



Young Americas Business Trust



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Young Entrepreneurs of the Americas

Forum for the Participation of Civil Society in the Process of the Summit of the Americas

The **Young Americas Business Trust (YABT)**, a non-profit corporation affiliated with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS), announces the **"Young Entrepreneurs of the Americas: Forum for the Participation of Civil Society in the Process of the Summit of the Americas"** www.ybiz.net/foro.asp

The "Foro" (from the Spanish for Forum) is a recognized civil society activity in the IV Summit of the Americas process. It will take place **August 10 - 12, 2005 in Buenos Aires, Argentina**, organized by YABT and YABT Argentina, in cooperation with the Summits of the Americas Secretariat, and other national and international partners.

A series of national and regional dialogues will prepare for the *Foro*. This will begin in May with an online dialogue via the IDB Youth online platform, www.iadb.org/exr/mandates/youth/eng_join.cfm. Young people throughout the Americas – young entrepreneurs, civil society organizations, the business community, and officials of OAS Member States can participate. These activities will give young people of the Americas to participate actively in the discussion of the IV Summit of the Americas. YABT is also building an advanced **Young Entrepreneur Network Platform** to be available soon at www.ybiz.net to provide new opportunities for the exchange of ideas and to connect with young entrepreneurs and organizations.

The theme of the IV Summit of the Americas, **"Creating Employment to Confront Poverty and Strengthen Democratic Governance"** has special relevance to young people. The *Foro's* four major topics offer a framework for discussions:

- **Encouraging Leadership and Good Citizenship**
- **Improving Competitiveness and the Entrepreneurs Environment**
- **Strengthening Education and Training**
- **Using Technology as a Platform for Entrepreneurs**

We invite you to participate in this important program:

- *Promote the Foro and its Dialogues throughout your network*
- *Participate in the pre-Foro live and online dialogues, through the YABT website, www.ybiz.net*
- *Submit documents to post on the national webpages, to be created on each Member State's policies, strategies and programs, for young entrepreneurs*
- *Organize dialogues on the Foro topics and / or entrepreneurship for young people in the country.*
- *Take part in the "Business Matchmaking" opportunities during the Foro to promote your business and network with other young entrepreneurs. Details will be announced on the YABT webpage*
- *Discuss Foro themes at related, already-scheduled national conferences and events*
- *Sponsor Foro activities and offer scholarships for national delegates to attend the Foro in Buenos Aires.*

The **Young Americas Business Trust** is civil society initiative **by** and **for** young people. We look forward to this opportunity to work with you and are always grateful for your support. **For information on the Foro and the Dialogues, additional documents and to register, visit the Foro website: www.ybiz.net/foro.asp**

For more information about the Young Americas Business Trust and the Foro:

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