

From: ICMYO Task force

To: Youth Employment Network
Att: Mr José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs

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Follow-up of the Youth Employment Network and the Commission for Social Development

Dear Mr José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs

On behalf of the Youth Consultative Group we thank you for your kind letter and the update on the recent developments within the Youth Employment Network.

The launch of the Youth Employment Guidelines in New York was indeed a success with high participation from institutions, Governments, NGOs and UN Agencies – a good picture of the partnership we are aiming for in the Youth Employment Network. The guidelines themselves are also very popular and before we even have received the main sending of copies of the guide we have people waiting for them.

As you are aware of we are not only working to raise awareness amongst youth in our organisations but also amongst our Governmental partners. In this regard we are also very happy to see the outcome of our work at the United Nations General Assembly last October and November, which resulted in a strong resolution focusing on Youth in the Global Economy. The official version of the resolution should soon be available from the UN Secretariat.

In this very moment several of the organisations participating in the Youth Consultative Group are preparing for the 46th session of the Commission for Social Development, focusing on Employment and Decent Work for All. As the Commission meeting kicks off in New York February 6th we will follow up our work at the UN General Assembly, reminding the Member States of the UN of their commitments towards youth and the Youth Employment Network. Please see our priorities and contributions for the Commission meeting attached.

In this regard we are wondering if also the Steering Group has something planned for the upcoming session of the Commission for Social Development. If so, we would of course be very happy to meet with you or other representatives from YEN in New York during the upcoming session of the Commission.

We wish you the best of luck for the upcoming meeting of the Steering Committee and ensure you that we remain committed to working with the Youth Employment Network. We would of course also be happy to meet with the Steering Group or a representative of the ILO to get to know the outcome of your discussions at the Steering Group meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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World Organization of the Scout Movement - WOSM
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World Student's Christian Federation - WSCF