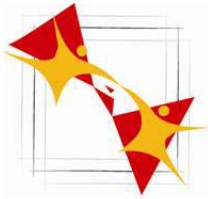




Young Americas Business Trust



*Young Entrepreneurs of the Americas
Forum for the participation of the Civil Society
in the process of the Summit of the Americas*



An Opportunity to Advance Entrepreneurship for Young People as a Public Policy Priority

The Foro and the Dialogues leading up to it offer young people opportunities to contribute to the themes of the Fourth Summit of the Americas, “Creating Employment to Confront Poverty and Strengthen Democratic Governance.”

- **The Dialogues:** A series of live and virtual national and international dialogues from **April - July, 2005** for participants to express their ideas and recommendations and present national policies and priorities to be included in the *Foro* discussion and final report.
- **The Foro:** A major international conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from Aug 10 – 12, 2005, as a working meeting for young people to make recommendations and include the work prepared in OAS Member States. Delegates and Observers will prepare a final report by the end of the *Foro* to be presented as a civil society contribution to the Summit of the Americas to be held in Mar del Plata in Argentina, November 4th-5th, 2005.

Logistical Information for the Foro

Participants

Participants will be young entrepreneurs or from organizations working with young entrepreneurs, such as civil society organizations, universities, business associations, and governmental agencies in youth development, small business, entrepreneurship, and related areas.

Delegates: Young entrepreneurs or potential entrepreneurs in OAS Member States, below age thirty-five, and / or governmental and non-governmental organizations that work with young entrepreneurs.

Observers: Other participants are those contributing to the work of the *Foro*, such as international organizations and financial institutions, e.g. representatives of Permanent Observer countries to the OAS.

The *Foro* is also a series of dialogues leading up to the final event in Buenos Aires. All participants in Buenos Aires are expected to have participated in the preparatory discussions prior to the *Foro*.

Attend the Foro in Buenos Aires

To apply for credentials to attend the event in Buenos Aires, visit www.ybiz.net/foro.asp. There is no cost to attend; however, participants should expect to pay their own costs or obtain sponsorship from their own organization or local sources to cover their costs.

Dates

Delegates should plan to arrive in Buenos Aires on Tuesday, August 9. The *Foro* will begin on Wednesday, August 10, and conclude on Friday, August 12. Cultural events and other social events will take place on Saturday, August 13. The sessions will be held at Centro Cultural General San Martín and Palacio San Martín.

National Delegations

- The YABT will recognize as official delegates those persons who meet the criteria specified above and who apply for credentials before July 22, 2005.
- National organizations and entrepreneurs are asked to send background documents via MS Word or PowerPoint or by website links. These will be posted on national pages on the ybiz.net website, used for reference at the *Foro*, and summarized in the appendix of the full report.
- The YABT will also designate coordinators and official delegates from within its network to provide staff support to the YABT, YABT Argentina, national delegations, and the *Foro* in general.

Travel to Buenos Aires

- Delegates are encouraged to mobilize support for their travel to Buenos Aires. At present YABT is not able to offer scholarships for financial support for delegates. Each participant should expect to cover the costs of their own ticket to Buenos Aires and other local costs while in Argentina.
- EZE Airport – International delegates should plan to travel to EZE International Airport in Buenos Aires. The airport is approximately 25 km from the city and taxi into the city costs approximately US\$17. YABT is working on a plan to provide shuttle bus service but this has not been finalized. The departure tax to international destinations is US\$22, payable at the time of departure.
- Participants are responsible for making their own visa arrangements, if necessary.
- Travel in the city of Buenos Aires – Taxis in the city are plentiful and fairly inexpensive. Attendees should use the black “Radio” taxis for security. In general, safety precautions in Buenos Aires are no different from those that a visitor would normally take in any large city.

Accommodations in Buenos Aires

- YABT will work with local travel agencies to coordinate hotel accommodations for during the *Foro*, i.e., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. Accommodations and housing arrangements beyond those days are the responsibility of the visiting delegate.
- These services are provided on a referral basis to local hosts and service providers and it is assumed that each delegate or participant is responsible for using those services and / or making their own arrangements for accommodations and travel to and from Argentina for the *Foro*.

Special Events

- *Foro* events will include an opening night reception, lunch during the conference, and other cultural and social events, to be announced later. Official functions, such as the reception and lunches each day will be provided at no cost to delegates and observers.
- Additional social and cultural events beyond those of the *Foro* program will be the responsibility of the participant. Buenos Aires is a city of great beauty and culture and delegates should use the opportunity to enjoy all it has to offer.

For More Information, Please Contact: foro@ybiz.net or visit www.ybiz.net

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