

United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development¹

Terms of Reference

Purpose:

In the spirit of UN coherence and cooperation, the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development, aims to increase the effectiveness of UN work in youth development by strengthening collaboration and exchange among all relevant UN entities, while respecting and harnessing the benefits of their individual strengths and unique approaches and mandates.

- Facilitate and support youth involvement and participation in the UN System and its programmes or initiatives at all levels.

The main objectives of the Network are:

- To identify key joint priorities and plan collaboratively to implement related initiatives based on the entities' work plans, within existing resources.
- To share good practices and expertise and to promote effective cooperation among the entities in programming at country (UNDAF) and regional levels.
- To identify global strategic opportunities (events, campaigns, initiatives, resources), ensure coordinated input, facilitate and support sustainable follow-up mechanisms.

Membership

Membership of the Network shall consist of United Nations entities whose work is relevant to youth development.

The Network shall be composed of representatives identified by the Heads of the entities. Additional members can be invited by the co-chairs of the Network.

Representatives should have broad knowledge and experience of the United Nations system and of the work of their entities on youth development.

Membership in the Network implies a commitment to participate regularly, to have the ability to take decisions, as appropriate, on behalf of their entity, consult with youth networks and to share information in a timely fashion to enable and facilitate coordination and cooperation.

Methods of operation

The Network will hold regular meetings at UNHQ, with telephone/video conferencing to other Duty Stations. The members of the Network will provide updates of their work in advance of the meetings. The agenda of the meetings will be reflective of the Network's collaborative planning and other proo83678(o)o-0.957028(90.956417(e)3.15789())-0.478208()-70r p

