



PRESS COMMUNIQUE

YOUTH-PRESS ENCOUNTER

Sunday September 4, 6 PM

Cairo International Scout Center, Youssef Abbas St, Madinet Nasr

THE WORLD YOUTH BEGIN TO ORGANISE, TO BE HEARD AND PARTICIPATE
IN DECISION-MAKING THAT IMPACT ON THEIR OWN LIVES

20 years ago it was women. Representing half of the population, they wanted their share of voicing and participation. They began organising, at local, national, and international levels. And progressively things began to change.

Now the youth are doing it. 50% of the world population is under 25. A third of the total world population is between the ages of 10 and 25. They are the ones who are the most affected by the rapid social, economical, political, and ethical changes taking places. Yet decisions, policies, and programs, that impact directly on their daily lives are rarely taken with their full participation.

Sometimes the lack of proper instruments for them to voice their concerns and participate leads them to violent forms of expression: **political protests**, students demonstrations, involvement in extremist groups are all over the word dominated by young populations.

But more and more begin to organise, in order to have a more balanced participation of the younger.

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120 young people, coming from more than 60 countries, involved in youth or youth-oriented organisations, and **representing more than 100 million youth organisations members**, are meeting in Cairo during 5 days, from August 31 to September 4, in a Youth Consultation on Population and Development, organised by a steering Committee of 9 NGOs including the World Scout Bureau, IPPF (International Planned Parenthood Federation), and the Red Cross Youth.

They are producing a **Youth Declaration** that they will present to ICPD in a few days. The best moments of what is happening during these 5 days are being shot in a film.

Come and meet them, and talk with them.

The film will be shown, and the Youth Declaration will be released:

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