



World Youth Alliance Fact Sheet

- The World Youth Alliance (WYA) is a coalition of over a million young people from around the world between the ages of 10-30 years.
- Members join by signing the WYA Charter which states that recognition of inherent human dignity is the foundation of human rights, development, and peace.
- WYA was founded in 1999 at the United Nations Cairo +5 Conference on Population and Development in New York City.
- WYA has been a United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) accredited non-governmental organization (NGO) since 2004.
- Headquartered in New York City, WYA operates regional offices in Brussels for Europe, Nairobi for Africa, Manila for Asia Pacific, and Mexico City for Latin America.
- WYA's work focuses on three areas: training, advocacy, and culture.
- Training: WYA trains young people in the philosophical foundations of the dignity of the person and human rights, diplomacy, and international development issues.
- Advocacy: WYA participates in conferences and commissions at the United Nations, European Union, Organization of American States, and is currently applying for status at the African Union.
- Culture: WYA members promote cultural activities that accurately portray the human person, including person-centered habitat projects, cultural events, and the Ubuchindami book and film lists which highlight works that promote human dignity.
- The International Solidarity Forum is WYA's annual training event. Members from around the world gather at the United Nations to examine global development issues and draft declarations on the issues. WYA has drafted 10 declarations since its founding.