

2 What is the World Youth Congress?

THEMES & OBJECTIVES



7th WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS
GUINEA 2014

The Guinea World Youth Congress is:

- The 7th in the most popular series of international gatherings of youth leaders and activists happening on our planet in the 21st Century
- 3 days of Community Action Projects
Communautaires à travers la Guinée
- A gathering of exceptional, talented young people who have DONE amazing things - in their communities, in their nations, in the world ;
- 1000 Young Delegates coming from 140 countries
- 3 x Days of Workshops, Round Tables & Discussions
- 3 x Days of Community Action Projects throughout Guinea
- 7 x Days of Cultural Festival - the Boulev'Art
- 2 x Days of Hi-Level Segment Discussions hosted by President Alpha Conde with Heads of State, Experts & VIPs
- 100 Days of positive publicity for Guinea around the World
- Millions touched by Human Interest Media stories
- Tens of thousands of partners & millions of followers on social networks (facebook, twitter, flickr etc.)
- The 2nd Edition of the International Youth Job Creation Summit - launched in London in September 2013 ;
- The 2nd global meeting of the partners in the Green Economy Eco-Business Innovations Challenge (GEEBIZ)
- 'The Conakry Commitment' - charting a path to Full Youth Employment by 2030: an International Policy Reference Document for use by national and international policy-makers and as the basis of a global youth campaign for jobs
- An International 'Peace Garden' Legacy for Guinea
- A Celebration of Youth-led Development and a continuing enquiry into answers to the question: *What is the most effective contribution youth can make to the UN goal of sustainable development?*

Its Themes and Objectives are:

- To mobilise governments and policy makers to find solutions to the crisis of Youth Unemployment;
- To create better partnerships between youth and their governments + policy-makers so that youth job creation policies are more youth-friendly - and can be pursued and promoted by more young people themselves;
- Explore and develop new ways to enable youth to acquire income-generating skills and gain access to capital
- Research and create new ways to enable youth to gain access to capital
- Agree the Conakry Commitment - a Reference Document summarising the tried-and-tested policies and practices that governments, donors and development agencies need to pursue to achieve the goal of Full Youth Employment by 2030.

The underlying theme and mission of the World Youth Congress series is the same as that of Peace Child Intl.: this is to 'Empower Young People' - and to promote the concept of 'Co-management' to governments that seek to deliver policies that support and assist their young citizens. 'Co-Management' promotes equal partnership and respect between elders and youth: it promotes youth leadership and ownership of projects and interventions, but requires young people to draw upon and be guided by the experience of elders.

This objective is realised in every World Youth Congress through the youth-led selection of delegates; the youth management of the Congress programme; the youth leadership of workshops - youth sharing their stories, enabling their peers to see what they can do to achieve real change in their communities and in their world.