

INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

What are Institutional Partners:

By Institutional Partners, we mean the intergovernmental agencies, and international NGOs working in the development field. We seek partnerships with UN agencies, the European Commission, the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, the Inter-American Development Bank other development banks along with the major international development NGOs such as the Red Cross, IUCN, the International Youth Foundation, OXFAM, World Vision, CIVICUS, Global Youth Service Day, GYAN, Youth Business Intl. etc. We are also eager to secure partnerships with other institutions like the Overseas Development Institute, the Development Centre of the OECD and major international research centres.

What they are not:

We seek institutions that want to engage with, and empower, young people as partners - not simply provide services for them. Many of them may not use the term, “Youth-led Development” - but that is of no consequence. We are searching for institutions which are genuinely interested to explore our central question: what is the most effective way to deploy the energy, skills and enthusiasm of young people to assist in the effort to achieve their wider development goals.

Rationale:

Many of these institutions already engage with young people but often not as equal partners. We seek their partnership because young people need respect, experience and support in their efforts to eliminate poverty in a sustainable way. Also, we hope that the Congress will engender in all such institutions an interest in learning how young people can be more effective in the contributions they make to our shared development goals. Almost all young people want to get beyond the current belief that their only contribution to such institutions is fundraising.

What PCI can offer to the Institutional Partners:

- **Recognition:** PCI will link each Institutional Partner with this major international youth event by putting the institution's Name and logo on the websites (with links), in the Congress Book, and on the larger promotional materials prepared for the Congress;
- **Networking:** PCI commits to make available to all delegates and Congress participants any information that the Institutional Partners sends us relating to the promotion and/or facilitation of an expanded role for youth in the Development Process;
- **Proposing delegates:** In the selection of the delegates for the Congress, PCI will give special attention to the applicants (active youth who are doing a project) who present a letter of recommendation from an Institutional Partner;
- **Exhibition:** PCI will consider any exhibition materials proposed by the Institutional Partners of genuine YLD work, policy statements or youth leadership it has supported. In

the Congress Exhibition, the Institutional Partners will be acknowledged next to any projects they have funded;

- **Workshops:** PCI invites the Institutional Partners to propose skills workshop(s) at the Congress about your organisation's approach to, or experience of, working on specific issues or technologies that may be of interest to young people;
- **Congress Programme Opportunities:** During the Congress in August 2008, we plan a series of meetings between the staff of Institutional Partners with young activists with a view to developing policies that engender closer relationships. If you would like to plan such a meeting, please contact: david@peacechild.org or wyc@peacechild.org
- **Participation in Shaping the Congress Series:** Institutional Partners are invited to become part of the international family that is shaping the content and development of the Congress series around the world. They will be kept updated with regular news updates about the Congress Series development, and be invited to contribute their thoughts to international planning meetings etc.
- **Co-Promotion Opportunities:** The International Congress Secretariat is keen to develop promotional opportunities with its Institutional Partners. We would be pleased to set up web links, send you materials to include in mailings to your members and branch offices, and make presentations to your senior management about the Congress and its goals. Contact: david@peacechild.org if you are interested.

What PCI expects from Institutional Partner:

- **To Promote the Congress:** the Institutional partners agree to promote the Congress through their network.
- **To Endorse :** a letter welcoming the initiative of the World Youth Congress and its goals.
- **To Attend:** by sending a representative to learn about the emerging field of YLD. The Congress will give your organisation the best possible chance to learn - from the young people who are actually doing it, and doing it well - why YLD represents such a fantastic way to assist you achieve your development goals.
- **To fund and/or facilitate Action Projects:** Like all other partners, we would like Institutional Partners to fund one or more YLD Action projects anywhere in the world and especially in the least developed areas. Most institutions have specific areas of programme interest where they invest their funds so we would be happy to select some projects which will demonstrate the effectiveness of YLD in your particular field. A grant of \$1,000 will fund one project .
- **To sponsor the travel of delegates :** we would also like our Institutional Partners to sponsor the travel of some delegates especially from the LEDCs.