Dear Colleagues,

Please find below ‘Special digest on youth’, Issue 12 (12 July 2011) prepared for members of Mountain Forum and Mountain Partnership network. For your kind information, APMN is carrying out several activities to mark the International Year of Youth 2010-11 and preparation of monthly digests on youth is one of them.

We highly appreciate your support in sharing this information with relevant people in your network.

Regards,
Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) team

P.S: You can also find our thematic digests at ICIMOD Thematic digest archives. Compiled links to news, events, opportunities, and resources are regularly updated on our del.icio.us page.

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1. **India: Pria Kataaria Puri Bags Asian Achievers Award**
   12 July 2011
   Pria was felicitated by the Asian Community for her distinctive contribution to the fashion industry. This award is celebrated by Human Achievers Foundation in UAE and has been set-up with the single objective of appreciating excellence from all over the world, and to inspire further excellence in the youth of the continent.
   Source: http://bit.ly/nX8B0n

2. **Vientiane: Young Lao Entrepreneurs Shine at Marketplace Competition**
   20 June 2011
   The World Bank and AusAid organized the Young Entrepreneurial Marketplace Competition, a contest where young Laotians could pitch their business ideas and turn these into reality over the next year. Candidates stood a chance at winning $5,000.00 and mentorship from the Young Entrepreneurs Association of Lao PDR. 212 proposals- covering business ideas about tech, farm products, and more - were submitted.

   July 2011
As part of the International Year of Youth, the General Assembly will hold a high-level meeting on youth on 25 and 26 July 2011. The high-level meeting will have as its overarching theme “Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding”.
Source: http://bit.ly/ni4UkA

   July 2011
   Euro-Mediterranean seminar “Indicators for Intercultural Dialogue in Non-formal Education Activities” is organised in the framework of the partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the field of youth from 22-24 September 2011 in Mollina, Spain, during the 12th University on Youth and Development. This is an invitation to take part in a seminar in Europe on developing indicators that would show that intercultural learning is happening in your intercultural youth work practice.
   Source: http://bit.ly/p6s7pt

Opportunity

1. **The 2011 Heywire Competition**
   ABC Southbank Centre, Melbourne
   Call for Entries
   HEYWIRE is a space and an annual competition for young people from regional Australia. It is now open to people aged 16 - 22, to submit a story about life in Australia outside the major cities. A place to share your stories and opinions, and find the news that affects you. Story can be created in any form of media: text, video, photography or audio.
   Deadline: 19 September 2011
   Contact: Heywire, abcheywire@abc.net.au

2. **The international "Green Talents" Competition 2011**
   Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
   Call for Applications
   Young scientists from all over the world who are seeking solutions to these and other pressing questions related to sustainability research are invited to participate in the prestigious "Green Talents" competition of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).
   Deadline: 29 July 2011
   Contact: greentalents@dlr.de

3. **IGES Internship for the second half of FY2011**
   Kansai Research Centre (KRC), Hayama Japan
   Call for Application
   IGES is recruiting research interns for the FY2011 Winter/Spring period (as stipulated in our Charter of Establishment) with the aim of promoting understanding of its strategic research. IGES internships offer an opportunity to gain on-site work experience, and are aimed at those
who wish to play a part in interdisciplinary policy research toward sustainable development in
the Asia Pacific region.
Deadline: 22 July 2011
Contact: Research Supporting Section (IGES), iges-secondtermintern2011@iges.or.jp

4. **Vacancy: Project Analyst Energy Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB**
   Manila Philippines
   **Call for Application**
   Job Purpose: Provide analytical and statistical support to assigned project portfolio; provide
technical assistance in project administration and portfolio management activities related to the
Division's projects.
Deadline: 19 July 2011
Contact: arc-help@adb.org

5. **Round 2: Taqeeem Fund for Evaluation in Youth Employment**
   Switzerland
   **Call for Application for MENA Region**
   This new initiative intends to capture the knowledge and lessons learned generated through the
anticipated increased focus on youth employment / enterprise programming by governments,
development partners, civil society and the private sector. The rush to address this challenge
and test new job creation solutions has created an opportunity for learning not to be missed.
Deadline: 5 September 2011
Contact: yenetwork@ilo.org

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**Events**

1. **August 27 - September 10, 2011**
   The Road to Rio 20 European Regional Meeting - European Youth Congress
   Izola, Slovenia
   **Call for Participation**
   The European Youth Congress is an extension of the World Youth Congress and involves
young people from all over Europe every other year. This year it will take place over one week in
Izola, Slovenia. The focus of EYC 2011 will be on preparing for the Rio 20 Earth Summit next year
in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Deadline: 31 July 2011
Contact: Admin, advocacy@peacechild.org

2. **1-4 September 2011**
   One Young World Summit
   Zurich, Switzerland
   **Call for Application**
One Young World's purpose is to connect and bring together the youngest, brightest and best and to ensure that their concerns, opinions, and solutions are heard and taken into account by those in power, whether in government, business, or any other sector. If you would like to get the chance to meet Bob Geldof and Muhammad Yunus, this is your place to be.

Deadline:
Contact: Christopher Skillcorn, christopher@oneyoungworld.com

3. **6-10 September 2011**
   **Asia Pacific Youth Assembly**
   **Jakarta, Indonesia**
   **Call for Application**
   APYA stands for Asia Pacific Youth Assembly. It is an assembly to gather the young people from Asia Pacific countries in discussing and generating ideas for solutions to face the current environmental issues.
   Deadline: 18 July 2011
   Contact: Anne Walraven, lsprclimatechange@yahoo.com

4. **26-30 September 2011**
   **Tunza International Children and Youth Conference on the Environment**
   **Bandung, Indonesia**
   **Call for Application**
   The Tunza International Children & Youth Conference on the Environment will bring together 1400 children and youth, to discuss their role and inputs to the upcoming Rio 20 Earth Summit. Organised by the United Nations Environment Programme, taking part in this conference is a very direct way to have your voice heard at the Earth Summit! The conference will also review the contribution of youth to the International UN Year of Forests and how everyone can adopt more environment-friendly lifestyles
   Deadline: 22 July 2011
   Contact: UNEP Tunza, Children.youth@unep.org

5. **November 2011**
   **National Conference on Water, Food Security and Climate Change (CC)**
   **Department of Irrigation Building, Jaulakhel Kathmandu Nepal**
   **Call for Papers**
   National Conference on Water, Food Security and Climate Change (CC) in Nepal Organized by: International Water Management Institute (IWMI), CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture, and Food Security (CCAFS), Department of Irrigation (DoI), International Network on Participatory Irrigation Management (INPIM), and Nepal Agricultural Research Council (NARC)
   Deadline: 15 July 2011
   Contact: pratibhasapkota@gmail.com

6. **26–29 March 2012**
   **Planet Under Pressure 2012 conference**
   **London, UK**
Call for Abstracts
The conference will provide a comprehensive update of the pressure planet Earth is now under. The conference will discuss solutions at all scales to move societies on to a sustainable pathway and will provide scientific leadership towards the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development - Rio+20.
Deadline: 19 August 2011
Contact: Jenny Wang, Publishing Content Coordinator, jen.wang@elsevier.com
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Organisations

1. International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations (ICMYO)
ICMYO is an informal network of membership-based, democratic, representative and accountable International Youth NGOs (INGYO) and Regional Youth Platforms (RYPs).

2. The Youth Employment Network, Switzerland
YEN works to engage, educate and motivate actors to provide improved employment opportunities for youth. It is a platform and service provider focusing on policy advice, innovative pilot projects, knowledge sharing, and brokering partnerships.

3. Youth Action and Policy Association NSW, Australia
YAPA is the peak organisation representing young people and youth services in NSW. YAPA works towards a society where all young people are supported, engaged and valued.
URL: http://bit.ly/qTkPY2

4. Multicultural Youth Affairs Network (MYAN) NSW, Australia
NSW formally known as Multicultural Youth Issues Network NSW (MYINN) is a NSW forum to coordinate information and undertake action on issues affecting multicultural young people and their families, and to develop appropriate policies, strategies and resources addressing these issues at local, regional and state levels.

5. World Assembly Of Youth, Melaka, Malaysia
The World Assembly of Youth (WAY) is the international coordinating body of national youth councils and organisations. The full members of WAY are national youth councils. WAY has 120 member organisations from all continents.
URL: http://bit.ly/pc2gWj

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Resources

1. The 12 must-attend youth events towards 2012
2. Capacity Building of the Department of Aid and Debt Management's Debt Management Unit: ADB project report in Bhutan

3. Youth Employment Network Newsletter
   URL: http://bit.ly/r8C3Lb

4. Building the Case for Business Collaboration on Youth Employment: Good Practice from West Africa

5. Keeping the Promise: A toolkit for young people to assess national policies for youth in Ghana
   URL: http://bit.ly/pNGUMv

   URL: http://bit.ly/pMm7j7

7. The World Bank’s Youth Employment Inventory
   URL: http://bit.ly/oWPr5s

8. Employment Fund, Nepal: The Employment Fund (EF) is an ongoing multi-donor basket fund established as per the agreement between the Government of Nepal (GoN) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in 2008.
   URL: http://bit.ly/pA6Ui1

9. Guide for youth NGOs at UN Meetings

10. The United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) is a network consisting of UN entities, represented at the headquarters level, whose work is relevant to youth. The aim of the Network is to increase the effectiveness of UN work in youth development.
    URL: http://bit.ly/p7gcxj

11. UNDP – Pacific Centre: Report on Urban Youth in the Pacific
    URL: http://bit.ly/mTBf9U

12. The Youth Participation Grants Program is an initiative which aims to encourage young people to more actively participate in their community through the creation and implementation of community based youth led projects.

13. Development Needs Youth: The European Youth Forum (EFY)
    URL: http://bit.ly/rI0Xpl

14. YAPA Latest Newsletter for Youth
15. UN Youth Flash: Vol. 8, No.6, June 2011

16. Wood County 4-H Youth Connection Newsletter July 2011
   URL: http://bit.ly/paGCwN