

Plan of Action

This Plan of Action lays out a blueprint to promote youths' social and economic development in the Americas through the YABT network's programs, projects, and activities focused on providing the training, contacts, and confidence necessary to run a business. Prior to the Summit in November, and after, YABT and its associates will work to implement the recommendations from and the goals of the *Foro* and the Summit. The YABT network is committed to the following principles and objectives in building an "Alliance for Young Entrepreneurs":

- A. Helping to create opportunities for the employment of youth and young adults through entrepreneurship, enterprise creation, formal and non-formal training, the application of technology, and the expansion of existing enterprises operated by young adults;
- B. Fostering greater awareness among governments and the private and public sectors of the contributions that young entrepreneurs can make to economic growth, social equity, job creation, and poverty alleviation and of the need to invest in these youth;
- C. Formulating strategic plans to help encourage and accelerate entrepreneurial development at the community, national, and international levels, including assisting new and existing organizations in planning and carrying out entrepreneurial development events and related employment skills training programs for young people;
- D. Supporting the development of effective programs, particularly those carried out by the private sector, by serving as a resource for innovation, for the exchange of information and expertise, for organizational linkages, and for collaboration among those organizations and entrepreneurial individuals;
- E. Increasing entrepreneurship among young people by supporting programs that aid in their personal development, entrepreneurial education, and technical skills training and by providing technological and financial resources, especially for primary, secondary, and post-secondary schools and community-based programs;
- F. Collaborating with governmental and private sector entities to increase technical and financial assistance to support entrepreneurial development and employment skills training initiatives, particularly those aimed at young people living in or near poverty; and
- G. Soliciting contributions from the public and private sectors and managing and providing these funds and other services to support all the aforementioned objectives.
- H. Encourage the representatives and the coordinators of the civil society forums prior to the Cumbre, may participate as observers during the realization of this;
- I. Formulate and develop models that allow exchange of knowledge and experiences amongst the generations of leaders; and
- J. Raise the awareness of the public sector on the importance of applying the necessary policies to include the business training and make it mandatory at the academy; create a strategy to divulge results to mobilize the execution of solutions in the respective countries.

Young people, entrepreneurs, and students continue to motivate us by their sincerity and enthusiasm to contribute to their country's future and to that of the community of the Americas. This *Foro* is only the beginning of what must be accomplished, and the report that follows is a preview of regional and national policies and views that must be considered and adopted in order to truly "Fight Poverty and Strengthen Democratic Governance."