



**International Training Workshop
on Disaster Risk & Environmental Management**
9th – 12th July 2008, Melaka, Malaysia

Call for Participation

The World Youth Foundation in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia and the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department Malaysia will be hosting an **International Training Workshop on Disaster Risk & Environmental Management** tentatively scheduled to be held in **July 2008**, Melaka, Malaysia.

This International Training Workshop on Disaster Risk & Environmental Management is a **follow-up** of the International Training Workshop for Youth Representatives on Environment and Disaster Management held in August 2006 and the International Conference on Environment and Disaster Management held in August 2005 in Melaka, Malaysia by the Foundation.

The international training workshop will focus to introduce young people to the fields of **Disaster Risk Management** and **Environmental Management** and includes wide ranging topics to develop a broad based understanding of these fields. It also includes exercises for participants to get practical knowledge.

The three-day workshop will operate primarily in an interactive mode. Key issues relating to the environment and disasters will be presented by the course instructors in the form of interactive lectures, utilizing multi-media and documentary films and including intensive Q-and-A sessions. The lectures will draw upon cases studies of good practice from around the world. The lectures will be linked to a series of group exercises, the outcomes of which will be peer and expert reviewed.

The basic idea driving this mode is to make participants brainstorm in groups composed of diverse members and arrive at solutions and answers that represent their diverse experiences, serving as foundation for future

roles in policy-making and institutional leadership, areas which are increasingly becoming multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary and multi-dimensional.

Objectives:

The objectives of this International Training Workshop are:

- ▶ To create awareness and encourage greater educational presence on issues pertaining to disaster risk management
- ▶ To empower youth to use education and communication as key tools to achieve MDGs
- ▶ To examine existing approaches and proven success stories on environment conservation, i.e awareness and prevention programmes
- ▶ To understand, involve and dialogue with youth about environment sustainability

Proposed Outcome

At the end of the training participants will be expected to define an agenda that can be followed up in their own contexts after conclusion of the workshop. Another possible outcome to be achieved at the workshop is to develop an electronic or other network between interested participants that can inform and define future agenda for such youth-based learning events.

Application Criteria:

- **80 youth** representatives from various **national youth councils / organizations/ or school of higher learning**
- 10 representatives of collaborating Ministries and international non-governmental organizations working on disaster management, environment and sustainable development related aspects and representatives of United Nations agencies.
- **Must** be proficient in English
- **Must** have knowledge on issues pertaining to the training workshop
- **Must** be able to contribute positively to the objectives of the training workshop
- Be young people between the ages of **18-25; however some flexibility will be exercised** as the definition of youth varies from country to country
- Geographical and gender balance will be respected

Air Travel Subsidy:

The Foundation **regrets to inform that there are no funds available for air travel subsidy.** Hence participants are strongly encouraged to fund their own air-travel. **The Foundation will provide accommodation, meals and local hospitality for the duration of the training workshop only.**

Application Procedure :

Please fill the Application Form and send **by either email or fax** to the Foundation latest **by 14th May 2008.** Forms are also available at our website at www.wyf.org.my (in PDF Format only).

Upon receiving the application forms a Selection Committee will review all the applications and select the most deserving participant. The decision of the Selection Committee is final. **A letter of confirmation will then be sent to successful participants with the necessary information by email. Those who require the letter by fax must inform the foundation accordingly. Please use this letter to apply for your visa.**

Working Language

English shall be the official working language of the International Training Workshop.

For more information please contact:***World Youth Foundation***

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Pre-registration is A MUST.

Please do not send any supporting documents along with the Application Form