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**IDB YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FORUM INFORMATION PACKET**

IDB Youth Development Forum

Dear Youth Development Forum Participants,

As the organizing committee of the Youth Development Forum which will take place in Khartoum Sudan on April 2nd, we would like to thank you for all the support you provided thus far. As the seminar draws near, we would like to share some documents which will help you prepare for the seminar. These include:

- The agenda of the seminar,
- The profiles of the youth representatives who are attending the seminar from different regions and,
- The results of an internal survey on youth development conducted during the preparatory stages of the seminar.

By now, you should all have your visas and tickets ready for your trip. If there are any issues with receiving visas, or you have any questions regarding logistics, please call us to clarify. Although you will be provided with a per diem upon your arrival, we would like to advise you to bring sufficient cash with you for your stay, as credit cards are not accepted in Sudan. Finally, please keep the following phone numbers handy in case you have a last minute question, or face any difficulty during your travels.

Ahmed El Sadiq (Number in Saudi Arabia): 00966568000243

Ahmed El Sadiq (Number in Sudan): 00249907050001

Syed Hussain Quadri (Contact in Saudi Arabia): 00966556553327

For more information on the Annual Conference and information on traveling to Sudan, please visit www.isdb.org and click on the banner on the left for the Annual Conference.

We wish you a safe trip to Sudan and hope to see you very soon!

Youth Development Forum Organizing Committee

IDB Group Youth Development Seminar

2nd of April

Venue: Al Tayeb Saleh Hall, 5th floor, Al Sadaka International Conference Center-Khartoum, Sudan

International Guests for the Day:

Experts	
1	Huseyin Hakan Eryetli
2	Dahlia Khalifa
Youth Reps	
1	Agume Bless
2	Ergin Beceren
3	Muhammad Assad
4	Ashraf Ali
5	Khalid Al-Wohaib
6	Odilov Parviz
7	Sonia ben Sassi
8	Maliha Shah
9	Muna Alamer

7:00 am	Breakfast with Organizing Committee at the Hotel	All Experts and Youth Representatives
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Plenary Session I : The State of Youth in IDBG Member Countries

10:00 am	Opening Remarks	Birama Sidibe Vice-President (Operations) Islamic Development Bank
		State Minister of Finance Government of Sudan
10:05 am	Introduction of the Speaker by Moderator	Ahmed El Sadig Islamic Development Bank
10:10 am	Presentation	Huseyin Hakan Eryetli SESRIC
10:30 am	Discussion with Youth Reps	

10: 50 am **Wrap-up by Moderator**

10:51 am **Intervention by the Minister of Social
Development, Government of Sudan**

**Plenary Session II: Successful Models for Tackling Youth
Unemployment in IDBG Member Countries**

11:00 am **Introduction of the Speaker by Moderator** Ahmed El Sadig
Islamic Development Bank

11:05 am **Presentation** Dahlia Khalifa
IFC

11:25 am **Discussion with Youth Reps**

11:45 am **Intervention by UNIDO** Dr. Hashim Hussein
Head of Investment & Technology
Promotion-UNIDO

11:50 am **Wrap-up by Moderator** Ahmed El Sadig
Islamic Development Bank

11:55 am **Vote of Thanks by Chair** Birama Sidibe
Vice-President (Operations)
Islamic Development Bank

12:00 pm **End of Session**

12:05 pm **Informal Discussions between Experts, Youth
Reps, Organizers and Guests**

12:50 pm **Dhuhr Prayer and Lunch**

02:00 pm **Meeting with the President of IDBG** All Experts, Youth Reps and Organizing
Committee

05:00 pm **Visit to SME Exhibition**

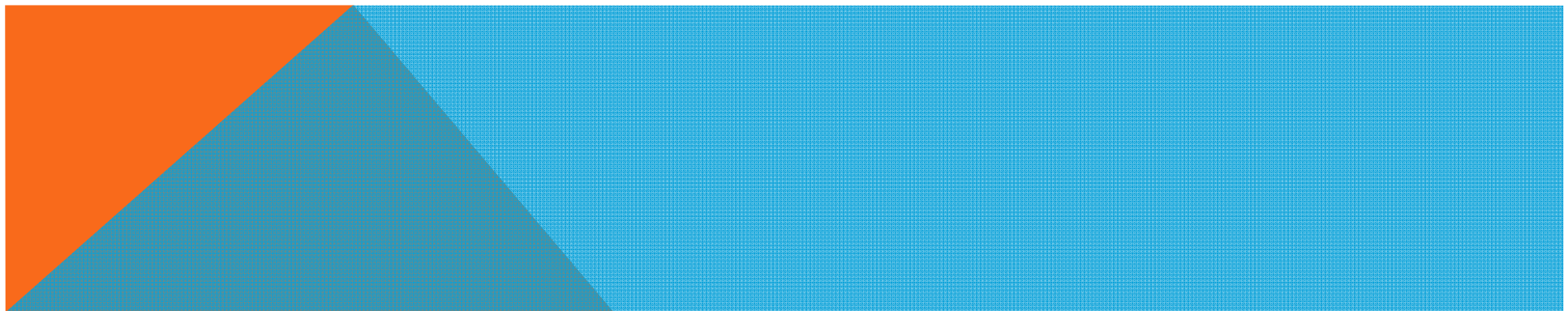
08:00 pm **Drop-off guests and participants to the Hotel**



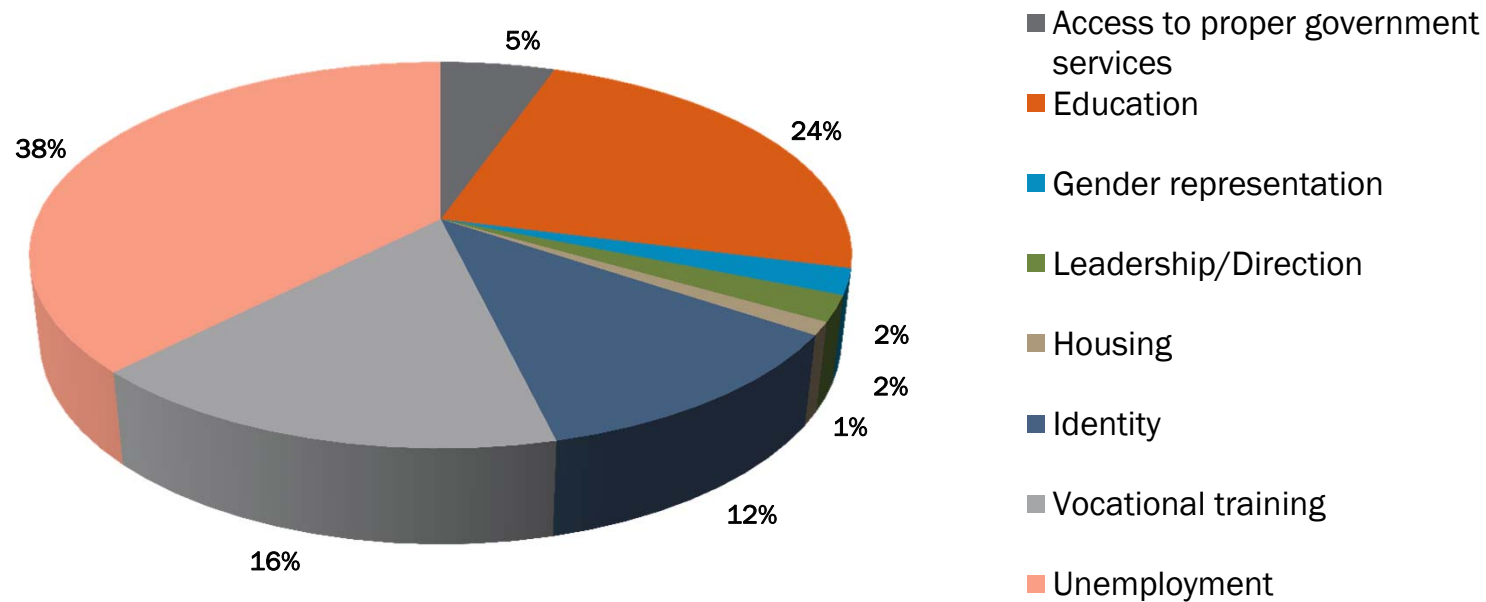
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SURVEY
RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

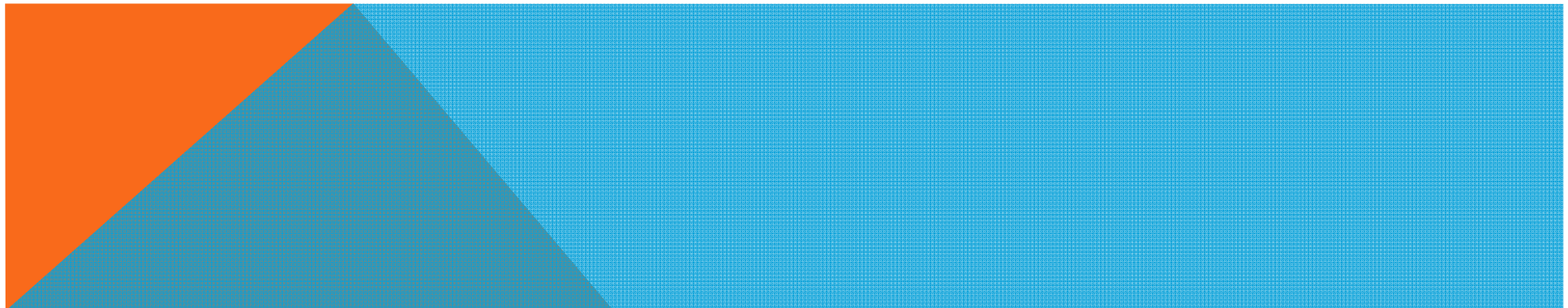
- On April 2nd, 2012, IDB will be holding a Youth Development Seminar with 2 experts and 9 youth representative from different regions of the Muslim world
- The aim will be to tackle the issues that affect youth in IDBG member countries
- The Youth Development Seminar Preparation Committee conducted a survey internally to gather feedback from staff on youth issues in member countries
- Following is a summary of the results of the survey



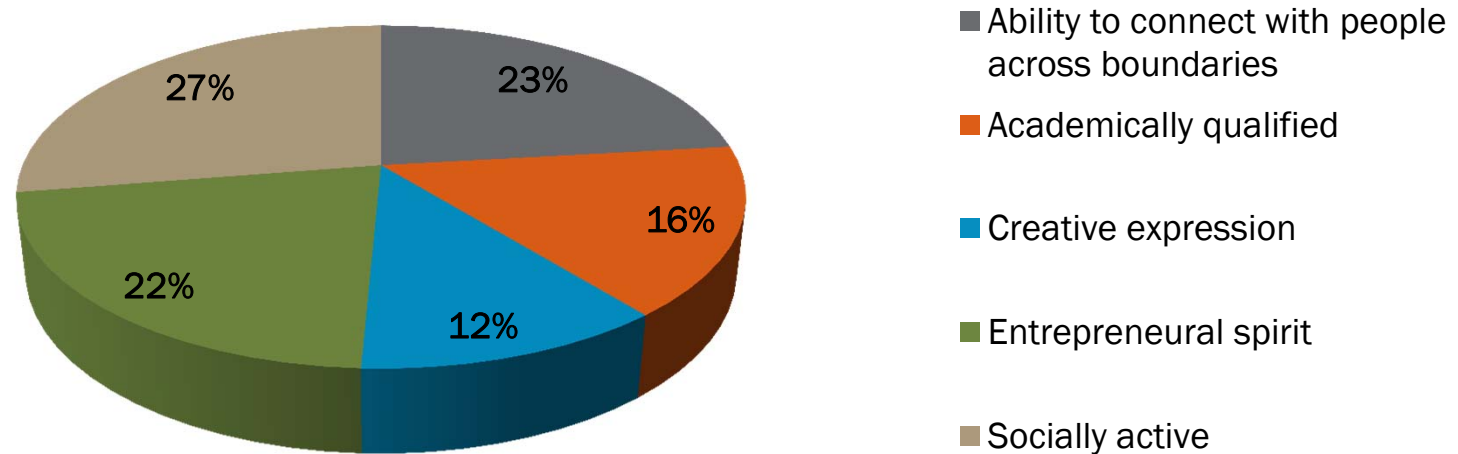
TOP CHALLENGES FACING YOUTH IN IDBG MEMBER COUNTRIES



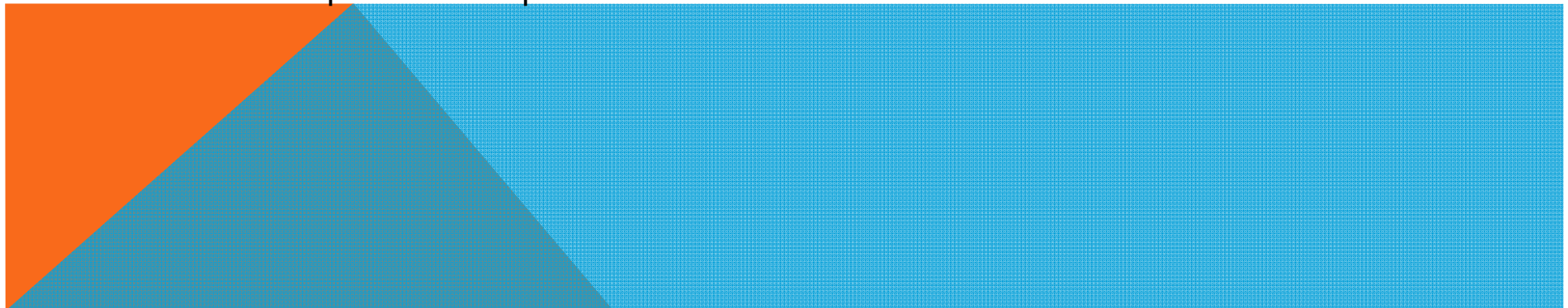
- Top 3 challenges include:
 - Unemployment
 - Education
 - Vocational training



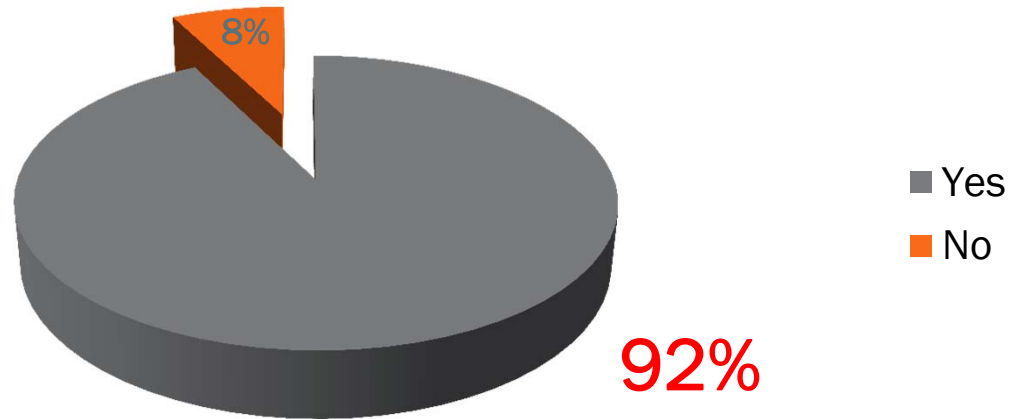
TOP OPPORTUNITIES YOUTH HAVE IN IDBG MEMBER COUNTRIES



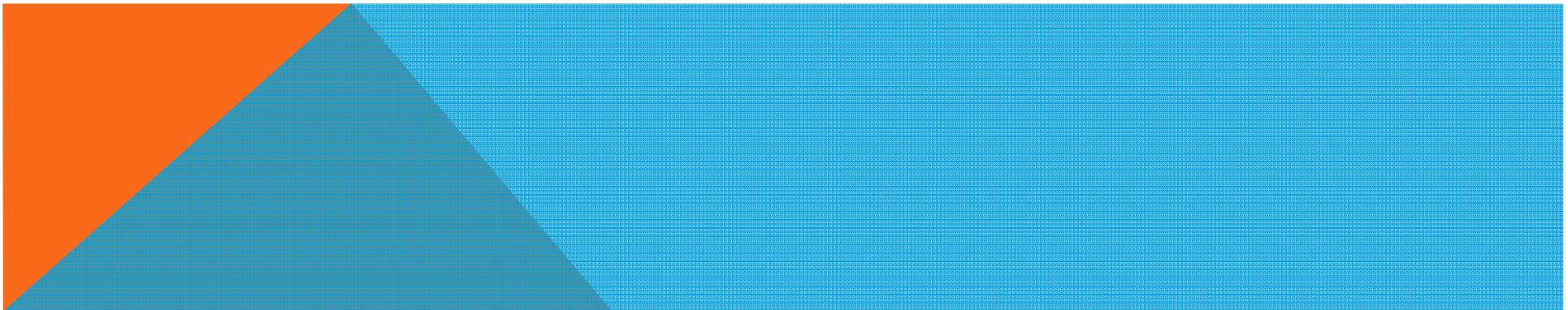
- Top 3 opportunities/characteristics youth can take advantage of in IDBG member countries include:
 - Being socially active
 - Ability to connect with people across boundaries
 - Entrepreneurial spirit



IDB'S ROLE IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

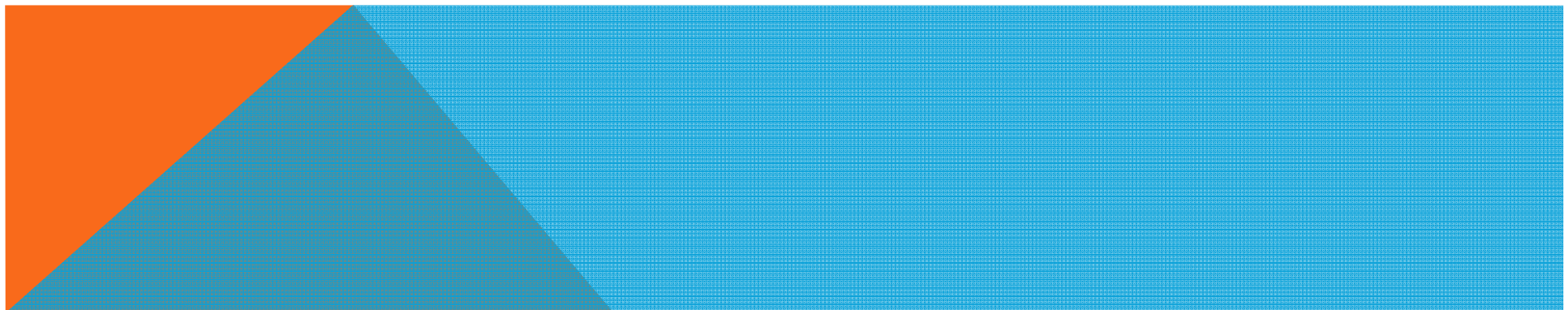


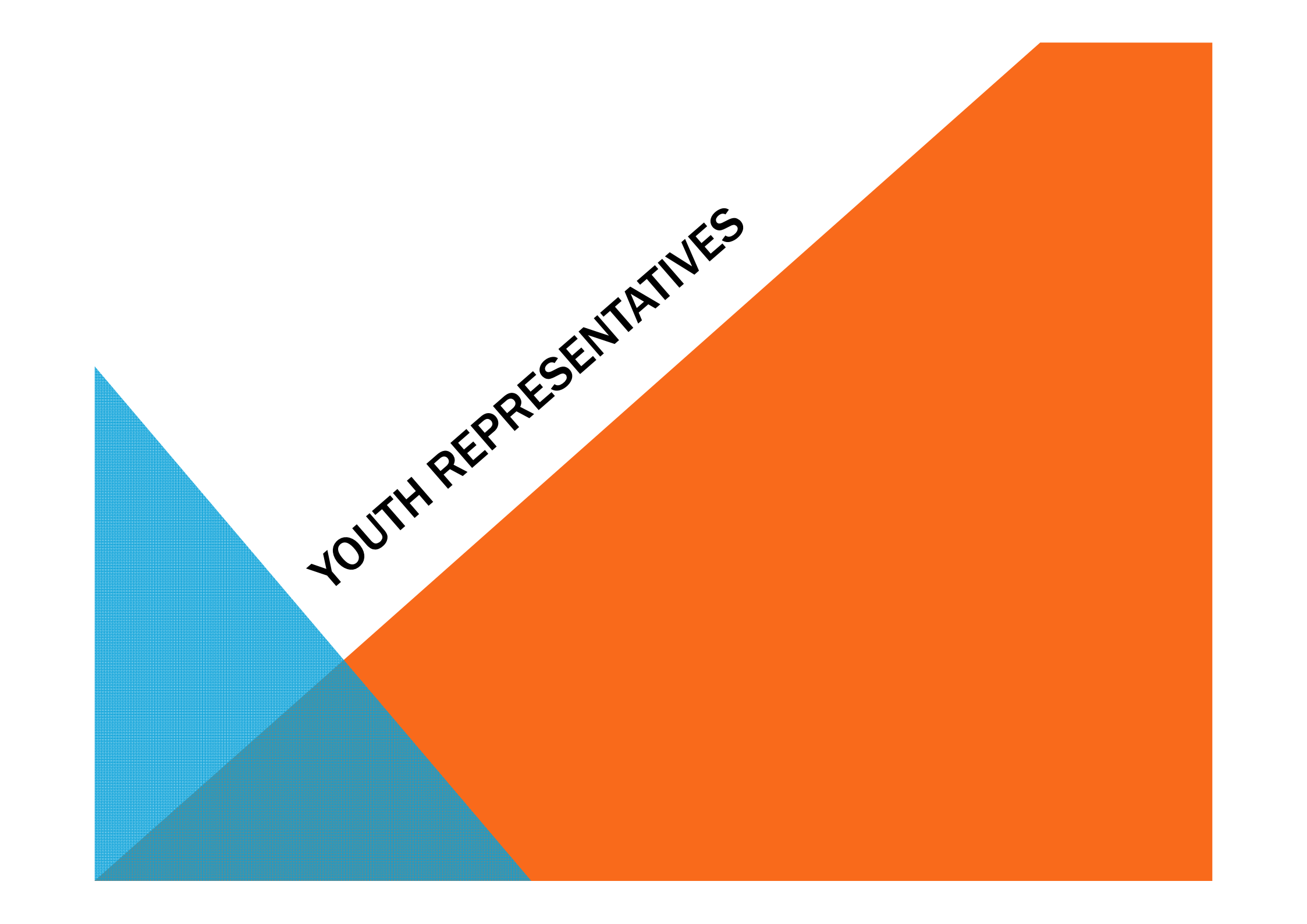
- When asked whether IDB should play a leading role in youth development in IDB member countries, 92% said yes, highlighting the importance of IDB's role in youth development and the support IDB's staff has for the issue.



WHAT CAN IDB DO TO TACKLE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN MEMBER COUNTRIES

- Colleagues who participated in the survey provided the following ideas to support youth development:
 - Develop youth entrepreneurship programs that provide funds to creative people with good ideas
 - Include youth development in MCPS. Agree on resource allocation for this segment of comprehensive development
 - Contribute to the development of policies that help youth with good values and commitment to the development of their countries to assume leadership roles
 - Help expand government programs for SME's with a special focus on youth employment
 - Host an annual conference with world experts and youth from around the world to allow them to network, brainstorm ideas to solve the very issues affecting them and work together towards solutions





YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES

Meet The Youth Reps



Ashraf Ali
MUSLIM COMMUNITIES
IN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES
(INDIA)

Top Challenges Facing My Region: Lack of Proper Youth Leadership and Guidance

Top Opportunities: leadership training consultants and guidance centres are available nowadays. If proper awareness is created, this can be used as an opportunity

Dr Ashraf Ali is a Dentist by profession and a recipient of the IDB Scholarship Scheme in 2002 for his Masters in Health Sciences. Since then, he has been the President of the IDB Students Association, Convener of the Graduate Association in 2007, Executive Committee Member of Graduate Association in 2009. He also participated in the IDB Global Islamic Leadership Program in Malaysia, 2011 and also won the Excellent Leadership Performance Award by IDB.

Meet The Youth Reps



Maliha Shah
SOUTH & SOUTH EAST ASIA

Top Challenges Facing My Region: Lack of incentive causing brain drain out of country

Top Opportunities: Growing groups of social entrepreneurs tackling issues of poverty, illiteracy, empowerment and increasing tolerance

Maliha Shah has had previous work experience in community building and leading youth development activities in Gilgit, Pakistan. She has volunteered for the United Nations to mobilize community youth for gender development projects and supervised a community census survey. She is currently pursuing her Masters in International Peace Studies.



Meet The Youth Reps



Agume Bless

CENTRAL & EAST AFRICA

Top Challenges Facing My Region: Limited access to information about available finance for business start-ups

Top Opportunities: Using social media to share information, opportunities, ideas, challenges and solutions

Agume Bless is an entrepreneur by occupation, having started several small businesses based in Uganda. He is also a pioneer of the Youth Mentoring Network (YMN), a club-based initiative with the goal of creating trusting relationships between youths (Mentees) and senior entrepreneurs (Mentors) to inspire and offer guidance, support and encouragement aimed at stimulating business startups and improving business management competences and individual characters of the mentees.

Meet The Youth Reps



Muna Alamer

ARAB ASIA

Top Challenges Facing My Region: The challenges facing the youth in the region are a complicated set of socioeconomic factors that contribute to the current role that the youth are filling in building the future in the region.

Top Challenges Facing My Region: "Education for employment" and facilitating the process of starting an own businesses have proven to be an effective strategy in reducing the high unemployment rate. The review of our education systems must consider the arising issues of globalization and the arising tendency of supporting SMEs and entrepreneurship. By doing that, governments will help in creating jobs as the only gateway in starting to invest in the massive resources of human capital in the Arab world.

Muna Alamer is one of the founders of Naqaa Environmental Enterprise of Saudi Arabia, an emerging social enterprise that promotes environmental sustainability and provides environmental consultancy services in Saudi Arabia. She represented Saudi Arabia through Naqaa in many international and national youth development and entrepreneurship advocacy occasions such as Presidential Summit on Entrepreneurship in Washington, and Social Development Forum in Jeddah.

Meet The Youth Reps



Khalid Al-Wuhaib
ARAB ASIA

Top Challenges Facing My Region: Insufficient and inadequate educational and training services that do not prepare students for the job market

Top Opportunities: Rising trend in training youth leaders

Mr. Khalid Al Wuhaib is a graduate of Finance from the University of Kuwait, he has been the founder of the Islamic Economic Committee. He is also a graduate of the Leadership Program orchestrated by Tariq Al-Suwaidan. He organised the first Muslim Economic Youth Conference in Kuwait supported by IDB.

Meet The Youth Reps

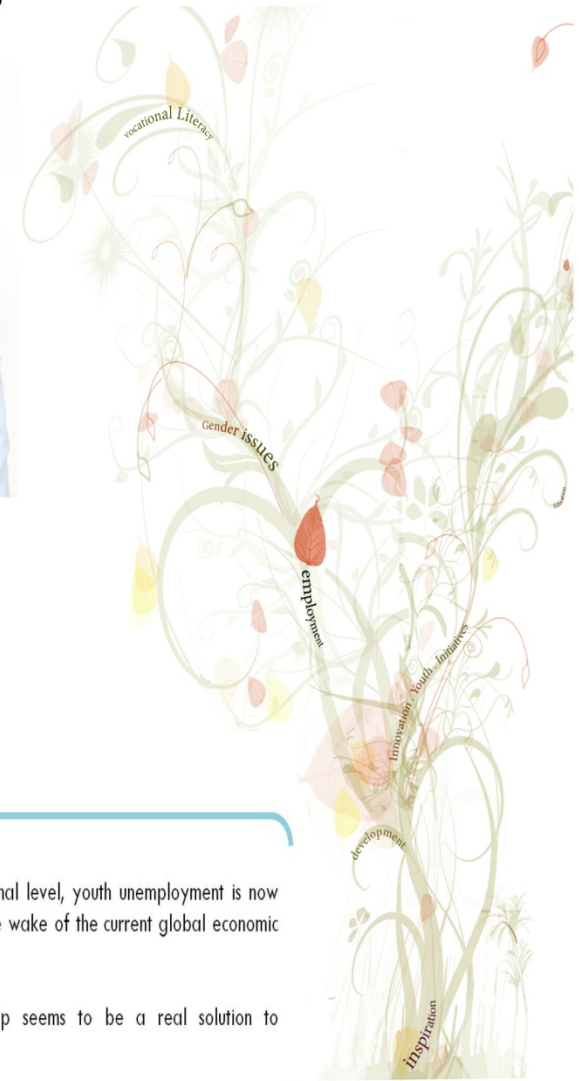


Sonia Bensassi
ARAB AFRICA

Top Challenges Facing My Region: At the regional level, youth unemployment is now assuming crisis proportions, particularly in the wake of the current global economic recession

Top Opportunities: Increased entrepreneurship seems to be a real solution to unemployment problems

Sonia Bensassi works for the Association of Tunisian-French cooperation (ATFC), a nonprofit association in Tunisia that is devoted to the contribution to the study and design of models and policies of development based on dialogue, exchange and partnership among civilizations, cultures and peoples. In this context, they have managed to build partnerships with NGOs and Tunisian communities in France in supporting the developmental activities in the rural areas of Tunisia.



Meet The Youth Reps



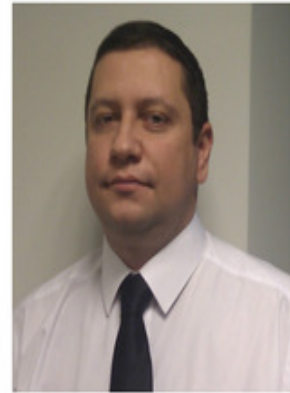
Odilov Parviz
CENTRAL ASIA & EUROPE

Top Challenges Facing My Region: Materialism, unemployment, drug and alcohol abuse, crimes, education and health care
Top Opportunities: Wider international learning and education cooperation would be the progressive way to overcome these challenges

Odilov Parviz has served as the Vice-President of the labour union for youth employees management in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan. He is currently pursuing his Masters in International Relations from International University of Japan. He is a qualified researcher on Youth Development and is currently drafting a policy proposal for Tajikistan Youth Organization 'Creators of Homeland'.



Meet The Youth Reps



Ergin Beceren
CENTRAL ASIA & EUROPE

Top Challenges Facing My Region: Lack of education, which is important in national development, because it solves many other problems, like unemployment, healthcare and so on. But education is not vital; lack of work places will keep even educated persons out of work.
Top Opportunities: Unemployment could be overcome with the formation of self-employment through financing important local projects and training youth in project creation, through the youth entrepreneurship networks.

Ergin Beceren is the Director of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) Islamic Countries Young Entrepreneurs Network in Turkey. He has been involved in implementation of many other projects pursued by ICYF-DC for youth development in the Islamic world.



Meet The Youth Reps



Muhammad Assad
SOUTH & SOUTH EAST ASIA

Top Challenges Facing the Region: Many people, especially youth, do not have adequate skills and expertise that are needed by their prospective employers.

Top Opportunities: With total population of more than 200 million people, Indonesia has abundant natural resources and human resources to create its own market

Muhammad Assad is currently completing his Masters in Islamic Finance at the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS) in Doha, Qatar. Assad represented Indonesia in numerous international forums and conferences, both as a participant and a speaker. He attended the 2010 International Indonesian Student Conference in Melbourne, the 2009 World Leadership Conference in Singapore, the 2009 ASEAN University Student Conference in Bandung. In addition, he is the author of the book "Notes from Qatar", a collection of his memoirs while studying in Qatar.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

April 2nd, 2012

Al Sadaka International Conference Center-Khartoum, Sudan

Session 1: “The State of Youth in IDBG Member Countries” @ 10 am

Session 2: “Successful Models for Tackling Youth Unemployment in IDBG Member Countries” 11 am