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# Friendship Ambassadors Foundation

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## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH ASSEMBLY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

### WHAT:

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** for The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Assembly at the UN. Related activities include a post-YA Leadership Seminar, the UC Peace Arts Festival, Culture and Campaign Nights

### WHY:

The Youth Assembly provides youth from around the world the opportunity to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and to combine leadership training with global networking. Visit [www.faf.org](http://www.faf.org) to register or for more information

### WHEN AND WHERE:

**August 3 - 5, 2011** (Youth Assembly)

- United Nations Headquarters  
New York, NY
- Pace University, NYC campus

**August 7 – 10, 2011**

- Fairleigh Dickinson University,  
Madison campus, NJ

**NOTICE: HOMESTAYS ARE SOUGHT** for up to 5 Univer. age international interns working on the Youth Assembly, close to our Greenwich, CT offices.

**MEDIA:** For interviews or attendance at the YA events, contact Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, 203-542-0652.

**THE 9<sup>th</sup> YOUTH ASSEMBLY AT THE UNITED NATIONS (YA) WILL TAKE PLACE AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, AUGUST 3 – 5, 2011. THE YA IS PRODUCED BY FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS FOUNDATION (FAF; [WWW.FAF.ORG](http://WWW.FAF.ORG)) AS PART OF FAF'S GLOBAL YOUTH LEADERS TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

**THE 9<sup>th</sup> YA @ THE UN WILL BRING TOGETHER 600 YOUTH LEADERS (16 – 24) FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND INVOLVE THEM IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 8 U.N. MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs).**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN, ONLINE AT: [WWW.FAF.ORG](http://WWW.FAF.ORG). DUE TO UN RENOVATIONS, SPACE IS VERY LIMITED.**

**300+ DELEGATES FROM EUROPE TO AFRICA TO ASIA ARE ALREADY REGISTERED; 550 MAXIMUM MAY BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION IN 2011. 100+ YA DELEGATES HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR A POST-YA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR AT FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY: AUGUST 7 – AUGUST 10, 2011.**

GREENWICH, CT: Friendship Ambassadors Foundation announces the 9th Youth Assembly at the United Nations, one of the largest, public youth gatherings on the UN's annual calendar. Youth Assembly delegates learn ways to identify viable approaches to MDG success – the corner stone of the UN's *better world* approach to improving the lives of millions of people across the globe. Attendees receive practical help on how to start NGOs and how to administer or manage campaigns. They develop networks that identify existing work by governments, the UN, or civil society at home or abroad. Delegates also discuss implications for social entrepreneurship and corporate responsibility on MDG success. The YA has been called: “The most amazing networking experience anywhere!” YA events @ the UN are free after nominal registration.



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Lead Endorsers in 2011 are the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations (January) and Permanent Mission of South Africa to the United Nations (August). In 2010, dozens of Permanent Missions to the U.N. endorsed the Youth Assembly and that number is expected to grow in 2011. Several United Nations agencies and other International NGOs affiliated with the United Nations actively participate in the YA events.

In 2011, the **U.C. Peace Arts Festival of the YA** is seeking sponsorship to enable an al fresco concert near the UN in Dag Hammarskjöld Park. The park event was a success in 2010 and will open the cultural portion of the YA to the entire New York City community.

“For the foundation, the YA is core to our mission,” said *FAF’s Executive Director and YA cofounder Patrick Sciarratta*, of the Youth Assembly events. “Here we have created a real opportunity for exchange *at* the United Nations by inviting young people into a great networking opportunity. We bring together UN staff, youth leaders, and International NGOs dedicated to the success of the Millennium Development Goals. We want to empower youth leaders to create careers and other opportunities in fulfillment of the MDGs.” Mr. Sciarratta concluded, “If peace through cultural exchange is indeed our mission, then this is the place and programme that will ensure its success.”

## **BACKGROUND:**

Created to enable more and improved youth access to UN venues and goals, the Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations™ is produced and directed annually by FAF. Highlighted guests have included Dr. Arun Gandhi, Kathy Ireland, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Angelique Kidjo, Cory Booker, Greg Mortenson, Johann Olav Koss, and UN leadership. Youth Achievement Recognition highlights the accomplishments of ten younger delegates, ages 16-18. During a gala luncheon hosted by a Youth Assembly Director, those delegates receive personal recognition from the YA for significant contributions to humanitarian service at home or abroad. In 2009, nearly 1000 delegates attended the Youth Assembly, Leadership Seminar, and UC Peace Arts Festival during August. Since then, delegate numbers have been limited to under 600 due to the Capital Master Plan – *this why early registration is strongly recommended*. Please visit Youtube for more: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mjip5G\\_wH4s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mjip5G_wH4s)

*"It is a great pleasure to send greetings to Friendship Ambassadors Foundation's Youth Delegates. I can't thank you enough for demonstrating your commitment to making a difference, and I encourage each of you to continue to give back to others.* – Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, New York City

*"(The YA) is an important mechanism of the United Nations. Not only does it give young people a chance to be included ... it also brings new perspectives to the General Assembly, thereby enriching its work."*  
– Ban Ki-Moon, United Nations Secretary General

*"If you saw the impact you have had on the youth (and young at heart) attending (FAF's Youth) Assembly, you would have to shade your eyes from the brightness of hope."*  
– Paulette Schatz, Project Manager. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Speakers, celebrities, and workshop leaders to be announced shortly. Please visit: [www.faf.org](http://www.faf.org) for more information; sponsors and media are invited to contact Friendship Ambassadors Foundation directly, at 1-203-542-0652.