

# IANYS 8<sup>th</sup> Global Conference

## *Special Pre-Conference Session on Youth Service Policy and Program Design*

19 November 2009

9am-4pm

### **Description:**

This session is specially designed for policymakers, government representatives, and practitioners new to the field of National Youth Service (NYS) and interested in learning more about the key issues in program and policy design. The session will provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the concept of NYS, an opportunity to learn about some successful NYS program models, and the tools to begin developing a NYS policy or program in their home country. This session will be facilitated by experts in the field of national youth service.

### **Purpose:**

To introduce participants to the key issues in the field of National Youth Service and provide them with tools and information in designing effective NYS policies and programs

### **Preliminary Agenda:**

- 9-10 Introduction to Youth Service**  
*Overview of definitions and key concepts*
- 10-11 Participant Dialogue**  
*Participants will examine the contexts within their own countries to identify existing programs and support structures*
- 11-12 Case Studies**  
*Practitioners and policymakers will share their experiences with Youth Service program and policy development. Models will include youth corps, service-learning in schools and universities, and NGO-based programs working to scale up their programs and develop policies to support scaling up*
- 12-1 Lunch**
- 1-4 Key Considerations in Policy and Program Development**  
*Participants will examine effective models of Youth Service in both youth service corps and formal education settings. Participants will split into two tracks to focus more extensively on one of these areas and review key considerations in designing policies and programs as well as challenges to implementation and strategies for addressing these challenges*
- Track One: Youth Service Corps**  
**Track Two: Youth Service in Educational Settings**

### **Registration:** \$80

Registration for this special session will be available in early May as part of the general conference registration. *Please note* the cost of this training is not included in the conference registration fee.

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