action Groups spend the day in finalizing their project ideas
Presentation of action plans to jury
Selection of 5 action projects
Awards ceremony & dinner



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The Participation Process

1. Application Deadline: 30th November'2010
2. Announcement of Selections (On website & by email): 7th December'2010
3. Deadline to Receive participation fees by Cheque: 15th December'2010
4. Allotment of Groups & introduction to mentor: 7th December'2010

Fees & Inclusions:

For Local Students: Rs 2000/-

- Pass to inaugural dinner on 7th January'2011
- Conference Stationary & material
- Lunch & Dinner on 8th & 9th January

For Outstation Students: Rs 4,000/-

- Dormitory accommodation on 7th, 8th & 9th January at the International Youth Center (also known as Vishwa Yuvak Kendra), Chanakya Puri, New Delhi.
- Transport to & from hostel to the conclave's venue
- Pass to inaugural dinner on 7th January'2011
- Conference Stationary & material
- Lunch & Dinner on 8th & 9th January

Please note:

1. Outstation participants may opt to arrange for their own accommodation & pay Rs 2,000./-.
However prior email intimation required once you are informed of your selection.
2. Local Students cannot avail hostel facility due to logistical reasons.
3. Payment details will be provided to selected applicants.
4. Outstation participants to report on their own to the Dormitory by 4pm on the 7th of January'2011.
5. Please visit our website www.youngchangemakersconclave.in for more information including a detailed agenda & details on speakers.



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About UNIC

The United Nations Information Centre in New Delhi covers India and Bhutan and was the first United Nations office to be established in independent India in 1947. Its activities reflect a broad spectrum: the Centre plays a major role in publicizing UN initiatives and programmes, engaging in a variety of outreach activities, like lectures, media briefings and press conferences, TV and radio interviews, exhibitions etc. UNIC conducts information activities on behalf of UN agencies without local representation and maintains close co-operation with and assists UN agencies based in India.

UNIC New Delhi provides information on the United Nations to print and electronic media, governmental and non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, academic and other research centres and think-tanks, students and the public at large.

UNIC Director acts as spokesperson for the United Nations and represents the UN Secretary-General at important occasions and events. UNIC Director interacts regularly with the media, briefing them on key UN issues and giving interviews on topical and development issues.

About United Nations Academic Impact

Academic Impact is a program of the Outreach Division of the Department of Public Information. It is open to all institutions of higher education granting degrees or their equivalent, as well as bodies whose substantive responsibilities relate to the conduct of research. Its essential frame of reference is:

- i) To bring into association with the United Nations, and with each other, institutions of higher learning throughout the world.
- ii) To provide a mechanism for such institutions to commit themselves to the fundamental precepts driving the United Nations mandate, in particular the realization of the universally determined Millennium Development Goals
- iii) To serve as a viable point of contact for ideas and proposals relevant to the United Nations mandate.
- iv) To promote the direct engagement of institutions of higher education in programs, projects and initiatives relevant to this mandate



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