

Second Committee Side Event:

Title: "*Sustainable Strategies for Eradicating Poverty through Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship.*"

Wednesday 19 October 2016, 10am – 1pm, UNHQ Conference Room 2

Background:

Today's world has the largest generation of youth in history. Their needs and rights/aspirations are increasingly recognized in the international community and in many national development plans. Young people hold the key to society's current and future advancement, yet too often they face barriers to their personal progress. The number of unemployed youth globally is expected to reach 71 million in 2016, making youth almost three times more likely than adults to be jobless. Agenda 2030 makes clear that it can only be achieved if no one is left behind and several sustainable development goals specifically target young people. It is therefore imperative that the international community pay specific attention to the youth with viable strategies and programmes for their inclusion. Two prnnngsi8eesfior(c)-6eeir

1. Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, Director, ILO Office for the United Nations (7 minutes)
2. Ms. Leituala Kuiniselani Toelupe Tago – Elisara, Director, Social Development Programme at the Pacific Community, on policies in the Pacific (7 minutes)
3. Mr. Chris Eigeland, Young entrepreneur who employs more than 50 young people and Australian Youth Delegate to the UN General Assembly (7 minutes)
4. Ms. Tiffany Pham, Founder & CEO of MOGUL, named one of Forbes' 2014 and ELLE 2015 "30 Under 30" (7 minutes)
5. Ms. Beatrice Ayuru, youth entrepreneur, Lira Integrated Schools, Lira, Uganda (7 minutes)

30 - 40 minutes interactive discussion with the floor, followed by concluding remarks by each of the panellists and a summary by the moderator.

Conclusion

Summary by moderator
