



*Dialogue and Mutual Understanding*

**Global Launch of the International Year of Youth  
United Nations General Assembly Hall  
12 August 2010, 10 am – 1 pm**

**Introduction by the moderator, Chris Bashinelli**

Executive Director, Bridge the Gap TV

**Musical Performance**

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**Welcoming remarks by H.E. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations**

**Public Service Announcement on the International Year of Youth**

**Statement by Ms. Maya Saoud**

Youth Representative

**Dance Performance**

Move for Autism

**Statement by H.E. Samir Laabidi**

Minister of Youth, Sport and Physical Education of the Republic of Tunisia

**Slide show: *Shoot Nations – a global youth photography project***

Members of Plan International's Youth Advisory Group

**Statement by H.E. Modeste Kérékou (tbc)**

Minister of Youth, Sports and Leisure of Benin

**Video: *Youth Zones – Voices from Emergencies***

Introduction by Wissam Samhat

**Statement by H.E. Jean-François Régis Zinsou,**

Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations

**Video: *Abrindo Espaços/Making Room***

**Progressive Performance Poetry**

**The UN system's commitment to Youth**

- Delivering on the UN system's commitments through the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development: Remarks by **Sha Zukang**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
- Joint statement of Heads of UN entities participating in the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development to be delivered by **Thoraya Obaid**, Executive Director of UNFPA

**Video: *Diversity Makes the World Colourful***

**Launch of the ILO Report "Global Employment Trends for Youth" by Jane Stewart**

Special Representative and Director, ILO Office to the United Nations

**Video: *Youth in Action***

**Remarks by Monique Coleman**

American actress, singer and dancer

**Closing statement by the moderator**

