



BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

Yamingué Béтинbaye, President, YDP Chad

Yamingué holds a Master in Information and Communication with specialization on social communication and a second Master in Geography. Yamingué started working with youth and youth organizations in 2002 on awareness campaigns against HIV/AIDS. Since then he has been working as a journalist and editor for several newspapers and has led workshops on development for youth.

Today he is a trainer and communications specialist for the pilot project "Promotion of girl school enrolment in Chad". Yamingué was one of the driving forces to create the local YDP chapter in Chad in March 2005 and was elected its president in July 2005.

Jennifer Corriero, Co-Founder and Executive Director of TakingITGlobal

Named by the World Economic Forum as a 'Young Global Leader', Jennifer Corriero is a Canadian innovator, bringing tremendous insight into understanding, reaching and engaging youth. Jennifer is co-founder and Executive Director of TakingITGlobal, a non-profit organization with the aim of fostering cross-cultural dialogue, strengthening the capacity of youth as leaders and increasing awareness and involvement in global issues through the use of technology. The website currently has over 145,000 members in over 200 countries and receives over 1 million hits each day.

Jennifer has served on the Official Canadian Government Delegation to the World Summit on the Information Society and has traveled around the world to speak at various conferences and events.

John Engle, Open Space Facilitator

John Engle has facilitated hundreds of Open Space meetings in the US and Haiti during the last 15 years. In 1993, he co-founded the U.S.-based Beyond Borders and Haiti-based Limyè Lavi Foundation, partner organizations that promote children's rights, literacy, participatory leadership, and discussion-based education throughout Haiti.

John coordinates Beyond Borders' Circles of Change program, and spends nearly a quarter of each year in Haiti, where he lived from 1991 to 2004. He serves on the boards of Open Space Institute-USA along with several organizations promoting education in Haiti. John spent seven years in management and marketing in the for-profit sector before moving to Haiti.

He and his wife, Merline, and their son, Daniel, live in Vero Beach, Florida.

Adaku Uche Ekpo, Junior Achievement

Adaku Uche Ekpo works for Junior Achievement Worldwide (JA Worldwide™) as Manager, International Development. In her role, she focuses on strengthening and building JA's relationships with other youth organizations, non governmental organizations and multi-lateral organizations.

Her past work experience includes providing legal counsel to small businesses and non governmental organizations (NGO) in the U.S. as well as implementing youth related program development work with NGOs in Africa.

Adaku is originally from Nigeria and is a graduate of The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law and the University of Pennsylvania's Fels Institute of Government.

Ceren Erdogan, Y2Y Events Co-Chair, World Bank Group

Ceren Erdogan started working at the World Bank in October 2006 at DECRG-Trade, and now is working with the PREM- Gender and Development Group. Prior to that, she worked for European Union (EU) communications project for the EU Commission's Delegation to Turkey and Institute for International Economics.

She is the Y2Y events co-chair; thus, she is involved in organizing the regular Happy Hours and more recently, the UN Week. Ceren graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

Pierre Girardier, Development Policy Dialogue, External Affairs, World Bank Group

Pierre Girardier is a Communications Officer based in the World Bank Paris office. Before joining the World Bank in 1999, he spent two years in Bosnia and Herzegovina working with children victims of mines.

He started his career in 1995 working in the private sector in the space industry. In the last four years, Pierre has been working on engaging youth organizations in a dialogue with the World Bank.

Pierre holds a Masters in engineering from SupAero (France), a Masters in International Relations & Development from la Sorbonne (France), and a MBA from the French Business School ESSEC. He also studied refugee issues at Oxford University.

Seth Green, President of Americans for Informed Democracy

Seth Green is the President and Founder of Americans for Informed Democracy (AID), a non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization working to raise global awareness on more than 1,000 U.S. university campuses and in over 10 countries. In his role as AID's chief executive for the last four years, Green has built a network that includes more than 15,000 members, created partnerships with leading think tanks and NGOs, and recruited funding from more than a dozen foundations.

A Marshall scholar, Green graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University and earned masters degrees in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and in Women's Studies from Oxford University. He is currently completing a JD degree at Yale Law School, where he was named an Olin Fellow by the Center for Studies in Law, Economics, and Public Policy.

Christoffer Grønstad, European Youth Forum

Independently established by youth organizations, the European Youth Forum is made up of more than 90 National Youth Councils and International Non-Governmental Youth Organizations, which are federations of youth organizations in themselves. It is the biggest regional youth platform in the world, bringing together tens of millions of young people from all over Europe, organized in order to represent their common interests. Representation, internal democracy, independence, openness and inclusion are among the main principles for the functioning of the European Youth Forum and its Member Organisations.

The European Youth Forum works to empower young people to participate actively in the shaping of Europe and the societies in which they live, and in improving the living conditions of young people as European citizens in today's world.

Christoffer is a Bureau Member of European Youth Forum. He used to be president of the Norwegian Children and Youth Council (2004 - 2007).

Jeffrey Gutman, Vice President and Head of Network, Operations Policy and Country Service, World Bank Group

Mr. Jeffrey Gutman, a U.S. national, joined the Bank in 1979 as a transport economist in the Latin America and Caribbean Region and was promoted to Deputy Division Chief in 1984. Since then, he has held various managerial positions including Division Chief for Infrastructure and for Agriculture and Environment in Southeast Asia, and Sector Manager for the Transport Sector Unit in the East Asia and Pacific Region. In 1998, he transferred to the Latin America and Caribbean Region to become Sector Manager for the Transport and Urban clusters. In September 2001, he was appointed Director, Strategy and Operations in the East Asia and Pacific Region, and he served as Acting Regional Vice President for one year beginning December 2005.

In January 2007, Mr. Gutman was appointed Vice President and Head of Network, Operations Policy and Country Services. In this capacity, he is responsible for operational policy development; procurement and financial management activities; the Bank's aid effectiveness, results, and fragile states agendas; and support to Regional staff working in all these areas.

Before joining the Bank, Mr. Gutman was a staff member with the U.S. Congressional National Transportation Policy Study Commission (1978-1979); economist in a consulting firm, including a three-year assignment in Honduras (1974-1978); and an aide to a U.S. Congressman (1971-1973).

Mr. Gutman holds a degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University (1971) and a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers University (1974).

Leif Holmberg, Former YDP Steering Committee Member

Leif Holmberg has a long and diverse background in youth organizations, international advocacy work and national politics. During 2005-2006 he was a Bureau Member of the European Youth Forum with responsibility for World Bank affairs, Sustainable Development and cooperation with Africa. In 2004-2005 he served as Executive Vice President of the National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations. In that capacity he built up a partnership project - Tackling Poverty Together with the United Nations Programme on Youth. Leif also coordinated the Youth Major Group in the World Summit on Sustainable Development process.

Leif is currently a Master Student at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, where he focuses on International Relations and Sustainable Development policy. In the summer 2007 he works at UN Department Economic and Social Affairs, the Development Cooperation Policy Branch. He holds a BA in Ecological Economics from Mälardalen University.

Mattias Lundberg, Senior Economist, Children and Youth, World Bank Group

Mattias Lundberg is senior economist in the World Bank's Children and Youth unit. He was one of the principal authors of the World Development Report 2007, Development and the Next Generation. He is an agricultural economist by training, but has worked on issues of income distribution, impact evaluation, and health sector reforms more recently. He has directed research and operations on primary health care delivery, poverty and social impact assessment (PSIA), economic growth among the poor, and the distributional impact of public expenditures.

His publications include research on the impact on households of crises such as HIV/AIDS and flood exposure, the political economy of slum upgrading, and on the relationship between income distribution and growth.

Marwan Muasher, Senior Vice President of External Affairs, World Bank Group

Marwan Muasher, a Jordanian national, joined the World Bank as Senior Vice President of External Affairs on March 16, 2007, from his most recent position at the Senate of Jordan. His career has spanned the areas of development, diplomacy, civil society, and communications. Mr. Muasher began his career as a journalist for the Jordan Times, then served from 1985 to 1990 at the Ministry of Planning and later as press advisor to the Prime Minister. He subsequently served as Director for the Jordan Information Bureau in Washington, building understanding and support in Congress, the press, and civil society.

In 1995, Mr. Muasher opened Jordan's first embassy in Israel, and in 1996 became Minister of Information and the government's spokesperson. From 1997 to 2002, he served in Washington again as Ambassador, negotiating the first free trade agreement between the United States and an Arab nation. He then returned to Jordan to serve as Foreign Minister, where he was deeply involved in the peace process. In 2004 he became Deputy Prime Minister responsible for Reform and Government Performance, and led the effort to produce a ten-year Development Strategy that included, among other topics, major recommendations on political and economic reform, financial services, fiscal reforms, employment, education, and training.

Mr. Muasher holds a PhD in Computer Engineering from Purdue University.

Tomohiro Muramoto, YDP Japan Network Secretariat General

Tomohiro Muramoto was born in Tokyo in 1986 and grew up in Kozu Island near Tokyo until 1995. He is now a second-year student at Chuo University majoring in political science. His is especially interested in globalization and related issues.

Tomohiro joined the YDPJN Secretariat in August, 2006 and has been assigned the Secretariat-General for the term 2007-2008.

Aakanksha Pande, Junior Professional Associate South Asia Region, Human Development Sector, World Bank Group and Windows of Hope HIV/AIDS Association

Aakanksha Pande works on monitoring and evaluation of health projects at the World Bank in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka (2005-2007). She holds a masters degree in public health from Harvard University (2003-2005), and undergraduate degree in molecular biology and international studies from Yale University (1998-2002). She was a Fox International Fellow working on international health at Cambridge University (2002-2003).

She is one of the founders of the HIV/AIDS NGO in India, Windows of Hope.

Arturo Romboli, Project Officer, World Organization of the Scout Movement

Since January 2004, Arturo Romboli (27), Argentinian, has been working as a Unit Manager in charge of the External Relations and Partnership at the World Organization of the Scout Movement, a world-wide movement of non-formal education for young people with 28 million Scouts, boys and girls, present in 155 countries.

Arturo is member of the Steering Committee of the "Youth, Development and Peace Network" (YDP) of the World Bank. He represented WOSM at the YDP Conference in Paris and Sarajevo, as well as at the World Bank ABCDE Conference in Brussels (2004). He is a civil engineer, with a specialization in project management. He has studied in Argentina, Germany and the UK. He speaks Spanish, English and German. He is one of the main actors setting up the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO).

**Ginger Turner, Junior Professional Associate, Development Economics Vice Presidency,
World Bank Group**

Ginger Turner is a Junior Professional Associate, working jointly for the World Bank Office of the Chief Economist and Africa Private Sector Development. She holds a B.A. Economics and M.S. Engineering from Stanford University and will start a DPhil Economics at Oxford in fall 2007.

Her research focuses on aid allocation, as well as constraints to the African investment climate, including the impact of HIV/AIDS on private companies. With colleague Katja Kerschbaumer, she received a Y2Y-sponsored Youth Innovation Fund grant to oversee the first HIV/AIDS information hotline in Kazakhstan in 2006-2007, in partnership with local NGOs and the Bank's Central Asia AIDS Project.