

## Youth Hub Event Descriptions

### December 9

**Youth Media Orientation Session** – this briefing session will bring together young journalists from the British Council, OneWorld, and Webtrotteurs des Quartiers that will be reporting live at WSIS via print, radio, television and internet media outlets.  
> 10:00-12:00

**Youth ICT Entrepreneurship:** Employment is central to poverty alleviation and new jobs will need to be created to meet the needs of the largest youth cohort the world has ever seen. Join us for a discussion of how programmes supporting Youth ICT Entrepreneurship might help countries to meet the Millennium Development Goals.  
> 14:00-15:30

### December 10

**Comic Contest Launch:** Pastel World Association will launch their contest for young comic artists around the world on the theme of the information society with featured comic artist, M. Gérald Poussin.  
> 11:00-12:30

### December 11

**Youth and ICT4D:** The Philippines Forum A discussion on youth engagement in the multi-stakeholder approach of national ICT policy formation and business opportunities in the Philippine telecom industry.  
> 9:00-10:00

**Open House: Meet the Youth Creating Digital Opportunities Coalition.** Launched in February 2003 at WSIS PrepCom2, YCDO now includes 20 organizations striving to realize the potential of young people as leaders in using ICTs to achieve more sustainable development in their communities and around the world. Meet coalition members and learn more about how your organization can become involved!  
> 11:00-13:00

**UN Reform:** Changing Global Governance A youth dialogue on the impact and potential of Information and Communications Technology to support institutional reform in global governance.  
> 13:00-14:00

**African Youth Initiative Workshop:** A presentation on the African Youth Initiative in the use of ICTs for Development to provide a sustainable livelihood for the people of Africa, focusing on the CatchIT Young project  
> 14:00-15:00

**WSIS Youth Video:** Learn about the development of a documentary about the WSIS Youth Caucus profiling youth-led ICT initiatives and National Information Society Youth Campaigns in their countries and at the Summit – watch advance clips, provide creative input and get involved.  
> 15:00-15:30

**Short Film Festival:** See the screening of a collection of films on the subject “Youth’s Vision on Development” by CONGO/WFUNA, and one-minute stories on “Communication” developed by children in partnership with UNICEF.  
> 15:30-16:00

**IICD Presentation:** Global Teenager Programme Learning Circle on the Information Society - Over the past two months, high school classes from nine countries in Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe have engaged in an intensive dialogue regarding the information society. Join the dialogue facilitators in a discussion of the principles and priorities raised by these young people.  
> 16:00-17:00

**YOIS Book Launch: Wh@t’s Next :** Youth for Intergenerational Justice and Sustainability will launch “Wh@t’s Next” a vibrant book showcasing the writing of young people from around the world on key Information Society subjects, including human rights and the role of ICTs in sustainable development.  
> 17:00-18:00

### December 12

**Information Society and Sustainable Development: Exploring the Linkages:** The two phases of the World Summit on the Information Society provide an excellent window of opportunity to integrate sustainable development principles and practices into the institutions and policy frameworks that are shaping the information society. Learn what young policy researchers are doing to make this a reality.  
> 10:00-11:00

**TakingITGlobal: Connecting youth through on-line networks:** TakingITGlobal is a international organization connecting youth in 200 countries through global online networks. Members of TIG’s team will share best-practices and lessons learned regarding youth engagement and knowledge management, and outline ways you can get involved.  
> 11:00-12:00

## Youth Hub: The Focal Point

The Youth Hub Space anchors youth activities at the Summit, showcasing a variety of dynamic projects run by YCDO and Youth Caucus members. The Youth Hub is a gathering place, showcase, information centre, cultural display, art exhibition and presentation area. It encompasses 70 square meters on the “Enhancing Human Capacity and Empowerment Street” of the ICT4D Platform, next to the UNESCO Pavilion.

Join us to:

**Discover** vibrant national WSIS Youth campaigns in over twenty countries.

**Express** yourself through a mural on youth and gender issues in the information society.

**Learn** about the best-practice ICT4D projects of the YCDO Youth Awards.

**Experience** the “Window on the Information Society” Photo Exposition.

**Understand** youth involvement in WSIS at our information and publications point

**Engage** with youth and other key figures from around the world in our meeting space

**Involve** yourself in interactive presentations, video screenings and book launches in our presentation space.

## Youth Summit Event Descriptions

### December 9

**Youth Hub Opening:** The opening of the Youth Hub exhibition space will launch the participatory gender/youth mural, photo exposition, project showcase and more. It will also be a chance for the youth caucus to meet in an informal setting.  
> 13:00 – 14:00, Hall 4 (ICT4D Platform) Youth Hub

**Open Space Workshop on Youth Empowerment:** Using innovative “Open Space Technology” participants will discuss in small groups how we act upon the youth paragraph in the Declaration to “empower youth as learners, developers, contributors, entrepreneurs and decision-makers” in the Information Society.  
> 16:00 – 18:00, Hall 4, Workshop Room 6

### December 10

**Youth Day Briefing:** A special briefing session for the WSIS Youth Caucus will kick-off Youth Day on December 10. It will introduce new delegates to WSIS Youth and outline youth involvement thus far on a policy, project and community level.  
> 9:00-9:30, Hall 2, Room S

**Human Rights, Youth and the Information Society:** A dialogue around “introducing and strengthening human rights within post-conflict peace-building processes.” High-level speakers will discuss the theme and showcase best-practice initiatives in Afghanistan, Croatia, Rwanda and Sierra Leone where ICTs have been used as resources of knowledge, and tools for rehabilitation, democratization and enhancing human rights.  
> 10:00–11:30, Hall 2, Room S

**Digital Opportunities: National Campaigns Workshop:** Coordinators of the over twenty National Information Society Youth Campaigns will present their activities in an interactive workshop-style presentation.  
> 11:30 – 13:30, Hall 2, Room S

**Launch of YCDO Action Plan:** While the WSIS Declaration and Action Plan contain excellent language regarding youth and the information society, the achievement of these visions will require a concerted effort at the international level. Join the members of the Youth Creating Digital Opportunities (YCDO) Coalition for a presentation of YCDO Action Plan 2004-2005 outlining a framework to achieve the WSIS commitment to youth in the Information Society.  
> 13:30 – 14:30, Hall 2, Room S

**E-learning Workshop:** Fostering the use of Information and Communication Technologies for a better and more e-inclusive society: What have we achieved so far? Organized by the Digital Youth Consortium this will be a showcase by different organizations of innovative action-oriented experiences from the grassroots.  
> 14:30 – 15:30, Hall 2, Room S

**Labour and Youth Symposium:** What has Silicon Valley done for you lately? A panel discussion coordinated by the Youth Caucus will feature young representatives of labour, business and NGOs to discuss the impact of the Information Society on young workers around the world. At the conclusion, a publication will be released, with articles on topics of concern to youth in the information economy, including entrepreneurship, unionization, education, gender equality and conditions for young workers in high-tech industries.  
> 15:30 – 16:30, Hall 2, Room S

**GKP Youth Awards Panel Showcase:** The winner and category finalists of the GKP Youth Awards will engage in a panel discussion around their best-practice ICT4D projects. From Cambodia to Rwanda, Philippines to Finland, these young people will share their stories and provides lessons learned.  
> 16:30-18:00, Hall 4, GKP Pavilion

### December 11

**Young Canadians in ICT4D:** Over the past decade, Canadian government agencies and non-profit organizations have developed unique partnerships to support youth leadership in ICT4D in Canada and abroad. Many of the programmes are now being used as models for other national and international ICT4D activities. Meet the young (and young-at-heart) Canadians responsible for these remarkable initiatives.  
> 10:00-11:00, Hall 4, Canada Pavilion

### December 12

**Young Women in ICT4D:** This roundtable with the Youth and Gender Caucus will highlight strategies for mainstreaming gender perspectives in ICT for Development with a focus on young women’s empowerment. Participants will also evaluate the report of the online forum ‘Talk to Her,’ a YCDO initiative, in an offline context.  
> 13:30 -15:30, Hall 4, Room 6

**WSIS Phase II – The Road to Tunis:** In the context of this unique two-phase Summit, this event be a look back on Phase I and a look forward by a team of Tunisian youth, who will present national level activities and their leading vision for the future.  
> 13:30 – 15:30, Hall 4, Room 16

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# Youth Pocket Guide



# Welcome

to the World Summit on the Information Society! The long road of over two years of preparations has wended its way through Bamako, Bucharest, Tokyo, Cairo and Paris to arrive here in Geneva once again. The Youth Caucus has been very active at these meetings since PrepCom 1 – advancing policy positions, developing collaborative projects, and creating a community of shared learning. We have not focused simply on the text, but on the tangible outcomes.

Whether it be the National Campaigns, Youth Awards, Youth Media, Youth Day, or the YCDO Coalition, this journey has connected and inspired thousands of youth to create positive change and digital opportunity. Now, the Summit itself is a celebration, a showcase and a gathering place for these two years of work.

This short guide is intended to help you navigate WSIS, and find those events organized by, for, or about youth. We look forward to welcoming you to the Youth Hub and Youth Day. Have a great Summit!



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## Youth Creating Digital Opportunities: A Support Framework

The YCDO Coalition is comprised of organizations committed to realizing the potential of young people as leaders in using information and communications technologies (ICTs) to achieve more sustainable development in their communities and around the world. YCDO Coalition members seek to improve the coordination and harmonization of efforts to achieve the following objectives:

- Ensure the meaningful participation of young people in ICT for development policy-making at the national, regional, and international levels
- Support the involvement of young people in ICT for development projects
- Promote continuous learning through facilitating the emergence of a global community of young people working on ICT for development policy and practice (a.k.a YCDO Community)

Launched in February 2003 at the 2nd Preparatory Committee Meeting of the World Summit on the Information Society, the YCDO coalition now includes 19 organizations from around the world. The YCDO Action Plan 2004-2005 to be released on Youth Day (December 10) during the Summit outlines the projects and activities which Coalition members have identified as critical to achieving the commitment to youth expressed in the WSIS Declaration and Action Plan. To learn more about how you can become involved, visit the Youth Hub at the ICT4D Platform or visit <http://ycdo.net>.

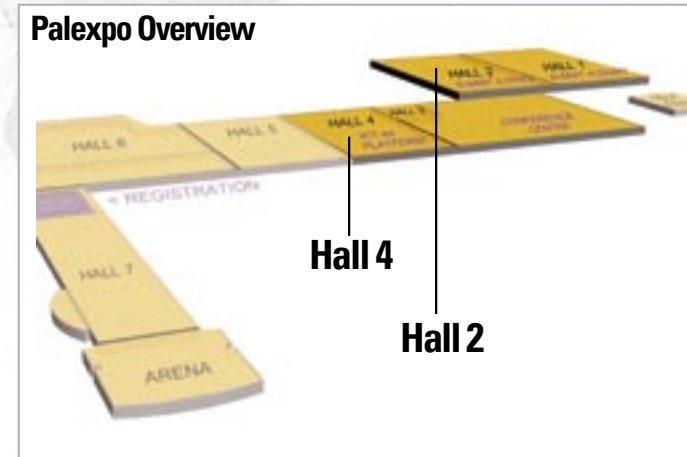
### Member organizations:

- AEGEE
- African Youth Foundation (AYF)
- Animafac
- Digital Opportunity Trust (DOT)
- Digital Youth Consortium (DYC)
- Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP)
- International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
- International Young Professionals Foundation (IYPF)
- NetCorps Canada International
- OneWorld International
- OrphanIT
- Paradigm Initiative Nigeria
- ProPoor InfoTech Centre
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- TakingITGlobal (TIG)
- ThaiRuralnet
- YOIS
- Youth Employment Summit (YES)
- Youth for Technology Foundation (YTF)

## Events Timetable (Event Details on Reverse)

Time	December 9th	December 10th (Youth Day)	December 11th	December 12th
9:00			Youth and ICT4D: The Philippines Forum > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space	Peace Journalism: Young Asia Television > Hall 4 Room 16
9:30		Youth Caucus Briefing Session > Hall 2 – Room S		
10:00	Youth Media Orientation Session > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space	“Youth, Human Rights and the Information Society” > Hall 2 – Room S	UNESCO Youth DigiArts Forum > Hall 4 Room 16	Young Canadians in ICT4D Hall 4 – Canada Pavilion
10:30				Information Society & SD > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space
11:00			Open House: Meet the Youth Creating Digital Opportunities (YCDO) Coalition! > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space	Information Society & SD > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space
11:30		“Local Voices, Global Visions” National Information Society Youth Campaigns Workshop > Hall 2 – Room S	Comic Contest Launch > Hall 4 Youth Hub Space	Information Society & SD > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space
12:00				
12:30				
13:00	Youth Hub Launch/Reception > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space		UN Reform: Changing Global Governance > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space	
13:30		Launch of YCDO Action Plan > Hall 2 – Room S		Young Women in ICT4D: Youth/Gender Roundtable > Hall 4 Room 7
14:00	Youth ICT Entrepreneurship > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space		African Youth Initiative > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space	WSIS Phase II: The Road to Tunis > Hall 4 Room 16
14:30		E-Learning Workshop > Hall 2 – Room S		
15:00			YOIS/Global Contract Foundation Workshop > Room Servin (Palexpo)	WSIS Youth Video > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space
15:30		Labour and Youth Panel > Hall 2 – Room S		Short Film Festival > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space
16:00	Open Space Workshop on Youth Empowerment > Hall 4 – Room 6		Press Conference > Hall 2 – Media Centre	IICD Presentation: WSIS Learning Circles > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space
16:30		GKP Youth Awards Panel Showcase: Best-Practice Youth ICT4D Projects > Hall 4 – GKP Pavilion		
17:00			YOIS Book Launch: “Wh@’s Next?” > Hall 4 – Youth Hub Space	
17:30				
18:00			GKP Awards Celebration (by invitation only) > Hall 4 – Main Market Place	
18:30				
19:00				
19:30				

## Maps



### Hall 4 Layout



### Hall 2 Layout



### Palexpo Central

