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UN HABITAT
FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

Cordially invite you to a Discussion on



Opportunities for

YOUTH-LED DEVELOPMENT

In Urban India

To mark the beginning of the
International Year of Youth

Guest Speaker:

Eirik Brun Sorlie

Project Officer, UN-HABITAT Urban Youth Fund



Chief Guest:

Smt. Supriya Sule

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)

Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on HRD

Date: Saturday, 28th August 2010

Time: 2:30 pm

**INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF
YOUTH**
AUGUST 2010-2011
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Venue: ORF Office, NKM International House 5th Floor, 178, Backbay Reclamation,
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"Youth should be given a chance to take an active part in the decision-making of local, national and global levels."

- Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General

About UN-HABITAT:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

Cities now being home to half of humankind, are the hubs of much national production and consumption - economic and social processes that generate wealth and opportunity. But they also create disease, crime, pollution, poverty and social unrest. In many cities, especially in developing countries, slum dwellers constitute more than 50 percent of the population and have little or no access to shelter, water, and sanitation, education or health services. It is essential that policy-makers understand the power of the city as a catalyst for national development. Sustainable urbanisation is one of the most pressing challenges facing the global community in the 21st Century. UN-HABITAT's programmes are designed to help policy-makers and local communities get to grips with the human settlements and urban issues and find workable, lasting solutions. The organisation is specifically working towards improving the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by the year 2020, as well as reducing the number of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water by half – as part of fulfilling the Millennium Development Goals.

The UN-HABITAT publishes an annual report titled the **"State of the World's Cities"** and for the first year in 2010, it has produced a specific report on the **"State of the Urban Youth - Leveling the Playing Field: Inequality of Youth Opportunity"**, in view of the fact that the youth make up the majority of many world cities and are the catalysts of modern urbanisation. This event will provide a platform for discussing and debating the latest report on Urban Youth as well as a means for exchanging ideas and resources between various organisations working to develop opportunities for Youth Development in urban India.

About Observer Research Foundation Mumbai:

Observer Research Foundation (ORF) is a not-for-profit, multidisciplinary public policy think tank engaged in developing policy alternatives on a wide range of issues of local, national and inter-national significance. ORF Mumbai conducts research and advocacy in six broad areas: Education; Health; Inclusive Development; Urban Renewal; Youth Development; and Protection of India's priceless Heritage of Arts and Culture.

About eSocialSciences:

eSocialSciences is an online multidisciplinary Social Science portal, with the mission to improve access and availability of Social Science information, specifically in India where prohibitive publishing costs have stalled the growth and development of a vibrant academic press. By providing a network of resources for academics, policy makers and the public, the portal aims to: 1) promote rigorous research in the Social Sciences and Humanities on (and largely in) India and South Asia; 2) promote younger researchers and new research ideas; 3) encourage policy discussion; and 4) keep scholars posted on current developments in the field.

About the International Year of Youth:

On 18th December 2009, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming the year from 12th August 2010 to 2011 as the **'International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding'**. The Year will coincide with the 25th anniversary of the first International Youth Year in 1985 on the theme 'Participation, Development and Peace'. Everyone is invited to promote the ideals of peace, freedom, progress and solidarity towards the promotion of youth development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

About the UN-HABITAT Urban Youth Fund:

UN-HABITAT recognizes that young people everywhere have aspirations, and that they are key agents for social change, economic development and technological innovation. The UN-HABITAT Urban Youth Fund has been created to support youth in their efforts to improve the quality of life for themselves and those around them. The Youth Fund will this year (2010) provide one million dollars to projects led by young people aged 15-32 years who are piloting innovative approaches to employment, good governance, shelter and secure tenure. Small development initiatives are eligible for grants of up to \$5,000, while larger projects may be able to secure up to \$25,000. For more information please visit their website : www.unhabitat.org

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