LETTER FROM
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On behalf of the Board of Directors, It is my pleasure to present to you the 2013 Annual Report of the Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR). 2013 was an important year in terms of global policy and decision-making processes, particularly with the ICPD+20 Review and the Post-2015 Development Agenda discussions running in their peak. Within these complex processes and evolving information, the YCSRR had the task of following each process, remaining present and influencing them in a way that young people’s voices and rights are not left out. Part of our success in doing so was by working with a number of young activists and partners across the world.

Building upon our success at the 2012 Global Youth Forum, we remained determined to carry forward the messaging and momentum into the rest of the ICPD review process. The YCSRR actively participated in the 46th session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), the ICPD Regional Conferences and the ICPD Thematic Conferences on human rights and women’s health.

We were also strategic in our involvement in the MDG review and Post-2015 processes through the High Level Panel, UNGASS on MDG review, Open Working Group Meetings on SDGs, and the UN Major Group system. The YCSRR put its efforts to make sure that youth rights, particularly, sexual and reproductive rights were incorporated in these processes of shaping the new global development framework.

While our movement is always bound to face challenges of one sort or another, we are fortunate to have passionate and bold activists and organizations as partners and allies, many of whom we have been working with for several years. These collaborations have helped to collectively take the movement forward and accomplish tangible results in our advocacy.

Capacity building and strengthening advocacy regionally as well as nationally has always been a priority for us. Following the 2012 LAC and Asia Pacific trainings, in 2013, the YCSRR organized advocacy workshops in Africa and the MENA region working closely with our local partners and strengthening the advocacy skills of passionate activists on the ground. The impact of follow-up activities by participants at the local and regional level has been an inspiration and is part of the fuel that keeps us moving forward.

This year also saw the launch of publications on safe and legal abortion youth advocacy and the connection between Post-2015, SRHR and development issues as well as a resource map on SOGI, all of which have provided young people and allies around the world with information for their SRHR advocacy at all levels.

Going forward, we strive to build upon our achievements from 2013 and previous years, and to carry forward the momentum going into the future development framework. This includes more in-depth discussions internally on deeper level issues facing the sexual and reproductive rights movement; and preparing for a new strategic plan, which will guide the organization’s direction in the coming years.

Finally, I must thank all of our members and staff for their outstanding efforts in helping to achieve our mission. I would also like to thank our alumni, past staff, donors, partners and well-wishers over the years who continuously support and motivate us.

Thank you,

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ABOUT US

The YCSRR is an international organization of young people (ages 18-29) committed to promoting adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive rights at the national, regional and international level.

Our Mission

The Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights aims to ensure that the sexual and reproductive rights of all young people are respected, guaranteed and promoted, and strives to secure the meaningful participation of young people in decision-making that affects their lives, by advocating, generating knowledge, sharing information, building partnerships and training young activists with a focus on the regional and international levels.
Our Principles and Values

- Sexual and reproductive rights are human rights, and therefore apply equally to young people.
- All human rights are universal and must not be limited on the grounds of conflict with religion, culture or tradition.
- Sexuality and sexual expression are integral parts of the personal identity of all human beings, including young people.
- Youth participation is essential to ensure that sexual and reproductive health and rights’ programs and policies address the realities, concerns and priorities of all young people.
- Young people have valuable contributions to make to society and must have recognized and respected voices in all policy and decision-making processes.
- Young people’s access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights information and education is vital for safeguarding and promoting the life, health, and well-being of all young people.
- Young people’s access to comprehensive, affordable and youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services, including emergency contraception, is vital for safeguarding and promoting the life, health, and well-being of all young people.
- All women, irrespective of age, have the right to access legal, safe, and affordable abortions.
- The sexual and reproductive lives of young people must be free of coercion or the threat of violence.
- Programs and interventions that safeguard and advance young people’s sexual and reproductive rights must be fully funded and supported with adequate resources.

Our Structure

The YCSRR is a membership-based organization. Our members contribute to the overall success of the YCSRR in fulfilling its mission. The work of the YCSRR is overseen by its Board of Directors, which is made up of six members and the Executive Coordinator. Each Director completes a two-year term on the Board, up to a maximum of two terms.

In addition to the Board of Directors, the YCSRR has a Membership Committee, which is made up of seven members and the Program and Communications Officer. The Membership Committee oversees the recruitment and orientation of new members and the membership renewal process, assesses skills and experiences of members and manages the alumni engagement program.

Member task forces and working groups assume the substantive work of the YCSRR. In 2013, these included the ICPD and Post-2015 task forces, the Special task force for Policies and By-laws and the HIV-SRR, Abortion Rights, and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) working groups. The task forces and working groups as well as day-to-day functions of the YCSRR are supported by its three staff members: the Executive Coordinator, the Program and Communications Officer and the Logistics and Administrative Officer.
Since its inception during the ICPD+5 review process, advocacy has always played a central role in YCSRR’s work. It remains an integral part of our 2012-2015 Strategic Plan with the aim of strengthened respect, protection and promotion of young people’s sexual and reproductive rights at the international, regional and national levels.

Throughout 2013, the YCSRR continued to engage with both the review processes of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), with the understanding that these will feed into a Post-2015 Development Agenda that must include the sexual and reproductive rights of young people.

Building upon the momentum of the Global Youth Forum, the YCSRR has used its Outcome Document, the Bali Youth Declaration, as an important tool in advocating for the sexual and reproductive rights of young people, including the right to Comprehensive Sexuality Education, the right to non-discrimination and the right to access to safe and legal abortion. The YCSRR used the Declaration, among other strategies, to mobilize partners throughout the ICPD review and Post-2015 processes.

**CPD47 & ICPD+20 Review Processes**

- **April:** Commission on Population and Development
- **May:** UNECE Regional Youth Forum
- **July:** UNECE Regional Conference on ICPD+20, ICPD Beyond 2014 International Conference on Human Rights
- **August:** UNECLAC Regional Conference on ICPD+20
- **September:** UNESCAP on ICPD+20, ICPD+20 Expert Meeting on Women’s Health, UNECA Regional Conference on ICPD

The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) continues to be an important space for international sexual and reproductive health and rights advocacy, as the Commission monitors and reviews the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD PoA). For this reason, the YCSRR has prioritized the CPD meetings for many years.

This CPD was particularly important to build momentum between the 45th session of the CPD, which focused on adolescents and youth, and 47th session, which will focus on the ICPD+20 Review. During the 46th session of the CPD (CPD46), the YCSRR worked closely with governments and allies on the theme of migration. As in previous years, the YCSRR mobilized young people in the co-organizing of the Youth Caucus to discuss migration and youth and develop common strategies and priorities for the CPD as related to young people’s sexual and reproductive rights.

The YCSRR played a key role in developing an Oral Statement on Behalf of the International Progressive Youth Caucus as well as the ISSRC oral statement presented by ACPD. Our delegates produced two Watchdog publications and worked with the ISSRC group to advocate for the inclusion of sexual and reproductive rights in the next phase of development.
Sexual and reproductive health and rights are of critical importance to young migrants. In many countries, however, young migrants are unable or afraid to access sexual and reproductive health services for fear of facing discrimination, detention or deportation due to their migration status. This lack of access is directly linked to poverty, poor health, and social inequality. Protecting these rights will enable and empower young migrants to make informed decisions about their bodies and lives.

The ICPD+20 review process has been an important opportunity for the YCSRR to influence the inclusion of sexual and reproductive rights within global population and development policy at the national, regional and global levels. As part of ICPD+20, the YCSRR participated in both the regional review process: European Regional Conference; Latin America and Caribbean Regional Conference; Asia Pacific Regional Conference; African Regional Conference, and the thematic review process: Human Rights Forum on ICPD+20; ICPD+20 Expert Meeting on Women’s Health.

Regional Meetings

UNECE Regional Conference on population priorities for the 21st Century The conference brought together over 200 government representatives, as well as national and international stakeholders to review the progress, challenges and gaps of the ICPD PoA in the region. Having this initial experience with the process fed into the YCSRR’s success in the Latin America and Caribbean, Asia Pacific and African regional conferences, each building upon the other.

Latin American and Caribbean Conference on Population and Development Together with Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), the International Women’s Health Coalition (IWHC) and RESURJ, the YCSRR convened a strategy meeting with around 40 young feminist delegates. The YCSRR also joined the Articulación Cairo+20 organized civil society meeting in which delegates met with allies to map national delegations and begin mobilizing. These meetings were instrumental in ensuring strong communication and collective work that led to a final outcome document with special attention to the definition of sexual rights, a mention of the Bali Declaration, the recognition of the need to review punitive laws in cases of abortion and the recognition of the sexual and reproductive rights and health of LGBT communities.

Excerpt from the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development

Ensure the effective implementation from early childhood of comprehensive sexuality education programmes, recognizing the emotional dimension of human relationships, with respect for the evolving capacity of the child and the informed decisions of adolescents and young people regarding their sexuality, from a participatory, intercultural, gender-sensitive, and human rights perspective;

Implement comprehensive, timely, good-quality sexual health and reproductive health programmes for adolescents and young people, including youth-friendly sexual health and reproductive health services with a gender, human rights, intergenerational and intercultural perspective, which guarantee access to safe and effective modern contraceptive methods, respecting the principles of confidentiality and privacy, to enable adolescents and young people to exercise their sexual rights and reproductive rights, to have a responsible, pleasurable and healthy sex life, avoid early and unwanted pregnancies, the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and to take free, informed and responsible decisions regarding their sexual and reproductive life and the exercise of their sexual orientation;

Prioritize the prevention of pregnancy among adolescents and eliminate unsafe abortion through comprehensive education on emotional development and sexuality, and timely and confidential access to good-quality information, counselling, technologies and services, including emergency oral contraception without a prescription and male and female condoms.
Learning from the Bali Global Youth Forum and the Latin America and Caribbean Conference on Population and Development, the YCSRR also played an active role in both the 6th Asia Pacific Population Conference (APPC) and the African Regional Conference on Population and Development.

6th Asia Pacific Population Conference CSO Forum YCSRR Member Nur Hidayati Handayani played the role of Southeast Asia group rapporteur while Rachel Arinii (YCSRR Executive Coordinator) led the youth group.

The YCSRR also supported the coordination of the Youth Forum by taking a leading role in editing the draft of the outcome document as well as ensuring that all youth organizations working on sexual and reproductive health and rights had the same level of knowledge and understandings around the process.

Finally, the YCSRR organized the Feminist Strategy Meeting alongside our partners Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), the most progressive document in the region.

The outcome document recognizes sexual orientation and gender identity, sexual and reproductive rights, comprehensive sexual education, migrant rights and youth-friendly health services.

African Regional Conference on Population and Development As part of the steering committee of Youth pre-meeting, YCSRR member Samuel Kissingi worked to mobilize young people in the development of recommendations (including sexual and reproductive health and rights recommendations) for consideration by governments in the final Outcome Document. Although limited, the document does include mention of sexual and reproductive rights as essential for sustainable development as well as a commitment to review laws that have a discriminatory impact on youth.

Thematic Meetings

In addition to breaking down priorities regionally, the YCSRR understands the importance of addressing thematic priorities. These provided strategic spaces for the YCSRR to further address the need to recognize the sexual and reproductive rights of young people within the ICPD review and future development agenda.

ICPD Beyond 2014 International Conference on Human Rights YCSRR member Babu Ram Pant participated on a panel alongside UNFPA Executive Director Babatunde Osotimehin and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay. His presence on the expert panel highlighted the importance of young people’s rights and their participation in the ICPD decision-making process.

Additionally, the YCSRR collaborated with partners to mobilize 25 sexual and reproductive rights advocates to inform and strategize around a progressive outcome document incorporating sexual and reproductive rights. YCSRR also facilitated a thematic paper on the Global Youth Forum (GYF) for conference
In September, YCSRR member Oriana Lopez Uribe and Executive Coordinator Rachel Arinii Judhistari were invited to join the ICPD+20 Women’s Health expert meeting held in Mexico City. The meeting was a strategic space for discussion on the particular sexual and reproductive health and rights of women; the outcome document focused on access to safe and legal abortion for young women and girls, the impact of health service privatization and the urgency for moving beyond a maternal health approach to a women’s rights approach to policy.

**The Millenium Development Goals and the Post-2015 Agenda**

**March:**
- Youth Leadership Working Group Meeting
- High Level Panel of Eminent Person for Post-2015 Development Agenda Meeting in Bali

**June:**
- Fourth Session of the Open Working Group on SDGs

**September:**
- United Nations General Assembly Special Session on MDG Review and Post-2015 Events

**December:**
- Sixth Session of the Open Working Group on SDGs

The Post-2015 Agenda has become the leading framework for setting the next era of development. Because of the agenda’s global influence, it has been crucial for the YCSRR to engage in the process to ensure that young people and their sexual and reproductive rights are included.

**Bali High Level Panel of Eminent Person for Post-2015 Development Agenda Meeting**

YCSRR member, Rinaldi Ridwan joined the Youth Working Group as convener to conduct the Youth multi-stakeholder meeting inviting approximately 100 young people from across movements as a way to make the process more inclusive of international and regional youth-led and youth-serving organizations. During the meeting, young people shared their priorities – including those related to sexual and reproductive rights – with the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons (HLPEP) for inclusion in the post-2015 Development Agenda.

**United Nations General Assembly Special Session on MDG Review and Post-2015 Events (UNGASS)**

Several events took place around the UNGASS session, including the special session on the country progress of the MDGs programme. The session also coincided with both the last session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and the start of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), which evolved out of the Rio +20 process. The UNGASS and the surrounding events were important in shaping the discussions and momentum going into the review of the MDGs in country level and the discussion on the post-2015 framework. YCSRR was involved in key discussions to ensure that young people’s sexual and reproductive rights are addressed in the future development agenda. Sexual and reproductive rights were reflected in the outcome and discussions of the UNGASS youth side events planned by the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development (IANYD) and Major Group on Children and Youth (MGCY).

**The YCSRR also attended both the fourth and sixth sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals.**

**Fourth Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals**

The Women’s Major Group nominated YCSRR member Samuel Kis-si to give a presentation on the topic of youth, while YCSRR member Rachel Jacobson delivered an intervention on behalf of the Major Group on Children and Youth. The session, which focused on health and youth among other topics, was an opportunity for the organization to engage directly with Member States and Co-chairs on the issue of young people’s sexual and reproductive rights, as well as other NGOs working on these issues.

**Sixth Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals**

YCSRR member Jakub Skrzypczyk delivered a presentation on human rights during the morning panel session with the co-chairs. Once again, the YCSRR collaborated closely with the Women’s Major Group and the Major Group on Children and Youth, contributing to strategies and talking points and inputting into presentations and statements.
Strategy Meetings

February-March:  
SOGI Global Stakeholders Meeting

March:  
Youth Leadership Working Group Meeting

**SOGI Global Stakeholders Meeting** The YCSRR convened a 3-day, 12-person meeting with IGLYO for LGBTI youth organizations and LGBTI organizations working with young people. The meeting created a space to learn about the ICPD and Post-2015 processes and work together to strategize around national, regional and international opportunities to participate and engage. Participants discussed progress in guaranteeing the sexual rights of young LGBTI people and a common agenda going forward.

**Youth Leadership Working Group Meeting** With a view towards further strengthening young people’s participation and priorities in the changing development landscape, the UNFPA convened youth-led organizations and young leaders who played a key role in achieving the Bali Declaration through the Youth Leadership Working Group (YLWG). As part of the YLWG, the YCSRR develops and implements strategies to ensure that youth voices, particularly as articulated in the Bali Declaration, are represented in dialogues related to the ICPD Beyond 2014 and Post-2015 Agenda.

The meeting convened YLWG members to discuss the outcomes of the Global Youth Forum (GYF) and to think of ways for taking the messages of the GYF forward. The group discussed key aspects of the ICPD review and Post-2015 processes, while obtaining information from relevant UNFPA personnel, as well as developing key advocacy strategies and action plan, including the toolkit for advocacy. The strategy and planning was an important step within overall advocacy efforts around bringing young people’s issues into the ICPD and Post-2015 processes.
**Other Events**

**March:**
Commission on the Status of Women
Youth Leadership Working Group Meeting

**April:**
SOGI Regional Conference for the Human Rights Commission

**May:**
Women Deliver
UNAIDS Youth Meeting

**October:**
International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development
EuroNGOs Conference

**November:**
Amnesty International Global Activism Skill Share

**Commission on the Status of Women:** The 2013 theme “Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls” has important connections to the work of the YCSRR. The organization engaged with new and existing partners, mobilizing around violence against women and girls and its relation to sexual and reproductive rights. The civil society organizing and Agreed Conclusions have provided support for a gender equality goal in the Post-2015 framework, creating an opportunity for the inclusion of young people’s sexual and reproductive rights.

**SOGI Regional Conference for the Human Rights Council:** The meeting was a space to build new partnerships and gain greater understanding of the Human Rights Council and the process toward a resolution on sexual orientations and human rights.

**Women Deliver:** YCSRR members reviewed scholarship applications and attended the event in support of information sharing and knowledge building on sexual and reproductive rights as it relates to child and maternal health.

**Amnesty International Global Activism Skill Share:** The convening was an opportunity to explore possible collaboration with Amnesty International, as the organization increasingly continues to focus efforts on sexual and reproductive rights. YCSRR member Sara Vida Coumans addressed the approximately 40 participants in a plenary presentation on meaningful and effective youth participation in the sexual and reproductive rights movement. Other smaller presentations were made on partner-ships with youth organizations and organizing models in youth organizations. The presentations were well received and provided opportunities for new partnerships with Amnesty International as well as encouragement for engaging young people in the organization and its work.

**UNAIDS Youth Meeting:** A group of youth organizations, including the YCSRR, working on HIV created an alliance with UNAIDS in order to ensure that sexual and reproductive rights and HIV remain in the global Post-2015 Agenda. The PACT worked during 2013 on issues related to the Post-2015 agenda, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, legal barriers for young key populations and ACT 2015 (a movement building initiative that aims to secure a Post-2015 development framework that advances
the sexual and reproductive health rights and the HIV response for young people).

11th International Dialogue on Population and Sustainable Development:
The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany and GIZ invited YCSRR member, Rinaldi Ridwan, to attend its annual event on population and development. The YCSRR presented information on how sexual and reproductive health and rights is intertwined with youth employment and how human rights fulfillment serves as a pre-condition in addressing youth employment.

EuroNGOs Conference: The YCSRR gained information on the stand-alone goals and strategies of UN Women and UNFPA. One of the issues discussed was the strategy for NGOs in the further process of Post-2015, central to the work of YCSRR.
THE YEAR IN CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

February:
Africa Regional Workshop on ICPD and Post-2015

November:
MENA Regional Workshop on ICPD and Post-2015

In 2013, the YCSRR completed its final two of four regional workshops for young sexual and reproductive rights activists in the Africa and Middle East and North Africa regions. The workshops, delivered in collaboration with regional partners and youth experts, aimed to build the capacities of 34 young activists to effectively advocate and mobilize nationally and regionally around guaranteeing and strengthening the sexual and reproductive rights of young people.

African Regional Training

The YCSRR collaborated with Curious Minds (Ghana) and Fortress of Hope (Kenya) for the Africa workshop. It was held in Nairobi with 20 participants from across 9 countries and was another successful experience creating a wider network of youth groups and organizations that the YCSRR will work with in the future. The four-day workshop included sexual and reproductive health and rights discussions, lively dialogues on controversial issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity, women’s rights and abortion as well as planning national-level actions with newly acquired knowledge and skills.

The YCSRR collaborated with the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR), the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (EIPR) and the Lab Democratique, Tunisia for the Middle East and North African region training, held in Hammamet, Tunisia. The training brought together nine young activists from Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan as well as two online participants from Palestine. Participants shared national and regional level information and experiences with sexual and reproductive health and rights while developing their capacities to advocate at the national, regional and international levels with particular focus on the review processes going into the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The YCSRR and its partners continue to provide ongoing support and have awarded selected participants with youth leadership grants toward the implementation of national-level advocacy plans and strategies, significantly impacting the prioritization of young people’s SRR within the Post-2015 and ICPD+20 processes.
Example of Youth Leadership Grant Activity

Hold radio discussions, produce an audio jingle and publish articles in The Springboard magazine to create awareness on the dangers of unsafe abortion and influence public support for the inclusion of CAC services in the NHIS list of services.

Two radio discussion sessions were held on Gems of Our Time, a youth radio programme broadcast on the Ghana Broadcasting Corporation’s Uniiq FM which transmits as far as the Northern part of Ghana where many of these unsafe abortions are carried out because of high levels of illiteracy and little education on the implications of such actions.

Another session was held on Momlikoo, a young people focused programme aired in Ga, the language spoken by many coastal dwellers in Ghana’s capital, Accra. The target audience of the programme makes the choice of station apt since unsafe abortion rates are high among young people in coastal areas according to a recent study carried-out by Ipas.

Both programmes highlighted the dangers of unsafe abortion caused by restrictive policies, health services practices, etc. and featured the experiences of young victims who called in to the programme as well as views from other young people across the globe through live social media interactions. This followed live online interactions and discussions on Facebook and Twitter. It underscored the need to remove all kinds of restrictions around abortion and to allow all including young people to access safe and comprehensive abortion services.

The programmes also advocated greater commitment from government and other stakeholders to reduce the barriers to accessing comprehensive abortion care including cost.

An audio jingle containing useful information on the subject was given prominent airplay on both radio networks and an article was produced for publication in The Springboard magazine in its next issue.
During the course of 2013, the YCSRR produced booklets, factsheets and Watchdogs both on its own and in collaboration with partner organizations. We aim to provide informative, youth-friendly publications on a range of topics related to sexual and reproductive rights, advocacy and young people.

**Freedom of Choice: A Youth Activist’s Guide to Safe Abortion Advocacy 2nd Ed.**

Young women’s access to abortion touches on some of the most sensitive issues in cultures around the world: the role of parents, community and religious leaders in decision-making on the issue of children and adolescents and youth sexuality. It is within this context that this guide seeks to empower young activists working on sexual and reproductive rights with the information and context needed to become strong advocates for young women’s right to abortion. The updated version of the popular guide includes new information on the global context of sexual and reproductive rights as well as background information and tips for advocacy on abortion health and rights. English, Spanish and French versions of the publication are available online. Print versions are available in English on request.

**Resource Map on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity for Young Sexual and Reproductive Rights Activists**

To support ongoing knowledge building and youth advocacy on sexual and reproductive rights, the YCSRR has published a collection of useful resources for advocates and activists working to ensure that young LGBTIQ people can claim and exercise their rights. The resource map includes an introduction on the importance of LGBTIQ youth advocacy, a list of common abbreviations and links to key publications and reports on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI).

**Including Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

The YCSRR launched a new series in 2013 with its two first briefs: Youth Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Poverty and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Human Rights. Each brief in the series will illuminate the connections between sexual and reproductive rights and development issues that are central to youth and must be included in the Post-2015 Development Agenda. They include important definitions, background information and recommendations. The briefs were strategically launched on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and International Human Rights Day.
Watchdog

As part of the YCSRR’s advocacy and public education activities, we distribute our newsletter The Watchdog at most international conferences and events we attend. The Watchdog is entirely youth-authored with articles written by YCSRR members, peer activists and partner organizations. In 2013, the YCSRR produced 4 volumes of the Watchdog in 2013: on the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), a first and second issue on the 46th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) and another on the International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia. The publications included articles from across the globe on topics varying from Homophobic and transphobic bullying to youth migration and violence against women and girls.

LGBTI rights in the Post-2015 agenda: Progress is on the way!

Ricardo Baruch, YCSRR

One of the main demands that civil society organizations and governments around the world will make for the new development agenda that is currently being shaped, is a demand that it must have a strong focus on human rights. The fight against discrimination has been a hot topic in the different consultations and forums where the Post-2015 agenda has been discussed, including the meetings of the High Level Panel of Eminent Persons (HLPEP) members in London, Liberia and Bali and the specific Online Consultation on LGBTI issues within the Inequalities theme. LGBTI rights is not a stand alone right, it needs specific agreed terms to make it wider and cross-cutting. In this case, the UN system needs to adapt a “sexual rights” concept. Sexual rights has been widely used and advocated in a lot of avenues, however there is still a lot of work to do to ensure it become official UN agreed language. Many of the discussions of the HLPEP members and the NGOs participating in the different spaces for the Post-2015 route have included the respect for vulnerable groups, including sexual rights of LGBTI people, as a key area that nevertheless, is very unlikely to make it to the final report of the panel or the actual outcome of the whole process. So far, sexual rights has been included in the HLPEP meeting in Liberia.

As part of the new development agenda, last December, the Global Youth Forum took place in Bali, Indonesia with more than 500 young activists from all over the world. The outcome document of the meeting called the “Bali Declaration” outlines very well how young people are keen to include LGBTI rights at the heart of development on issues related to health, education, employment, family life and civic participation. There is a strong mention to adopt sexual rights as human rights and this needs to be pushed forward in other discussions within the discussion around post-2015 process.

2013 has been a great year for LGBTI rights around the world: some countries in Europe and the Americas have approved laws that allow same-sex marriage, there is more recognition of the rights of LGBTI people by more UN agencies and the UN Secretary-General, donor countries like the U.S., Norway and the Netherlands have funded civil society initiatives around the world to promote and protect the rights of LGBTI people... but it certainly not enough because countries in some regions such as Middle East, Africa, and Eastern Europe are still trying to shut down all the initiatives related to LGBTI rights and homophobia is still a big problem in both developed and developing countries.

Last February, Youth Coalition and IGLYO organized a meeting with young representatives of LGBTI networks and NGOs around the world to discuss how our movements can engage with the new development agenda including ICPD+20 and Post2015.

For more info on the Post 2015 Agenda check out this link: www.beyond2015.org
THE YEAR IN ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The YCSRR understands both the opportunities and challenges of a global membership-based organization with working relationships that are largely virtual. We continue to explore new technologies and platforms while organizing strategic convenings to ensure strong internal communication, ongoing skill development and strategic thinking all necessary for our sustainability and growth.

Throughout 2013, the YCSRR continued to hold its strategic conversations, planning and evaluation on the internal communication platform, Podio. To ensure quick-turnaround and consensus on urgent issues, the YCSRR also adopted a cross-platform mobile messaging system.

Virtual Board of Director Meetings were held on a monthly basis, with two in-person meetings: February (Ottawa, Canada) and August (Sao Paulo, Brazil) to discuss key issues related to the organization’s governance, growth and sustainability. The August board meeting was followed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in which all members met to discuss the past year’s activities and plan for the upcoming year. New members were welcomed into the organization with an orientation followed by four-days of discussion on strategic planning, the office modality, communications and policies.

YCSRR organized an in person staff meeting to navigate the process. Staff also discussed the possibility of office relocation and financial internal controls. A temporary satellite office was created in Jakarta, Indonesia, which became the administrative wing of the YCSRR.

Part of the focus in 2013 was to revamp the internal accountability mechanism especially on finance management. A series of financial assessments to diagnose the accounting, internal control, budgeting and reporting scheme were done as the basis of creation for the financial management flow including fraud policy that are able to cater to YCSRR’s current model with satellite and virtual offices.

To tackle any possible challenges from the transition and temporary office model, in October 2013, the
**Internal Training**

Given the importance of the Post-2015 discussion in framing the next era of development and the opportunity that sexual and reproductive rights advocates have in shaping the new agenda, the YCSRR held a one-day training on the global context of sexual and reproductive rights and the history, timeline and procedures going into Post-2015. The training has given members the foundation to actively engage with the process and confidently work toward its inclusion of young people’s sexual and reproductive rights.

**ACPD UPR Training**

During the two-session workshop organized by Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD), YCSRR members learned the basics of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), including the history, official reports and how to engage with the process as a possible advocacy space for the YCSRR to explore.
One of YCSRR’s strengths is building and strengthening strategic partnerships across movements and networks while maintaining close relationships with sexual and reproductive health and rights advocates, organizations and networks. The YCSRR Youth Leadership Award Grants for training participants from the LAC, MENA, Africa and Asia Pacific regions was a key moment for this in 2013. YCSRR’s leadership role in the ICPD review process and Post-2015 discussion has also supported our work in building strategic partnership.

Within the Post-2015 processes, as one of the few active youth-led organizations with a specific focus on sexual and reproductive rights, the YCSRR has contributed to the Major Group on Children and Youth as well as the Youth Working Group on Post-2015 which emerged out of the HLPEP youth working group. The Coalition has led awareness raising and capacity building on issues related to gender equality, sexual and reproductive rights and youth and adolescent human rights.

The YCSRR has also continued to develop existing partnerships including through the EuroNGOs led Strategic Partnerships for NGOs, namely the SRHR platform, to feed a youth sexual and reproductive rights perspective and Global South lens into their visionary agenda.

As a way to mobilize around sexual and reproductive rights across movements, the YCSRR partnered with its allies from the women’s rights and feminist movements including the Women’s Major Group members, the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID), Development Alternatives for Women in a New Era (DAWN), the International Women’s Health Coalition (IWHC) and RESURJ.

The YCSRR values working in partnership with other youth-led and youth-focused sexual and reproductive rights organizations. Strategic partnerships contribute to project sustainability, enable our advocacy to be continuously informed by the needs of marginalized young people and ensure that our capacity-building efforts are reflective of regional and national contexts. We have worked with the Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW) through the Youth Leadership Working Group (formerly the Global Youth Forum Steering Committee), AfriYan, International Gay and Lesbian Youth and Student Organization (IGLYO), and national partners in the Asia Pacific, Africa, MENA and LAsC regions namely: Nasawiya Libanon, Coalition of Sexual and Bodily Rights, Democratic Lab of Tunisia, Curious Mind Ghana, Generation Alive Zambia, Fortress of Hope and Naya Kenya, Women of Change Cameroon, CREARE Guatemala, IPAS and Balance Mexico, Colectivo Mujeres al Derechos Columbia, Aliansi Remaja Independen Indonesia, and Youth Action Nepal, among others.

Our work with partners includes the development of joint advocacy initiatives and communications strategies at the international and regional levels, which promote comprehensive youth sexual and reproductive rights policies, programmes and services. The YCSRR will continue to work with its partners, including the Dutch Government, Beyond 2015, Rutgers WPF, CHOICE, IPPF, UNFPA, APRO, ACPD, ISRRC members and CPD Youth Working Group members in capacity-building initiatives at all levels through the exchange of resources, joint planning and delivery of workshops and strategizing sessions at the international level.
2013 YCSRR MEMBERSHIP

Babu Ram Pant, Nepal | Clara Fok, Hong Kong | Emily Hagerman, USA | Ivens Reis Reyner, Brazil
Jakub Skrzypczyk, Poland | Kokou Sename Dzagadou, Togo | Kulje-ku-Suzyika Nyimbili, Zambia | Magnhild Bogseth, Norway
Maria Ines Romero, Paraguay | Namakando Simamuna, Zambia | Nijar (Nickie) Imanguli, USA/Azerbaijan | Nida Mushtaq, Pakistan
Nur Hidayati Handayani, Indonesia | Oriana Lopez Uribe, Mexico | Rachel Jacobson, USA | Ricardo Baruch, Mexico | Rinaldi Ridwan, Indonesia
Samuel Kissi, Ghana | Sara Vida Coumans, the Netherlands | Sergio Lopez, Paraguay
2013 YCSRR STAFF

Mari-Claire Price, Executive Coordinator, United Kingdom
January-September

Rachel Arinii Judhistari, Executive Coordinator, Indonesia
July-December

Jessica Main, Logistics and Administrative Officer, Canada

Sarah Kennell, Program Officer, Canada
January-March

Ani Colekessian, Program and Communications Officer, Canada
July-December
2013 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

GROSS FUNDRAISING REVENUE 563,513.00

TOTAL ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE 549,344.00

2013 REVENUE

2013 EXPENDITURES

*All values are in USD
The YCSRR had a successful year of engaging with new and existing partnerships, mobilizing within and across movements to ensure the inclusion of young people’s sexual and reproductive rights in regional and international agendas, and strategically in positioning itself as a leading youth organization working on sexual and reproductive rights.

#### OUTCOME AND OUTPUT IN BRIEF

| 4 Publications | Including Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Youth sexual and reproductive rights and poverty
|                | Including Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Youth sexual and reproductive rights and human rights
|                | Resource Map on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity for Young Sexual and Reproductive Rights Activists
|                | Freedom of Choice: A Young Activist’s Guide to Safe Abortion Advocacy |
| 4 Watchdogs    | 2013 Commission on the Status of Women
|                | 2013 Commission on Population and Development I
|                | 2013 Commission on Population and Development II
|                | 2013 IDAHOT |
| 2 Trainings    | Africa Regional Workshop on ICPD and Post-2015
|                | MENA Regional Workshop on ICPD and Post-2015 |
| 2 Oral Statements | 2013 Commission on Population and Development
|                | Sixth Open Working Group on SDGs |
| 1 Written Statement | 2013 Commission on the Status of Women |

**Presented on Youth Sexual and Reproductive Rights at**

- Women Deliver
- Bali Youth Multi-Stakeholders Meeting on Post-2015 Development Agenda
- Fourth Session of the Open Work Group on SDGs
- ICPD Beyond 2014 International Conference on Human Rights
- Amnesty International Global Activism Skillshare
- Sixth Asia-Pacific Population Conference
- Fourth Session of the Open Working Group on SDGs
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WORKING MODALITIES AND CHALLENGES

In an effort toward organizational growth and development, the YCSRR seeks to identify and address effective modalities as well as possible challenges.

**Strategy and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E):** templates for publication, event and advocacy were revisited during the year to create a more user-friendly approach to strategic thinking and evaluation. A new publications tracking system was also implemented as well as new efforts toward strategic communications.

**Activity Levels:** as a membership-based organization that is largely voluntary, meeting workloads, timelines and consensus agreements can be challenging. The adoption of new technologies, including cross-platform mobile messaging has provided a way to easily reach members. The BD, Coaches, Staff and Membership Committee (MC) also play a role in supporting active membership. In 2013, the MC began revising the orientation program to ensure that new members are able to easily engage in discussion and advocacy. Part of the membership recruitment criteria also includes demonstrated remote working experience to overcome possible challenges.

**Office Location:** due to the international reality of the YCSRR and staffing challenges posed by Canadian immigration limitations, the YCSRR has revisited the option of moving to the global south as follow-up to the discussion on relocation that first emerged in 2007. Further, to ensure that the organization has an adaptive financial management scheme to uphold internal control within staff members, the YCSRR is currently using the working modality of working virtually between Canada and the new satellite office in Indonesia.

**GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Activity:** the organization will continue to link its work to its strategic plan, while engaging with current and developing regional and international processes affecting young people’s sexual and reproductive rights.

**Organizational Development:** the organization will stay up to date with new and upcoming tools to ensure high levels of membership activity across regions and timezones. The MC will also improve efforts to reach out to prospective members with perspectives that are not currently represented or under-represented in the YCSRR.

**Knowledge Generation:** the organization will work more closely with allies within and beyond the youth and sexual and reproductive rights movements. The organization will also continue to engage with current and new development frameworks, learning and sharing information that affect young people’s sexual and reproductive rights at the regional and international levels.

**Communications:** the organization will focus more efforts on strategic communications in planning, implementing and evaluating as well as adopting new tools and revamping the YCSRR image to reflect a cutting-edge, dynamic, and youth-friendly approach to sexual and reproductive rights.
In an effort to build upon our advocacy work in the lead up to the ICPD+20 review and Post-2015 Development Agenda, the YCSRR will attend the Eighth Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, which will discuss human rights; the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women; and the 47th Session of the Commission on Population and Development.

The YCSRR is also planning a Post-2015 Youth Global Strategy Meeting as follow-up to the SOGI Meeting and in recognition of the role that YCSRR can play in mobilizing youth activists around the Post-2015 process. The meeting will invite participants from across social movements to strategize around global priorities for young people to feed into the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Our focus on communications will continue into 2014, with a new Website, an engaging social media strategy and information sharing that is widely accessible and environmentally and youth-friendly. The YCSRR will publish new briefs for its series Including Youth in the Post-2015 Development Agenda on youth sexual and reproductive rights topics that range from the ICPD to HIV and Health. Several Watchdogs are also planned for CPD47 and the 2014 IDAHOT.

Our efforts and engagement with young people and allies will continue into 2014 toward the guarantee of sexual and reproductive rights for all.