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ENGAGEMENT

International Youth Day Event 2015

Organized by the United Nations Inter-agency Network on Youth Development,
the Permanent Mission of Portugal and the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the
United Nations in New York

*ECOSOC Chamber, UNHQ, New York
12 August 2015 (10 AM – 1 PM)*

Opening Session

10:00 -10:20

- Welcome by Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Remarks by United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon
- Remarks by H.E. Ambassador Oh Joon, President of United Nations Economic and Social Council

Panel Session

- Remarks by Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

10:25 -11:30: **Panel One: Participation of Young People in Local and National Political Processes**

Chair: Luz Andujar, Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic

- Mr. Adrian Alfred, Founding Member and Steering Committee Member of the Guyana National Youth Council
- Ms. Gloria Alcocer, Director, Organizacion Ciudadana, Mexico
- Ms. Arielle Newton, Representative of Black Lives Matters, USA
- Mr. Jakapop Adam, UNDP-supported Thai Youth Anti-Corruption Network

Video message from Ms. Emel Mathlouthi, youth activist and artist, Tunisia

11:30 -12:40: **Panel Two: The Power of Youth as Global Citizens**

Chair: Inês Coroa, Permanent Mission of Portugal

- Video Message of the UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth, Mr. Ahmed Alhendawi
- Prof. Mark Brennan, Penn State University, UNESCO Chair for Rural Community, Leadership, and Youth Development
- Ms. Jean Manney, US Country Representative of Restless Development, Action 2015
- Ms. Mari Ullmann, Advocacy Advisor, Plan International, Beyond 2015
- Mr. Aashish Khullar, Representative UN Major Group for Children and Youth

Closing Session

12:40 –13:00

- Closing remarks by Mr. Patrick Keuleers, Director of the Governance and Peacebuilding Cluster, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP