

APYOUTHNET REJUVENATION WORKSHOP

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Two years and counting... We are still going on strong as a community! Last month, APYouthNet hosted a successful rejuvenation event to take stock of the progress made in the community since its launch 2 years ago. The event served as an opportunity to engage members from the government, workers' and employers' organizations to develop the network further and adapt it to their local contexts. Identified representatives (tripartite) from eight countries (China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vanuatu) participated in the event.



A new niche has been identified and roadmap drafted to pave the way for APYouthNet's future as a community. All of the event proceedings (along with photos!) can be found on the portal at by [clicking here](#).



The APYouthNet Team would like to thank everyone who participated both in person and in spirit. We look forward to working with all of you to continue building this community together.

POSTCARD FROM...BANGLADESH

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Greetings from Bangladesh—a country which is home to over 164 million people making it the eighth most populous country in the world.



According to the Bangladesh Youth Policy, a “youth” is defined as anyone between the ages of 18-35. Over 38 per cent of the Bangladeshi population fall into this age range which constitutes over 53 million in number. Of these, half of them are female and 70 per cent live in rural areas (BBS, 2003).

Bangladesh has a high poverty rate and the overall unemployment rate is 5.1 per cent while the underemployment rate is 40 per cent. Many people especially, youth, are fond of going abroad in search for jobs. The Middle East, Malaysia, Singapore, and Italy are often the top choices, but these workers often receive low remunerations due to the mismatch of skills and experience. There are however huge opportunities in-country in the agricultural field, particularly for those interested in self-employment.

Recently, some policy related advancements have been put in place to promote decent work such as the: Child Labour Elimination Policy (2010), National Education Policy (2010), Skills Development Policy (drafted but not yet endorsed), Child Policy (2011), and the Bangladesh Labour Law (2006) which is the latest Labor Act. In March 2001, the Government also ratified the ILO Convention No. 182. These are all indications of the continued stride towards decent work



for all in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is a beautiful green country and people here are very friendly. We are proud of our rich culture and heritage. We hope you will have a chance to visit one day.

LATEST RESOURCE

[APYouthNet Rejuvenation Event Report](#)

This report gives you all the details of what went on at the behind those closed doors. If you weren't there, read this and you'll feel like you were...



WAY FORWARD: NEW ROADMAP

Its been two years, where to now? Well, here are some of the highlights of what we will be working on based on the decisions made at the Rejuvenation Event.

Online discussion forum topics:

- What appropriate skills and training are required for youth employment?
- How to promote non-traditional jobs for young women?
- How do labour migration policies affect young people?
- What are emerging trends in the labour market?
- Public private partnerships to promote youth employment

New services to be implemented:

- Radio shows to complement the online discussions
- Capacity building for tripartite members on youth related areas of work
- ...and much more! [Learn about it here](#).