

**International Project Management Workshop
For UN Youth
Leaders**

An Outcome of the United Nations Global Youth Leadership Summit

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Goals

Since 2004, the United Nations has been engaged in identifying and mobilizing a new generation of leaders to help their communities achieve the Millennium Development Goals with the understanding that development is the most effective means for building peace and security. This process culminated at United Nations headquarters in New York in fall, 2006, and a global network of young leaders was formed. As a result of their participation in the youth summit series, these young people are now seeking to implement development and peacebuilding programs in their communities. They need training in how to manage and evaluate programs. This workshop is designed to provide them with an opportunity to gain these skills. A second key component is fostering the understanding that development and peace are integrally interconnected and that the basis for real development is to build social cohesion by fostering the values of inclusion, respect, and appreciation for diversity.

Selection of Delegates

The delegates for this workshop will be selected from the pool of young people who participated in one or more of the United Nations youth summits, or who have joined the network as a result of follow-up projects. The selection will be based on the caliber of the projects they submit for review, and their ability to communicate the needs of their community and how their project addresses these needs. Twenty to twenty-five international delegates will be selected from developing countries. We propose that

between five and ten Italian delegates join them with the aim of cultivating partnerships and understanding of the issues faced by the different regions.

Workshop Program

The primary focus on the two-week workshop is to help young community leaders develop their aspirations into concrete projects that will improve life in their communities in the areas of environment, poverty reduction, health, education, gender equity and building stronger inter-ethnic and inter-religious bonds. They will receive training in the following areas:

- Market analysis – assessing community needs and conducting initial research
- Project development – taking an idea from concept to concrete program
- Addressing diversity – ensuring that the program is inclusive and will help build social cohesion
- Accessing funding – how to work with international agencies, government and the private sector
- Project management – how to organize and staff projects
- Communications skills -- communicating with different audiences
- Technical training – strengthening IT skills
- Creating values-based projects – building into the project an understanding that peacebuilding is a daily effort of every citizen
- Project assessment – how to monitor results and ensure a ripple effect

Evaluation and Follow-up

The last day of the workshop will be an evaluation of what has been learned and a discussion of what resources are needed to help implement their projects. From the group of 20-25 delegates, three to five projects will be chosen for seed funding, with grants of \$5,000-\$10,000 each.

Budget

The cost of the airfares for international participants is approximately \$1500 per person. The travel budget needed to bring twenty to twenty-five international youth to Italy would be between \$30,000 and \$37,500.

