**PROGRAMME AND EVENTS BREIFING NOTE**

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**Introduction**

During the World Conference on Youth in Colombo, there are several different types of events listed in the schedule. The three interactive events are **roundtables**, **side events**, and **parallel events**, there will also take place plenary meetings (every morning), regional meetings (every afternoon) and **negotiations** (every evening), more information on these meetings will follow. The interactive events will form part of the two separate tracks within the conference structure: the **outcome document negotiations (track 1)** and the **parallel workshops and exhibitions (track 2)**. Roundtables will be the core of track 1 while the parallel events will be the primary focus of track 2. The side events will act as a bridge between the two in the sense that they will be an opportunity for those conference participants who are following a specific track to join with the others for specific discussions and networking. Each day of the conference will follow the same pattern and as a result, the events will all take place in the same fashion every day of the WCY. The following is a description of the 3 types of events:
Roundtables

• Roundtables (two blocks of 7) will be the primary thematic policy sessions of the conference and will feed directly into the conference’s outcome document.
• They take place at BMICH.
• Each session will take 2 hour 30 min.
• Block one (after the morning plenary) deal with the foundations; Block two (after lunch) deal with the themes. This means that there will be 7 different roundtable sessions happening during the scheduled roundtable times.
• Roundtables will be led by an international facilitator and a Sri Lankan.

Facilitator

• Each Round table will be addressed by 3 speakers: a minister, a youth with experience of the topic, and an expert. These three speakers will change every day as to allow a diverse set of voices to be heard throughout the daily thematic sessions.

Side events

• Side Events examine in more detail the policy discussions surrounding the foundations and themes.
• They will take place at BMICH during the substantive days of the conference.
• Each session will be scheduled in 45 minute blocks.
• There will be three time slots for side events, one slot during lunch (13:45 - 14:00) and two slots in the evening (18:15 – 19:00 and 19:15 -20:00).
• Side Events will be lead by external organisations and picked by the International Youth Task Force accordance to their relevance of the themes.
• Groups who wish to host side events must apply through the website.

Parallel events

• Parallel events mainly focus on capacity building or showcasing of projects organisations and agency are carrying out in terms of youth development they will allow organizations to network with others as well as share best practices in terms of grassroots work.
• They will take place throughout the day at the Sirimavo conference hall alongside the exhibitions in the Global Village.
• Each event can be organised in any time format organisers wish but will not be longer than half a day.
• Side Events will be lead by any external organisation.
• Groups who wish to host side events must apply through the website. **If you wish to organize a side event or parallel event please register your interest on www.wcy2014.com**
THEMES

WE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING CROSS CUTTING “FOUNDATIONS” AND PRIORITY “THEMES” developed in partnership with young people, civil society, representatives from governments and international development partners.

Foundations

Foundations are identified as having a cross cutting and foundational role for youth in the development framework.

1. Achieving Good Governance & Accountability
2. Inclusive Youth Participation at All Levels
3. Youth Rights
4. Globalization/ Inclusive Youth-Led Development (MOI)
5. Ending Systemic Inequalities
6. Gender Equality
7. Empowering Marginalized Youth Including Most at Risk Young People

Themes

Themes are identified as having an important stand-alone and priority for Young peoples’ development whilst recognizing the interrelated nature of all Areas of any post-2015 framework.

8. Realizing Equal Access To Quality Education
9. Full Employment And Entrepreneurship
10. Poverty Eradication And Food Security
11. Promoting Healthy Lives And Access To Health
12. Environmental Sustainability, Disaster Risk Reduction and Youth Cantered Urbanization
13. Realizing Peace, Reconciliation and Ending Violence
14. Ensuring Inclusive Recreation, Sports and Cultures