

Report of the Second High-Level Panel Meeting, June 30-July 1, 2003

Building on the political success of the [UN General Assembly's Resolution](#) on Promoting Youth Employment, the objective of this meeting was to outline and agree on the next steps in the implementation of the Youth Employment Network's strategy as outlined below.

The meeting of the High Level Panel on Youth Employment will last for one and a half days, starting at 14:30 H on Monday 30 June and ending at 17:30 H on Tuesday 1 July (see the [agenda](#) of the meeting).

The first session, in the afternoon of June 30, Building on Achievements, gave the Panel and other participants the opportunity to be updated on activities carried out over the past two years, and included progress reports on the political process since July 2001, catalysed by the Recommendations of the High Level Panel, youth organisations' activities to promote youth employment and on successful government policies for youth employment and new initiatives by pilot countries.

After an [introduction by the ILO Director-General](#) Juan Somavia, the Secretary-General attended for one hour of this session during which time he heard a progress report of the work of his YEN, which included interventions from High Level Panellists, government delegations and youth organisations. (See [full report](#))

The Secretary General then made a number of [comments](#) (click here for audio version) in response to what he had heard and challenged the YEN "to move from the excellent policy work that has been done to a new phase of action at the country level".

The second session, in the morning of July 1, Mapping an Action Plan, focused on the strategy for the Secretary-General's Youth Employment Network, and on the role of the High Level Panel. This session will also discuss the draft [synthesis report](#) based on the four Working Groups' reports, and highlighted how these reports' recommendations will be translated into the implementation of national action plans.

Dr. Mamphela Ramphele, World Bank Managing Director attended for a significant part of this session making remarks on the YEN shift from a policy based phase to a more action orientated phase.

During a luncheon on July 1, Ms. Eveline Herfkens, the Director of the [Millennium Development Campaign](#), presented views on the implementation of the Millennium Declaration, and on the role of youth employment.

The third session, Actors and their Roles, in the afternoon of July 1, was devoted to a discussion on the future role of the Network's different actors, including the High Level Panel, in the implementation of the next five steps and on the communications strategy to give the HLP/YEN more visibility and impact.

Finally there was a session on the conclusions of the meeting and an agreement on next steps.

[Youth representatives](#) and [other partners](#) with practical experience on youth employment were invited to all three sessions.