

# THE MEXICO CITY YOUTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Throughout the 2008 International AIDS Conference, the World AIDS Campaign, in partnership with the Mexico Youth Force (MYF)<sup>1</sup>, implemented the Mexico City Youth Partnership Initiative (YPI). The YPI paired youth leaders with established leaders from a wide-range of constituencies, in order for youth to develop practical leadership skills experientially, as well as for the constituencies to learn from youth leaders and develop partnerships with youth as a constituency.

The YPI looked to establish a two-way learning process to promote mutual understanding, facilitate networking, and enable a transfer of knowledge and skills between the participants. Through its Global Steering Committee (GSC)<sup>2</sup>, the World AIDS Campaign identified leaders from the constituencies of media, people living with HIV and AIDS, women, non-governmental organisations, youth, activists, faith, harm reduction and labour, to take part in this initiative.

The YPI paired leaders from aforementioned constituencies with youth leaders at the 2008 conference who shadowed each other for two of the five conference days. A total of 8 adult leaders and 9 youth leaders participated in the initiative (for a list of all YPI participants see Appendix 1). Based on the schedules of both participants, shadowing arrangements were made for during the conference. Both adult and youth participants were encouraged to agree to a sustained partnership beyond the conference with terms that are mutually agreed to by both parties.

Youth participation is frequently highlighted as an important part of HIV interventions; however, in practice, few major programmes meaningfully involve young leaders. The Mexico City YPI acted beyond rhetoric and put the concept of youth participation into action. Working in true youth-adult partnership improves young people's knowledge and skills by empowering them to take initiative and gain self-confidence in their work.

Participants identified that through the YPI there was mutual learning exchange, cross-constituency and regional sharing and networking, and a highlighted understanding of youth issues and leadership. The YPI was also mentioned in the closing rapporteur session at the International AIDS Conference, by the youth rapporteur as a prime example of a true commitment for achieving meaningful youth-adult partnerships.

<sup>1</sup> The MYF is a collaboration of various youth-led or youth-serving organisations which included: Ave Mexico, Youth Coalition, Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Advocates for Youth, Taking it Global, and UNFPA.

<sup>2</sup> The World AIDS Campaign's Global Steering Committee consists of international networks of faith, youth, labour, positive people, business, media, women, activists and NGO's.

# INTRODUCTION

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The YPI paired leaders- one youth and one adult- from afore mentioned constituencies together at the 2008 conference who then shadowed each other throughout the conference. A total of 8 adult leaders and 9 youth leaders participated in the initiative (for a list of all YPI participants see Appendix 1). Based on the schedules of both participants, shadowing arrangements were made for during the conference. Both adult and youth participants were encouraged to agree to a sustained partnership beyond the conference with terms that are mutually agreed to by both parties.

# PROPOSED YOUTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE OUTCOMES, BENEFITS AND DELIVERABLES

Through the YPI, it was hoped that each constituency would gain awareness of how to integrate youth perspectives into their work, while youth would develop greater knowledge on ways to work with different constituencies, establishing sustainable and fruitful partnerships. Through sustainable partnerships, inter-constituency work could be strengthened, leading to concrete opportunities for the development of joint initiatives, fundraising opportunities, and overall cross-fertilisation of ideas. The YPI proposed to achieve the following outcomes, benefits and deliverables:

## PROPOSED OUTCOMES FOR YOUTH LEADERS

- **Increased knowledge of the work of other constituencies;**
- **Improved ability to identify and take advantage of leadership opportunities as they arise in the community served;**
- **Increased self-confidence, judgment, motivation and initiative;**
- **Increased technical support and guidance for on-going work;**
- **Ongoing, sustained relationship with and potential for partnerships**

## PROPOSED OUTCOMES FOR ESTABLISHED LEADERS

- **Increased awareness of youth leaders' needs, programmes and activities to make a difference in their communities;**
- **Increased commitment to take concrete action to promote youth leadership in programmes and policies;**
- **Greater exposure to much-needed youth perspectives, which can improve programme outcomes and make them more sustainable, relevant and effective;**
- **Ongoing, sustained relationship and potential partnerships**

## PROPOSED MAIN DELIVERABLE

- **Establishment of sustainable youth-adult partnerships which can scale up the community-level work of the youth participant and influence the adult allies' priority HIV interventions.**

# MEXICO CITY YOUTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE: METHODS, PROCESS AND ACTIVITIES

## YOUTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP

A working group was established to develop processes for moving forward with the YPI. As the YPI was a joint initiative of the World AIDS Campaign and the Mexico YouthForce, the working group was designed to have participation from both organisations. A call was made to a core group of Mexico YouthForce members resulting in the following YPI working group constitution:

Claudia Ahumada, *World AIDS Campaign*

Katie Chau, *Youth Coalition*

Elba Garcia, *Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir*

Marco Gomes, *Living Positively/GYCA*

Caitlin Padgett, *Youth RISE*

Daniel Townsend, *Youth Coalition*

Primary responsibilities of the YPI working

group were selecting the YPI partnership pairs and planning the opening and closing sessions that would take place during AIDS 2008 Mexico. The YPI working group also worked toward the following tasks:

- **Develop a transparent application and selection process, match pairs based on common interests, such as similarities in their research and career goals, native language, and/or regional and ethnic backgrounds.**
- **Develop selection criteria for the youth leaders, looking at their level of engagement, ensuring representation from communities most affected.**
- **Develop selection criteria for established leaders based on their role, position, commitment and availability both during the conference and in a sustained capacity in the future. Possible adult participants will come from various constituencies, such as private sector, government, UN system, civil society, faith, labor, positive networks, women's groups and also the scientific community.**
- **Develop Terms of Reference for the initiative; for example, identifying the roles, responsibilities and function of each participant in the partnership, the duration of the partnership during the conference, what to expect, how to communicate with each other and boundaries.**
- **Ensure that the Initiative doesn't privilege already elite youth leaders, and exclude others.**
- **Ensure that the YPI truly promotes capacity and skills development on both sides and is more than a symbolic gesture.**

To support the successful functioning of the YPI as well as its sustainability the World AIDS Campaign acted as neutral facilitator, catalyst, and supported the YPI with logistical support, guidance, and implemented the proposed activities of the YPI working group.

# YPI PROMOTION AND NOMINATIONS

To get youth to participate in the YPI an application form and Participation Guide was created. An open call for nominations was conducted through the Mexico YouthForce, the World AIDS Campaign Global Steering Committee and additional list-serves. The open call was intended to be broad and to reach multiple list-serves; information was also posted on the Youth Programmes website for AIDS 2008. It was left up to constituencies if they wanted to organise amongst themselves to nominate one person, or if different organisations within the same constituency wanted to nominate several people. As a result, nominations were received from a broad range of organisations, both from inside and outside of the World AIDS Campaign's Global Steering Committee.

Beyond the demonstrated leadership abilities of the applicants, the main criteria for YPI applicants was that they had financial support to attend the conference, as the YPI did not have such funding. Ultimately many of the nominations received were from potential participants who did not have appropriate funding to attend the conference or who did not receive their visas. Therefore the number of nominations was a lot greater than the number of people who were actually able to participate. Additional participation criteria related to the applicants commitment to youth-adult partnerships, based on the information they provided in their application forms.

To select the established leaders from these constituencies, each constituency was asked to nominate 2 people. The YPI working group then selected and paired applicants, who were subsequently invited to participate in the initiative.

The YPI paired leaders from afore mentioned constituencies with youth leaders at the 2008 conference who shadowed each other for two of the five conference days. A total of 8 established leaders and 9 youth leaders participated in the initiative (for a list of all YPI participants see Appendix 1). Based on the schedules of both participants, shadowing arrangements were made for during the conference. Both adult and youth participants were encouraged to agree to a sustained partnership beyond the conference with terms that are mutually agreed to by both parties.

In regards to pairing partners together, the YPI Working Group used the applications forms as guidance, as the application asked which constituencies they would like to be paired with. This helped to identify common interests upon which to begin to build partnerships.

Upon selection, each participant received a personal email informing them that they had been selected and letting them know who they had been paired with. Once they confirmed their participation, an email was sent to each pair introducing them to one another and also encouraging them to introduce themselves and begin to discuss ways to work together throughout the conference. Some participants were very active via email before the conference, whereas others had no contact until the YPI opening session in Mexico City. In total, 6 of the 8 YPI partnerships were in contact over email prior to the conference.

# YOUTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE OPENING SESSION

With the IAC being an extremely busy event and time a precious commodity, it was important to make the most efficient use of the time of both the youth and adult leaders. In order to achieve this, the World AIDS Campaign held a brief two-hour opening meeting of the adult and youth leaders at the beginning of the Conference. Meeting objectives were to ensure that both youth and established leaders had a first opportunity to meet and personally get to know each other; clearly understand their roles during the YPI program; and mutually discussed and clarified their expectations. The World AIDS Campaign's function was to organise the meeting facility, re-iterate the function and purpose of the YPI and as the moderator/facilitator of the meeting.

The opening session was facilitated by Claudia Ahumada of the World AIDS Campaign and Marco Gomes of the YPI working group (see Appendix 3 for meeting agenda). A majority of the YPI participants attended, however due to the quantity of other events and obligations during the conference a small number of participants were unable to attend.

The session opened with a welcome from Marcel van Soest, Executive Director of the World AIDS Campaign. Van Soest spoke about the recent committed engagement of what he named the "less common constituencies" within the World AIDS Campaign, now as Global Steering Committee members and partners in the organisation, such as women, youth, and labour among others. He spoke about the commitment of the World AIDS Campaign to engaging youth in all aspects of the organisation and highlighted how youth are setting the agenda within the World AIDS Campaign for further work with their constituency. This includes having a young person as chair of the Global Steering Committee and also the new Youth Campaigns Coordinator, who was chosen by members of the youth constituency the World AIDS Campaign has been partnering with. Van Soest concluded by praising the unparalleled power of youth to affect change and mobilise, and then highlighted that the World AIDS Campaign is now part of the United Nations Inter-agency Task Team on Young People.

Following Marcel van Soest's comments, Steve Kraus of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), provided opening remarks to the YPI participants. Kraus also mentioned the Interagency Task Team on Young People and his excitement about the recent engagement of the World AIDS Campaign on the team and highlighted that the UN system works much better when others from civil society are involved. Kraus said when civil society is involved in UN processes that "this creates space for change and real partnerships, and we need the creativity, action and boldness of young people. We need true partnerships that consider the competencies, assets, strength and abilities of young people". Kraus highlighted that initiatives such as the YPI allow all of us to strengthen our leadership skills. Kraus then commented that "when it comes to HIV, united we stand and divided we fall. The only way for true scale up towards universal access to be achieved is through real partnerships. The need for partnerships and unity is greater than ever, and now is the time to listen, and create space for open dialogue".

Nabil Chemli, one of the youth participants in the YPI, then shared his personal experience as a young person involved in the HIV movement and leadership activities. Chemli told a story of his initial involvement in the international HIV response in his home of Tunisia, and how he got invited to a Global Fund evaluation meeting. He only got the chance to participate in the meeting because an adult dropped out, but through this meeting he got further engaged with Y-PEER and other international youth initiatives. This then led to Chemli working with MTV Staying

Alive as an intern in London. Through this experience he discovered there was a big divide in terms of leadership opportunities for those in the North compared to those in the South, realising that there are many more opportunities for those in the North. Chemli spoke to his hope that the YPI could create more opportunities to develop leadership opportunities for those in the South. He then highlighted how difficult it can be to get engaged in HIV work at an international level for young people and highlighted that being part of this initiative was exciting for him as he is looking

forward to develop new leadership skills.

Claudia Ahumada then spoke about the World AIDS Campaign's commitment to supporting the partnerships over the year following the conference and highlighted that the YPI will only just begin at AIDS 2008, but will not end at the conference. However, Ahumada reminded the participants that it was up to them as partners to say how they would like to be supported by the World AIDS Campaign.

With the aims to establish a two-way

learning process to promote mutual understanding between the participants the YPI partners were then provided with the YPI Commitments Sheet (see Appendix 2) and paired with their respective partners for 30 minutes. With their partners, participants shared more about their work, interests and discussed how they would like to work with each other over the course of the conference and into the future. Participants set agendas for meeting up throughout the conference and filled in their Commitment Sheet with logistical details on how they planned their partnership.

## YPI PARTNERSHIPS DURING THE CONFERENCE

World AIDS Campaign staffs were identified as being available during the conference for any issues or challenges that occurred and were addressed during the opening session as focal points for both the youth and adult leaders if anything needed to be discussed around their experiences. The primary focal point identified was Claudia Ahumada, the World AIDS Campaign Youth Campaigns Coordinator.

Partnership arrangements were up to each pair, and each grouping had varied ways of partnering over the course of the conference. Due to multiple issues, some partnerships were more successful than others. To showcase the varied approaches the following is a highlight of how 4 of the 8 pairs worked together during their conference partnership which exemplify the successes and challenges of the YPI

(names have been left out, therefore for each of the below Partner A is the youth leader and Partner B is the established adult leader):

## YPI PARTNERSHIP ONE:

Partner A and B first met at the YPI opening session after not being able to be in touch prior to the conference. At the YPI opening session each partner suggested 2 sessions that the other should go to with them. They successfully met and went to the sessions suggested by the other partner. A few times they chatted at the end of the sessions and discussed the topics presented and how it related to their work. Partner B also attended a session in which Partner A was a presenter, which was very impressive and interesting for Partner B. Although both partners were very busy during the week, they prioritised meeting each other. Both partners addressed having had positive experiences learning from their partnership, mentioning that they went to sessions and learned things that they hadn't expected to over the course of the conference. The partners felt it was a plus that they were from different regions of the world and different constituencies as they got to observe different perspectives. For next time they both mentioned that it would have been helpful to talk beforehand to develop more of a relationship and conference plan.

## YPI PARTNERSHIP TWO:

Partners A and B did not have much contact before the conference, but they had a very engaged conversation at the YPI opening session. Partner A saw their partner present a number of times, but due to the fact that Partner B was engaged in high-level sessions and was very busy it was difficult to interact much. Ultimately their first meeting at the opening was the only time they were able to meet or the YPI. Partner A found the most engaging part of the YPI the opening session where there was some partner interaction and sharing of contact information for future communication beyond the conference.

## YPI PARTNERSHIP THREE:

Partner B for this partnership was only identified last minute, as the original person could not commit to fully participate during the conference. Their work and constituencies were very different and therefore these partners only first met and communicated at the opening session. Although they arranged for a number of ways to connect during the conference they never did meet up, and communication was near impossible during the conference. Partner A found the YPI very challenging. Ultimately Partner A identified that they felt Partner B wasn't engaged and didn't live up to their side of the arrangement.

## YPI PARTNERSHIP FOUR:

Partner A and B were in contact a number of times prior to the conference where they identified projects to work on, made sure that the YPI was part of their work during the conference and integrated the partnership into their conference schedule. It was a coincidence that these two partners had a lot in common and multiple connections to share with each other. Partnership 3 attended meetings with each other and each ended up presenting at various meetings arranged by the other. They felt it as easy to meet except on first day of the conference which was busy and orientation for own work was needed. Tuesday they met up and socialised where they also attended a session together. As communication during the conference was difficult it was helpful that they had planned prior and arranged a schedule. This partnership group have also arranged multiple ways of working together in the future as Partner B is doing a lot of work in their partner's region. They both identified that they had a very good working relationship and overall positive experience with each other.

# YOUTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE CLOSING SESSION

At the end of the Conference, there was another two-hour meeting of the adult and youth leaders. The purpose was to take stock of the YPI and discuss if it had worked well and how it could be improved. Also, the participants of the YPI were able to have a last opportunity to meet in person and discuss the sustainability of their recently built relationships. This meeting was facilitated by Claudia Ahumada who posed multiple questions to the YPI participants about their successes, challenges and ways forward (see Appendix 3 for meeting agenda). 10 of the 17 YPI partners were able to participate in the closing session, as the others had prior engagements or had already left Mexico for home. Meeting outcomes are addressed in the following section *Youth Partnership Initiative Recommendations, Challenges and Successes*.

At this meeting the World AIDS Campaign's role again was highlighted as a neutral facilitator to support and guarantee that all pairs agree on plans on how to continue their relationships and on mechanisms for communication beyond the conference that works for participants' schedules, work environments and local conditions. The main outcome of this meeting was that the YPI participants got to share with the group their successes and challenges, as well as identify how they would like to continue and sustain their relationships.

Steve Kraus of the UNFPA also attended the closing session and congratulated the participants on their commitment and for sharing their successes and challenges and said he had seen "youth leadership come to a new level through the Initiative". Kraus also committed to the possibility of UNFPA offering that all members of the UNAIDS Interagency Task Team on Young People could participate in the YPI for the next time it took place, either as partners or as nominating someone. This would be a "nice way of tying the Initiative into the Task Team and to get traction on really working with young people". Kraus offered this to the group for them to discuss further, and highlighted that since there is already a communication structure in place that it could simplify things for follow-up.

Participants were then awarded certificates of participation. Before the meeting was adjourned participants took time to fill in the first of two questionnaires as part of the external evaluation which is being conducted.

# YOUTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE: SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## 1. SUCCESSES

5 of the partnerships were identified as particularly successful. Among them, the following themes were present:

- Partners were paired and arranged prior to conference with a clear commitment from both to be fully engaged;
- Partners communicated somewhat or quite often prior to the conference;
- Both partners attended the YPI opening session;
- Clear communication and concrete plans were identified for meeting up during the conference;
- Both partners had input into chosen conference activities for their partnership;
- Mutual commitment and willingness to fully engage in partners proposed conference plans;
- Some form of communication during conference either via email or mobile phone;
- Some shared point of similarity or common interest among partners, whether work or constituency related, and/or personal interests.

## 2. CHALLENGES

In total, 3 of the YPI partnerships were identified by at least one of the partners as not being effective or working well. The main identified reasons for this were that there had been no communication prior to the conference and there was a lack of commitment or interest from one or both partners to fully engage during the conference itself.

## 3. LESSONS LEARNED

Several lessons learned have been identified from this initiative, including:

### Value of the opening session

Many participants highlighted the value of the opening session and the time they spent with their partner in regards to planning and sharing as very important. Meeting partners at the session and sharing with them helped to create and bond and connection as well as plan for logistical arrangements for their conference work together. Partners who were at the opening session and who made concrete arrangements for meeting up had were often most successful.

### Shared learning across constituencies and regions

Almost all of the participants who met up with their partners during the conference said that they participated in activities that they would have otherwise not have gone to. From sharing their work with each other's networks, to participating in meetings, to attending sessions on issues that they would not have normally attended, YPI participants often identified that this aspect of the partnership was a highlight was interesting for them to see new perspectives and learn about issues they were not familiar with. With a partner who may have more experience in a particular field or constituency this gave the other partner opportunities to ask questions and get more hands on information from their partner. One YPI participant mentioned that they got to ask questions of their partner and learned about constituencies they were not familiar with. They felt comfort-

able to discuss issues, or ask the "stupid questions" that they might not otherwise ask when they had their partner with them who was familiar with the issues that they were not.

This shared learning also took place for partners from different global regions. Many identified that learning from someone from another region and gaining that region perspective on issues was an exciting part of the YPI. It was also identified during the YPI closing session that ensuring partners are from different regions is something that should be replicated for next time the Initiative is undertaken.

### Commitment from both partners is essential

Having mutual commitment from both partners was essential to ensuring the success of a partnership. When a partner didn't have the appropriate time commitment or was not able to participate in all aspects for the YPI, then the partnerships were lacking.

Appropriateness of partnerships  
While a majority of partnerships were very successful, a lesson learned for the YPI was to have appropriately paired partners, where they had some commonalities, but also had things to learn from each other. One YPI partnership that were from the same constituency mentioned initially that it was a challenge to identify what they would get from their partnership, as they were very familiar with all the issues that the others were working with. Also, another YPI partnership mentioned that because their partner was from a completely different constituency from them that they were not sure how to engage with their partner and were not as interested in their work.

## **4. RECOMMEN- DATIONS**

The following is a list of recommendations of the initiative as identified by YPI participants during the closing session or over the course of the conference week:

### **Establish communication prior to conference**

While there were a few exceptions, it was clear that those partners who had communicated via email and Skype before the conference established more meaningful and active partnerships during the course of the conference. During the closing session there was an overwhelming agreement that planning and connection between partners before-hand be the primary recommendation.

### **Make a time commitment and integrate the YPI into existing work**

Many YPI participants identified that time commitment was an issue toward ensuring the success of their partnership, particularly those who at the conference as part of their paid employment. Partners who made a sincere commitment to integrate their partnership into their work and conference schedule had more success and shared multiple benefits. Whether having a partner attend or participate in their partner's meetings, activities, or work events throughout the conference made sure that the YPI was part of their work and conference schedule, and therefore not something extra that could that was easily neglected.

### **Ensure appropriateness of partnerships**

Finding commonalities but also ensuring enough difference to promote a learning exchange is a difficult balance and something to take into account in further detail next time. This can be done by asking applicants to provide further information on what they would like to learn and how they envision the partnership unfolding.

### **Ensure mutual commitment**

Ensuring that expectations are understood from both partners at the beginning will ensure successful partnerships that are balanced and enriching to both parties.

# WAYS FORWARD: YOUTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BEYOND THE CONFERENCE

While the YPI was operational for only the days during the conference, participants were asked to commit to continuing the partnership well into the future. During the closing session and throughout the week the YPI pairs discussed and proposed various mechanisms for communication beyond the conference that would work for both participant's schedules and work environments. Almost all of the YPI participants identified that their initial meeting in Mexico was just the beginning for their partnership and that it was a great kick off for a continued partnership moving beyond the conference. It was also highlighted during the YPI closing session that the World AIDS Campaign should focus on capturing the partnership learning's after the conference as they will be just as valuable as what took place during the conference. For moving their partnership forward participants identified the following ways of working together:

- **Continue to look for sharing opportunities and maintain email contact about progress;**
- **Partners will send each other a question once a month that they would like feedback on, and then a week later they will have a Skype call;**
- **Looking for possibilities to use their partner as a consultant on to support inter-consistency work and sharing of knowledge;**
- **Build a strengthened network to share competencies, so that YPI partners can all support each other and where experiences and point of view will be able to help others.**
- **Partners are interested in starting a blog to make their experience more public and to share learning's with others.**
- **Sponsor capacity building efforts that will involve both partners;**
- **Look for opportunities (meetings, conferences) which we can avail meet again;**
- **Organising a youth dialogue.**

Most YPI pairs agreed that in order to maintain connection with their partners having some specific tasks/assignments should be given to partners. The World AIDS Campaign could support YPI partners by assisting with maintaining communication and identifying tasks to support continued work and a sustainable working relationship.

Partners also identified that they could share more about the work that they do and constituencies that they work with. It could be helpful to continually share what partners are doing, and the World AIDS Campaign could support this on an ongoing basis. To assist with shared learning and to promote partners initiatives it was agreed at the YPI closing session that participants will send bios to Claudia Ahumada who will then distribute them to all the YPI partners. Also, those that are interested in doing a YPI blog will communicate this to Ahumada who will explore possibilities. Also, the World AIDS Campaign will continue to also keep the YPI list serve active.

# YOUTH PARTNERSHIP EVALUATION

Evaluation of the YPI is being conducted through two questionnaires: one which was administered to participants at the end of the conference; and the other, six months after the conference. In addition to providing an overall review of the YPI, the questionnaires are gathering information

on how participants believe the on-the-ground structure of youth-adult partnerships could be improved. Participants will also be asked to review their original Commitments Sheet. Lessons learned from the YPI will be integrated in to the MYF post-conference report.

## APPENDICES

- 1. List of YPI Participants**
- 2. YPI Commitments Form**
- 3. YPI Opening and Closing Session Agenda**
- 4. Certificate of participation**

# APPENDIX 1

## THE MEXICO CITY YOUTH PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE SELECTED LEADERS

During the 2008 International AIDS Conference, to be held in Mexico City, 17 leaders from a broad range of constituencies (9 youth and 8 adult leaders), will participate in the Youth Partnership Initiative. The following table reflects the selected leaders with their respective pairings.

	YOUTH LEADER	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	ADULT LEADER	ORGANISATION	COUNTRY
1	Alexandra Müller And Fatma Hacioglu	BVMD (German Medical Students' Association) Y-PEER	Germany Turkey	Olanrewaju Olusola Onigbogi	Nigerian Friends for Harm Reduction	Nigeria
2	Gulalai Ismail	Aware Girls	Pakistan	Elijah Fung	St. John's Cathedral HIV Education Centre	Hong Kong SAR, China
3	Sarah Stumbar UNAVAILABLE FOR CLOSING	Mailman School of Public Health-Columbia University, SUNY-Stony Brook School of Medicine	USA	Edwin Nichols	World AIDS Campaign	The Netherlands
4	WiekeRianne Vink	Youth Board Plan Netherlands	The Netherlands	Alicia Carbaugh	Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation	USA
5	Nabil Chemli	Y-PEER	Tunisia	Felicita Hikuam	World AIDS Campaign	South Africa
6	Saunsuray Govere	Kijana	Born in the U.S. with Zimbab- wen birth certificate; resides in South Africa	Raol Fransen Deloris Dockrey	Young Positives GNP+	The Netherlands USA
7	Elina Juntunen	YouAct – European Youth Network on Sexual and Reproductive Rights	Finland	Mandy Govender	Dance4Life	South Africa
8	Prateek Suman	World AIDS Campaign/Youth Coalition	India	Paul Bekkers	Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs	The Netherlands

# APPENDIX 2

## Commitments Sheet

The Youth Partnerships Initiative (YPI) aims to establish a two-way learning process to promote mutual understanding, facilitate networking, and enable a transfer of knowledge and skills between the participants. Through its Global Steering Committee (GSC)<sup>1</sup>, the World AIDS Campaign has identified and encouraged leaders from a wide range of constituencies, including media, young people living with HIV, women, non-governmental organisations, youth, activists, labour, harm reduction and Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), all of whom are participating in this initiative.

Through the YPI, you will have the opportunity to work closely with a member of a different constituency, shadowing each other respectively for 2 days of the International AIDS Conference. While the conference marks the beginning of the initiative, the aim is for these partnerships to be sustained and developed afterwards.

Please use this commitments sheet to record the steps that you and your partner plan to take.

**Name:**

**Organisation:**

**Country:**

- 1.** Please describe in detail the commitments you and your adult partner will undertake in order to sustain and establish a two-way learning process that promotes mutual understanding, facilitates networking, and enables a transfer of knowledge and skills throughout the conference?
- 2.** How do you plan on sustaining these commitments after the conference?
- 3.** Do you foresee obstacles that may challenge your capacity to implement and sustain the commitments?
- 4.** Is there anything that the World AIDS Campaign could do to support you in fulfilling these commitments?

**We thank you again  
for believing in the  
value of youth–adult  
partnerships!**

# APPENDIX 3

## OPENING SESSION, SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST, 2008, 15:45 P.M.–17:25 P.M

TIME	AGENDA	FACILITATOR
15:45 – 15:50	Welcome by Marcel Van Soest, Executive Director World AIDS Campaign	Claudia
15:50 – 15:55	Opening remarks by Steve Kraus, UNFPA	Claudia
15:55 – 16:00	Opening remarks by Nabil Chemli, youth participant, Y-PEER	Claudia
16:00 – 16:20	Brief overview of the initiative, questions and answers	Claudia
16:20 – 17:20	Working with your partner: during the conference	Claudia
17:20 – 17:25	Closing	Claudia

## CLOSING SESSION, FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2008, 11 A.M.–1 PM.

TIME	AGENDA	FACILITATOR
11:00 – 11:03	Welcome by Marcel Van Soest, Executive Director World AIDS Campaign	Claudia
11:03-11:06	Opening remarks by Steve Kraus, UNFPA	Claudia
11:06- 11:45	Sharing experiences	Claudia
11:45-12:15	Working with your partner: beyond the conference	Claudia
12:15 -12:30	Awarding Certificates of Participation	Marco
12:30- 13:00	External evaluation	Anna

# APPENDIX 4



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