

## What is the WYC Mexico 2010?

WYC Mexico 2010 will bring together young people from the country and from all over the world in order to have a conversation and a proposal with Government representatives, legislators and organisms of the civil society. From that dialog, action solutions will be looked for on subjects of global importance to be met at the international agenda of development, beyond the Millennium Development Goals.

## Who calls for the accomplishment of the WYC Mexico 2010?

WYC MEXICO 2010 is an initiative of the Mexican government through:

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
- Ministry of Public Education of Mexico
- Mexican Institute of Youth (IMJUVE) of Mexico

We count on the participation and support of different countries, as well as the United Nations System of Agencies and Programs and other multilateral organisms.

## Why bringing us together in 2010?

At the international level, 2010 has been proclaimed by the United Nations as the International Year of Youth under the motto "Dialogue and Mutual Understanding."

In this context, we celebrate together 25 years of the International Year of Youth, the first recognition that the General Assembly of the United Nations did of the role of youth, under the motto "Participation, Development and Peace"; 15 years of the World Programme of Action for Youth for the year 2000 as well as subsequent years and 12 years of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, celebrated in Lisbon, Portugal in 1998, which has been unique in the history of the United Nations as it gathered together the governments of the world.

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Finally, we are celebrating 10 years of the Millennium Declaration: this is the reason why the international community will make a revision of the achieved goals and recommendations to fulfill the Millennium Development Goals during the last five years of the established term.

In the national scope, we will celebrate 200 years of our Independence and 100 years of the Revolution, events that established the foundations of modern Mexico.

It is for that reason that Mexico calls for the WYC Mexico 2010 as a space of dialogue and reflection on the role of youth, in their contribution to define actions for the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals and the new agenda of development that will be established in 2015.

## **Why having a discussion on the Millennium Development Goals?**

It has been a decade since the Millennium Development Goals were set and we have five years to fulfill the term marked by the International Community for its materialization. We propose to have a revision of the Goals in order to know:

What has been achieved?

What is missing?

Which are the great challenges to face?

Which is the role of youth in this outlook?

## **When will the WYC Mexico 2010 be celebrated?**

The WYC 2010 will take place from August 23rd to 27th, 2010 in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

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## Which are the topics to be discussed during the WYC Mexico 2010?

Young people will participate and they will be linked with the eight Millennium Development Goals, as well as the inclusion of new subjects of the agenda on youth at the international level. The subjects would be thus:

1. Poverty and exclusion
2. Employment
3. Education
4. Technology and innovation
5. Health
6. Gender equality
7. Security, social justice and human rights
8. Sustainable development
9. International migration
10. Citizen participation and advocacy
11. Global partnership and cooperation

## Which are the objectives of the WYC Mexico 2010?

- To reach a consensus for a declaration that identifies action priorities for the policies of youth and development, to be presented at the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- To promote the establishment of a mechanism that specifically follows up the agenda of youth in the United Nations System.
- To favor the dialogue between organizations of the civil society and governments on policies of youth and development, to improve the understanding of the priorities and needs of world-wide youth.

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- To share experiences and knowledge on diagnoses, policies, strategies and programs on youth and development.

## **Who will participate in the WYC Mexico 2010?**

WYC Mexico 2010 will be a space where many young people will gather, during the forums and activities that the Conference includes.

Those able to participate (previous registration) will be: young people, government representatives, Non-Governmental Organizations who work in the youth sector, academic institutions, public and private foundations, international organisms and general public.

## **Which are the official languages of the WYC Mexico 2010?**

The official languages are Spanish, English and French.

## **Which are the functions of the International Committee?**

- To formulate and cosponsor the Declaration Project while promoting its approval between the countries of each region.
- To organize, support and promote the accomplishment of the regional pre-conferences of the WYC Mexico 2010.
- To review and make recommendations on the contents of the WYC Mexico 2010, such as the program of the Governments Forum, its components, the mechanisms of entailment with the Social Forum and the Legislators Forum, the recommended composition of the official delegations, the suggestion of lecturers, among others.

## What is the National Committee?

The National Committee is integrated by representatives of the offices of the Federal Government of Mexico that have close bonds with the topics of development and youth. It has the coordination of the work oriented to take care of the visitors (official delegations, NGO representatives, lecturers and young people generally), whether foreigners or Mexicans, that will attend the WYC Mexico 2010. Among these tasks we find the visa expedition process, security, medical services, touristic services, and others.

## How will the WYC Mexico 2010 be composed?

The WYC Mexico 2010 will be composed of 3 forums:

- Governments Forum
- Legislators Forum
- Social Forum. This will have the NGO Global Meeting and the Global Interactive Forum.

<b>Governments Forum</b>		August 25 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2010
<b>Legislators Forum</b>		August 25 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2010
<b>Social Forum</b>	<i>NGO Global Meeting</i>	August 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2010
	<i>Global Interactive Forum</i>	August 23 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2010

## What is the Governments Forum and who can participate?

- The Governments Forum will be a space of dialogue, debate and agreements where representatives of youth affairs of the 192 Member States of the UN can discuss the problems that afflict youth around the world.
- Those able to attend the To the Governments Forum as observers are: NGOs with consultative status of ECOSOC and NGOs associated to

the DPI/NGO of United Nations (previous on-line registration) and representatives of international organisms; this is the reason why we consider an attendance of 1,000 people, approximately.

- The Governments Forum will have as a result a declaration with recommendations for the governments on measures to take on youth and development, aimed at 2015 and subsequent years.

## **What is the Legislators Forum and who can participate?**

- The Legislators Forum is a space to bring together representatives of Parliaments of the world that are involved in youth affairs with the purpose of establishing action priorities and recommendations to strengthen the legal and institutional frameworks that favor the participation of youth in development.
- The Legislators Forum aims to establish a dialogue with youth organizations to incorporate the demands and necessities of that sector in its deliberations.

## **Will I be able to attend the meetings of the Governments Forum and the Legislators Forum?**

- Since these are private meetings, there will not be access to the general public. The meetings can be observed through CCTV in special rooms and in some places of the Interactive Youth Forum.

## **What is the Social Forum and who can participate?**

- The Social Forum will be the space integrated by the NGO Global Meeting and the Interactive Youth Forum.

## **What is the NGO Global Meeting and who can participate?**

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- The NGO Global Meeting will be a space of discussion around the main problems that affect youth where action lines will be implanted so as to advance beyond the Millennium Development Goals in the matter of youth.
- The NGO Global Meeting will have the participation of representatives of 400 civil organizations who work with youth affairs around the world, counting on 2 NGOs of each Member State of the UN, with one representative of each NGO.
- The Organizing Committee of the Conference will cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the delegates who will participate in the NGO Global Meeting.
- The selection of the participating NGOs of the Forum will be in the hands of the Organizing Committee of the Conference in coordination with the Social Forum Organizing Committee (SOFOC).
- As a result of the NGO Global Meeting, a recommendations document will be generated which will be delivered to the Governments Forum and to the Legislators Forum at the beginning of their work to be considered in their deliberations.

## **Where should I register for the NGO Global Meeting?**

- The registry will be done on-line through [www.youth2010.org](http://www.youth2010.org)
- The registration form for the NGO Global Meeting will be available from February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and until April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## **What is the Global Interactive Forum and who can participate?**

The Global Interactive Forum will be a space in which diverse expressions of culture will be exhibited: works of art, technology and entertainment. It will also be a gathering space for all participants in the WYC Mexico 2010: youth and youth organizations, government representatives, academic institutions, mass media, public and private foundations, and international organisms.



It is a space open to the public, where an informative fair will be installed as well as an exhibition area and special events (theater, cinema, music and more). It will also have a space of parallel activities to the Interactive Youth Forum (conferences, round tables, workshops, debate forums).

Those able to participate as exhibitors in the Interactive Youth Forum will be:

- NGOs selected to participate in the NGO Global Meeting
- Youth NGO or that work for youth, national or international, from Mexico and other countries.
- Governments and multilateral organisms
- Private foundations and companies

The attendance to this space will be open to the public (previous registration). We expect an attendance of approximately 20,000 people to the Interactive Youth Forum.

## What is the Social Forum Organizing Committee?

The Social Forum Organizing Committee (SOFOC) was created to guarantee the principles of inclusion, fairness, autonomy and transparency in the mechanisms of participation of the youth NGOs at the WYC Mexico 2010. The SOFOC is composed of global organizations and regional youth platforms independent of governments and political parties. The election of the members of SOFOC was made through an open call, mainly between the organisms comprised in the International Coordinator Meeting of Youth Organizations.

The members of the Social Forum Coordination Committee are:

- Espacio Iberoamericano de Juventud
- European Youth Forum
- International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International
- International Federation of Liberal Youth
- Latin American Youth Forum
- Pacific Youth Council
- Pax Romana
- World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
- World Organization of the Scouts Movement
- YMCA

## What activities does the SOFOC carry out?



- As a consulting body that depends on the Social Forum of the WYC Mexico 2010, it establishes a formal procedure, as well as it promotes the participation of youth organizations all over the world for the WYC Mexico 2010.
- It establishes the eligibility criteria to participate in the NGO Global Meeting.
- It establishes the eligibility criteria to participate in the Interactive Youth Forum.

## **Where can I find out about the activities of WYC Mexico 2010?**

On the Internet, we suggest you to enter the official website of WYC Mexico 2010 [www.youth2010.org](http://www.youth2010.org).

Register and join us in Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Wordpress, Flickr, Delicious.

You can also send us an e-mail to: [information@youth2010.org](mailto:information@youth2010.org) so that you can be updated on the events that are generated around the WYC Mexico 2010.

## **Will there be a volunteering team for the WYC Mexico 2010?**

Yes, there will be a team of approximately 500 volunteers for the WYC Mexico 2010.

## **Why is the volunteering team important?**

For the organization of the WYC MEXICO 2010, volunteering is important because it represents the commitment of the society, community, and especially of youth, towards the event and the scope of its objectives.

Through volunteering we will obtain the good will and interest necessary to support and create solidarity between all the people involved in the organization, and is visible to all the visitors.

## Which are the requirements to be a volunteer?

- To be young, between 18 and 29 years old.
- To be bilingual (English and Spanish). The knowledge of an additional language is desirable.
- With availability to attend the previous sessions of training (possibly 3 or 4 days).
- To live in Monterrey or near. If you live anywhere else you must pay for your own expenses during the event and the training sessions.
- To have an interest in the main subjects of discussion at the international level focused in the Millennium Development Goals.
- To have a proactive attitude and to be a friendly person.
- Previous volunteering experience in other events (it is not a requirement but it will be taken into account).

## How can I register to be a volunteer?

- The registration will be done online at the official website of the WYC Mexico 2010: [www.youth2010.org](http://www.youth2010.org)
- The registration forms to participate as a volunteer will be available from Monday, March 15th, 2010.
- You can contact us by e-mail at: [voluntarios@youth2010.org](mailto:voluntarios@youth2010.org)

## Important dates:

- Monday, March 15th: the call will be Internet-based.
- Friday, May 15th: call closure.
- June: interviews process and volunteers selection.
- July: final selection of the volunteering group.
- August 20th, 21st y 22nd: volunteers training.
- August 23rd to 27th: World Youth Conference 2010.

## If I live in another state of Mexico, how can I participate more actively?

- In different states of the country and from April to May there will be a series of informative forums previous to the WYC Mexico 2010, with the purpose of giving away the information and the participation mechanisms for the Conference.

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- We invite you to follow us in the official website: [www.youth2010.org](http://www.youth2010.org), and through our social networks to check the calendar of activities.

## **Will there be previous informative forums in universities?**

- Yes, we are making alliances with student associations to carry out informative forums in high schools and universities. If you are interested in taking any activity into your school please send your e-mail to [forosuniversitariosmx@youth2010.org](mailto:forosuniversitariosmx@youth2010.org)

## **Will there be any participation grants to attend the Conference?**

- For the selected Delegates who will participate in the NGO Global Meeting (2 NGOs for each member state of the UN and one representative by NGO) the Organizing Committee of the Conference will pay the travel and accommodation expenses during one week so as to attend the activities of the WYC Mexico 2010.
- In the case of the assistants to the Interactive Youth Forum and other assistants to the Conference, each participant will pay his/her expenses.

## **Will there be previous activities to the Conference?**

- Yes, within the framework of the WYC Mexico 2010, regional pre-conferences or consultations will be carried out with the intention of successfully obtaining the experience of the regions of the world and facilitating the establishment of consensus and recommendations during the WYC Mexico 2010.
- The programs, dates and venues of the pre-conferences will be defined by the host country with the support of the International Committee of the Conference, following the conceptual framework of the Millennium Development Goals, with emphasis in youth. In each one of the pre-conferences the Declaration Project of the WYC Mexico 2010 will be reviewed, aimed at reaching a consensus.
- With the intention of obtaining the experiences of the great regions of the world and facilitating the establishment of agreements during the WYC Mexico 2010, there has been an agreement to make pre-conferences and regional consultations.

- The first ones correspond to the forums that allow for reflection, analysis and development of proposals by youth and youth

organizations to be considered by the governments of the region in a discussion forum. The regional consultations correspond to processes that only include governments and the discussion concentrates in the proposals of the Declaration, done by the International Committee.

## **Which are the objectives of the pre-conferences?**

- To pick up contributions on the situation of youth in the different regions of the world.
- To identify proposals on the necessary action lines for the region.
- To generate proposals for the declaration project on youth and development and a mechanism of institutional strengthening, derivative of the discussion and revision of the document by the International Committee.

## **What do we expect to obtain from the regional pre-conferences and consultations?**

- 1.- Regional declaration that identifies priorities of action for the policies of youth and development, to be presented at the WYC Mexico 2010 and to be considered in the joint Declaration that will appear in the 65 period of sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- 2.- Regional proposal on the mechanism to strengthen the international agenda of youth in the United Nations System.
- 3.- Recommendations from youth organizations on the actions needed in favor of youth and its participation in development.

## **When and where will the pre-conferences and regional consultations take place?**

Between March and May a series of pre-conferences or regional consultations will take place in the five continents. We have 2 confirmed pre-conferences:

- Europe: Strasbourg, France, March 10 and 11.
- America: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Can I participate if I'm interested in the subjects, even if I do not have previous experience?**

Of course! Since there will be different spaces focused on the participation of youth and general public, it is not necessary to be an expert in youth subjects. The important thing is to have the disposition to attend and to participate in this great event.

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