



International Youth Council Declaration

On the 12th of August 2007, at United Nations Headquarters, in New York.

We the Youth of the World now Declare that we will commit our efforts, energy, and talent to enact measurable and efficient interventions to eradicate poverty and improve human condition.

The [Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations](#) are the standard to which we will hold ourselves. We must embrace the core values of the Millennium Declaration: freedom, equality, solidarity, tolerance, respect for nature, and shared responsibility. It is our vision to achieve these Goals and, when that is complete, to continue to fight for the right of all people everywhere to a full and peaceful life.

We acknowledge the problems faced by the people in the world. However, we know that there is enough strength and conviction in the youth to overcome any obstacle. There is intolerable suffering in the world, but we can relieve it. Our strength lies in our diversity and in our unity. Diversity to be able to use many perspectives to find the best solutions. Unity to be able to carry out these solutions with the force of one mind and one heart.

We believe that by increasing and facilitating communication among the young people of the world, we can combine these resources with the will and the ideas needed to affect change in lives of those who need it the most. Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are making cooperation and coordination easier every day. We do not need the entrenched adult leadership of the world to tell us what to do. We can make it happen.

We know that in the youth of the world there are untapped resources of passion and empathy for our fellow human beings. We know that we must do unto others what we would have others do unto ourselves. There is a moral imperative for anyone who can help a fellow person in need to do so, regardless of nationality, religion, ethnicity, or gender. The strength in our numbers can only be realized if we take individual responsibility for our own actions.

We ask everyone to take the initiative yourself to help achieve the objectives outlined in the Millennium Development Goals. With the energy of everybody working together we can pioneer more and better applications of our desire to give aid to those in need. Only when we can set aside the differences that divide us and the distractions that weigh us down can we succeed in our efforts.

We respect the dignity of every human being. Because of our love for all people, we pledge our support for the Millennium Development Goals. We will not wait for the future - we will do it now.

