

YOUTH**ACTION**NET®

A program of the International Youth Foundation, YouthActionNet pursues a bold mission: to strengthen and scale up the impact of youth-led social ventures around the world. Through its local and global fellowship programs, YouthActionNet provides training, funding, advocacy, and networking opportunities to social entrepreneurs, ages 18 to 29, who have pioneered solutions to urgent global challenges. Joining us are universities, foundations, corporations, government agencies, and individuals—all united in their support of young leaders whose innovations are changing the world—one community at a time.

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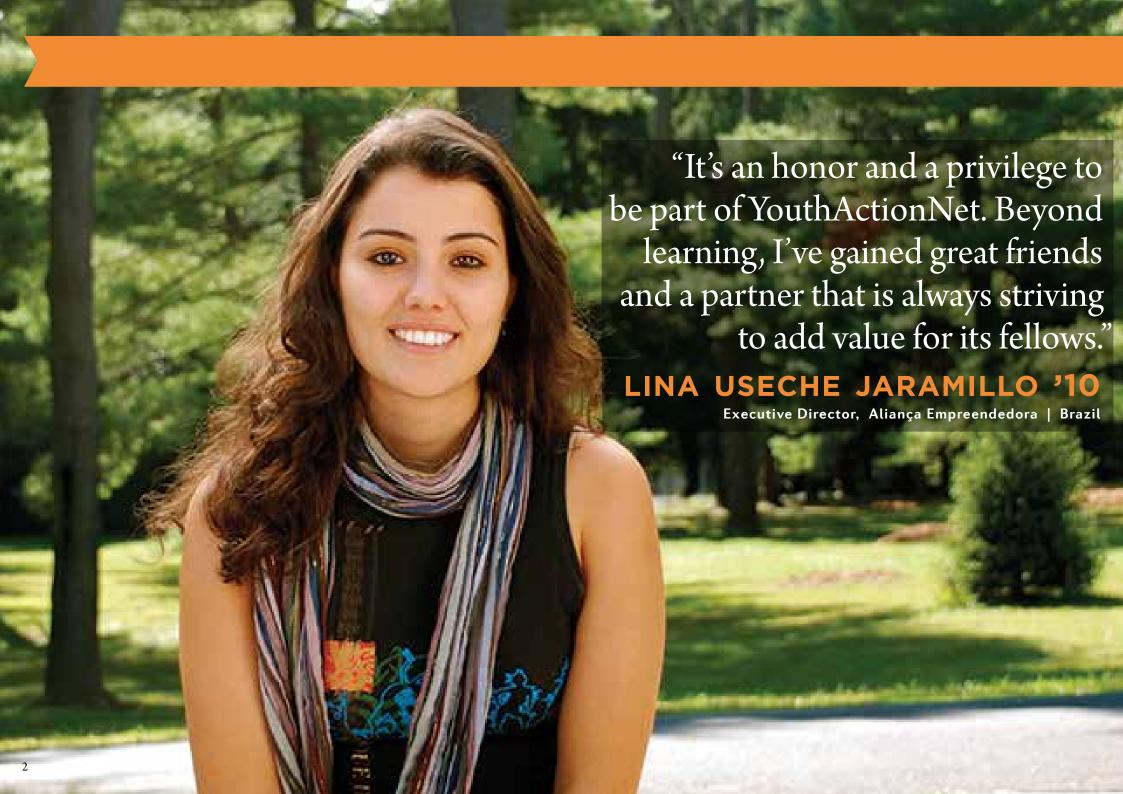
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Cover: 2006 Fellow Selene Biffi provides books to children in Afghanistan through *Plain Ink*, an organization she founded to combat illiteracy.

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Every day, we are inspired and humbled by the **can do** attitude of the more than 880 YouthActionNet Fellows around the globe. It is their infectious sense of possibility and innovative problem solving that sets these young leaders apart.

One of them is Lina Useche Jaramillo (left), Co-founder and CEO of *Aliança Empreendedora*. Since 2005, the Alliance has supported more than 15,000 microentrepreneurs in low-income communities across Brazil with the support of companies, government agencies, and NGOs. Lina is passionate, smart, and persistent—typical traits of the young founders/CEOs of our unique leadership program which works in more than 70 countries. We knew when this rising star was selected as a Fellow in 2010 that she was destined for a lifelong career of leading social change.

Fast forward to 2013. YouthActionNet is now reaching hundreds more emerging leaders like Lina through a rapidly expanding network of 16 national/regional institutes, each supporting change-makers in their 20s. With 24 institutes and 1,500 Fellows expected to become part of our efforts by 2015, our vision of creating a truly global, scalable model is now a reality.

This year, we welcomed five new institutes—three of them in Africa. Thanks to the generosity of our regional partners—The MasterCard Foundation and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)—we launched two leadership institutes targeting youth across the Francophone and Anglophone regions. A third institute was added in Nigeria through LEAP Africa, a long-time IYF partner. A fourth institute is being created through *Universidad Tecnológica de México* (UNITEC), one of ten Laureate International Universities to join this expanding network. And we welcomed yet a fifth institute in Kyrgyzstan, as part of our ongoing partnership with USAID in that country.

At the heart of our efforts are the extraordinary young leaders who we have the privilege to support. On pages 4 to 7, you will meet the 2013 *Laureate Global Fellows*—20 exceptional social entrepreneurs in 18 countries—who are creatively tackling issues from air pollution to workers' rights, and from the harassment of women to the destruction of marine ecosystems.

Complementing their stories are profiles of program alumni. Their remarkable achievements underscore the long-term value of this unique program and the education, training, and networking opportunities it provides to Fellows throughout their social change journeys. This year we are initiating a continuing education effort for all our alumni to provide them with ongoing support through mentoring, use of program curricula, advanced capacity building for their enterprises, and other means that allow them to be resources to each other, mining the best of this peer-to-peer experience beyond their fellowship year.

We are proud to support these courageous, compassionate youth who, leading by their example, serve as a powerful force for good in today's world.

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Laureate Global Fellows are

young social entrepreneurs who have pioneered cutting-edge solutions to urgent societal challenges. Each year, 20 leaders, ages 18 to 29, are selected for this distinction through a partnership between the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation and IYF through its YouthActionNet program. Fellows benefit from advanced leadership training, coaching, advocacy, and networking opportunities. Together, they demonstrate Laureate's commitment to developing enduring programs that change the lives of people in their home countries and around the world.



GITANJALI BABBAR, 27 Kat-Katha | New Delhi, India

Through Kat-Katha, GITANJALI provides women sex workers with caring support and the chance to pursue a basic education and develop job-related skills in tailoring, weaving, and craft making. *Kat-Katha* also offers classes to children living in brothels. kat-katha.org



DONNIE co-founded Youth Enterprise Academy (YEA) International to provide accessible, alternative entrepreneurship education and life skills training to children and youth, ages 7 to 25. In 2012, YEA International reached more than 10,000 primary, secondary, and tertiary students in Singapore, as well as low-income children and youth in China. yea.sq



CAROLINA GARCÍA, 29 Bellelli Educación | San José, Costa Rica

Passionate about early childhood education, CAROLINA founded Bellelli Educación in the belief that children need a culture of play to develop their full potential. Among its activities, the organization hosts 'Pop-Up Playgrounds' in public spaces or schools that allow children to express their creativity and explore their curiosity through the use of cardboard boxes, fabrics, tape, and other materials. bellellieducacion.com



"As soon as the young people saw success within the educational system, it spread to all other aspects of their lives."

> TAREK co-founded Team Success to provide academic tutoring. life skills, and career planning support to immigrant youth. Team Success now operates nine programs in several cities through-





ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

KELLEN RIBAS, 29

Cicla Brasil (Brazil Cycle) | São Paulo, Brazil

KELLEN co-founded Cicla Brasil to strengthen

and businesses in an effort to bring this margin-

business plans for waste picker's organizations,

and develops tools to guide private investment.

alized group into the formal economy. Among its

services, Cicla Brasil offers technical advice to the

National Movement of Waste Pickers, helps develop

communication between waste picker associations

ADAM CAMENZULI, 25

KARIBU Solar Power | Ontario, Canada

ADAM co-founded KARIBU Solar Power, a social enterprise, to bring much-needed light to rural villagers in Tanzania, especially students studying after dark. Its goal: to produce solar lamps that improve health and safety, avoiding the toxic emissions produced by kerosene lamps. The solar lamps, which can charge mobile phones, are designed so that low-income families can make payments in small increments. karibusolar.com



BASANT MOTAWI, 24

Imprint Movement | Cairo, Egypt

"I've experienced street harassment since I was 14. The only thing that's changed is my reaction to it."

BASANT and a group of fellow students at Ain Shams University launched the *Imprint Movement* to combat sexual harassment in Egyptian society. The initiative recruits and trains volunteers who collaborate with police to patrol high-risk neighborhoods in Cairo at prime times to prevent assaults. Volunteers also visit public places—like the subway—to pass out educational information.



CIVICENGAGEMENT

ALEJANDRO MAZA AYALA, 26
Yo Propongo (I Propose) | Mexico City, Mexico

Through Yo Propongo, ALEJANDRO leverages the power of technology to facilitate knowledge sharing between the general public and policymakers. Yo Propongo utilizes diverse online tools (social networks, mobile apps, widgets) and offline channels (SMS, tablets) to gather input from all sectors of society on issues ranging from crime prevention to civic participation. yopropongo.org



Amartha Microfinance | Bogor, Indonesia

ANDI founded Amartha Microfinance to provide affordable financial services to low-income individuals living in remote rural areas of Indonesia. In a country where more than 100 million people live on less than \$2 a day, Andi's organization has provided average loans of US\$100 to over 3,000 women, ages 18 to 65, in over 50 villages. amartha.co.id



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PATRICIA BARRIOS, 27
Voluntariado Kúrame (Healing Volunteers) | Lima, Peru

"I am an enthusiastic Peruvian who knows a better future is ahead of us because we're working on it."



PATRICIA founded Voluntariado Kúrame to mobilize and train volunteers, ages 18 to 30, to provide hospital patients with emotional support, assistance carrying out daily tasks, recreational and educational activities, and greater awareness of healthy behaviors. In 2012 alone, the initiative's 8,000 volunteers reached more than 930,000 patients in 17 public hospitals located in 11 regions of Peru. kurame.org

KATY DIGOVICH, 28

Positive Innovation for the Next Generation | Gaborone, Botswana

KATY co-founded Positive Innovation for the Next Generation (PING) to develop and deploy mobile health and education tools with local government and private sector partners, while mentoring youth in IT skills. PING uses technology to increase efficiencies and improve health and education systems in emerging markets through interventions that are sustainably designed and national in scope. pingsite.org

HEALTH







NAOMI CHEPCHUMBA, 24 Street Level Initiative Kenya | Eldoret, Kenya

Of the 3 million Kenyans infected with HIV, over 67 percent are youth, ages 18 to 24. To prevent the spread of the disease among the younger generation, NAOMI founded the Street Level Initiative Kenya. Carried out largely in nightclubs, the initiative provides DJs and musicians with peer education training so that they can pass along reproductive health information—and condoms—to club patrons.

CHARLES BATTE, 26

Family Health Centre | Kampala, Uganda

An aspiring heart surgeon, **CHARLES** developed the *Family Health Centre* to ensure patients at clinics in rural Uganda receive the same level of care as patients in urban areas. Profits from an urban health center, currently in operation, will eventually support secondary clinics in rural villages. Doctors will work on a rotational basis between the urban and rural centers and each will have a registered number of families in his/her care.

LEE CROCKFORD, 29

Spur Projects | Brisbane, Australia

With suicide now the leading cause of death among males ages 14 to 44 in Australia, **LEE** co-founded the *Spur Projects* to break down barriers that inhibit men from seeking help. Initiatives include 'Soften the Fck Up,' which challenges the idea of masculinity in Australian culture and encourages men to actively seek support; and 'Make Sound,' which offers creative workshops for men living in remote areas. *spurprojects.com.au*



SOCIALINCLUSION

ENVIRONMENT



KEVIN MORGAN-ROTHSCHILD, 24

VertiFarms | New Orleans, United States

Through VertiFarms, KEVIN develops rooftop, aeroponic gardens to provide fresh, locally-grown produce to residents of the city of New Orleans. Using advanced technology—plants are grown in vertical towers in a water and mineral-nutrient solution—VertiFarms' approach uses 90 percent less water than traditional agriculture. growvertifarms.com



ANNA OPOSA, 25

Save Philippine Seas | Manila, Philippines

As Co-founder of Save Philippine Seas, ANNA works with a lean team of five core members, plus some 150 volunteers, to lobby for the enforcement of environmental laws and harness the power of social media to build awareness about marine conservation. savephilippineseas.tumblr.com



PABLO ALVÉSTEGUI, 28

A-dedo (Hitchhiking) | Santiago, Chile

PABLO left a stable job as an architect to address the transportation problems in Santiago, including traffic jams, air pollution, and lack of both parking and public transit. He and two university friends developed a web interface, A-dedo, which allows users to share their rides with others—and also save money and reduce carbon emissions. New applications are also being developed for mobile phones and GPS systems. empresas.a-dedo.cl



KUMARI MIDDLETON, 28

Mayibuye | Hawthorn, Australia

KUMARI is CEO of Mayibuye, a youth-led organization that runs after-school programs, camps, and more—in Australia, South Africa, and Cambodia—to engage youth through the performing arts. Participants use art, music, drama, and dance to convey important messages about issues like HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, bullying, and racism. Mayibuye goes beyond empowering youth to become positive role models; it also incorporates life skills workshops, volunteerism, community service, and global connectivity into its programs. mayibuye.org.au



ANNA SOWA, 27

Chouette Films | London, United Kingdom

As a film producer, **ANNA** understands the role that storytelling can play in inspiring audiences to take action on critical social and environmental issues. She also recognizes that nonprofits, academic institutions, and the public sector often lack the visual evidence and tools needed to effectively promote their work. Through *Chouette Films*, Anna produces high-quality, low-cost films featuring important work being done to improve lives in the developing world, for example, in the areas of agriculture, education, and human rights. *chouettefilms.co.uk*



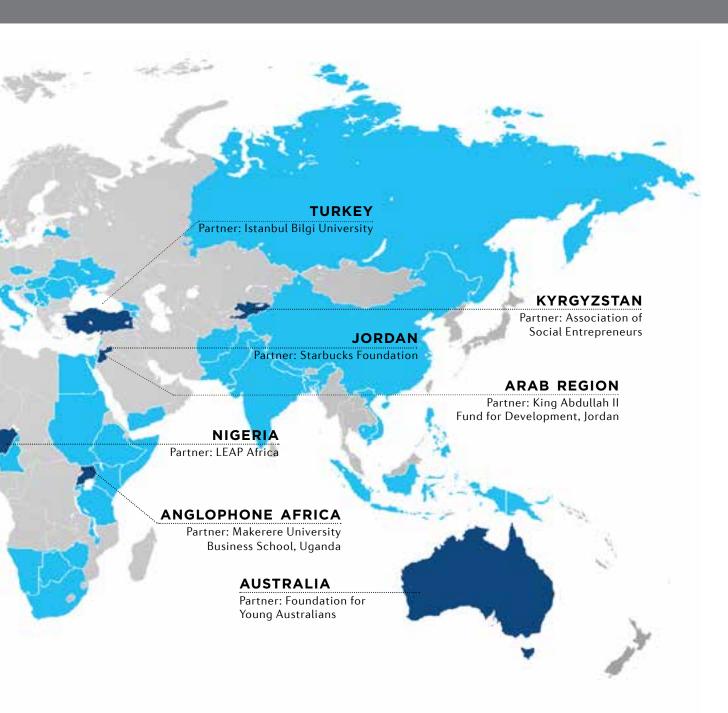
LINA KHALIFEH, 29 SheFighter | Amman, Jordan

With a black belt in Taekwondo, **LINA** launched *SheFighter*, the first self-defense studio for women in Jordan and the Middle East. Classes are geared toward girls and women and focus on mental and physical empowerment techniques. Lina also leverages traditional and social media to encourage women to speak more publicly about sexual harassment, and shares her approach weekly on a national TV show. *shefighter.com*

YOUTHACTIONNET AROUND THE WORLD

Critical to our mission is creating a dynamic network of **locally-rooted**, globally-connected youth leadership institutes, now numbering 16—and growing.







Where are YouthActionNet Alumni now?

Many continue to re-imagine and 'scale up' their social ventures. Others have founded bold new enterprises. Still others serve as **high-level advocates** for their causes. Profiled here are four of our alumni, with many more Fellows capturing the local and global spotlight.

AHMAD ALHENDAWI '08 UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth | Jordan

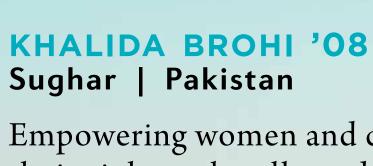
Encouraging the largest generation of youth the world has ever known to make their voices heard





(above) UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appoints Ahmad Alhendawi as his Special Envoy on Youth, January 2013.

In 2008, AHMAD was selected as a YouthActionNet Fellow for his efforts to actively engage Jordanian youth in the development of their country. Today, the 29-year-old serves as the first-ever United Nations Secretary General's Envoy on Youth. Says Ahmad, "The UN wants to work with and for young people. My mission now is to facilitate that." Ahmad held various positions in international, regional, and national organizations dealing with youth that prepared him for his new role. Among his strategies for engaging youth in making their voices heard is leveraging the power of technology. In the first of a series of Google+ Hangouts, Ahmad recently encouraged young people around the world to get more involved in the UN body's work. un.org/youthenvoy



Empowering women and championing their rights—locally and globally

KHALIDA was 17 when she lost a friend in her village to an 'honor killing.' Committed to raising awareness of the issue, she launched the Youth and Gender Development Program in 2007, and soon became one of YouthActionNet's youngest Fellows. For Khalida, success was a mixed blessing, with tribal leaders eventually forcing her to abandon the group's advocacy efforts and flee to Karachi. Now 24, she founded and leads Sughar, a social enterprise that empowers tribal women to use their embroidery talents to generate income. A passionate advocate for women's rights, Khalida has addressed numerous global forums, receiving recognition from the likes of CNN correspondent Christiane Amanpour and Oprah Winfrey. sugharwomen.blogspot.com







FREDRICK OUKO ALUCHELI '09

Action Network for the Disabled | Kenya

Advancing the rights of youth with disabilities

FREDRICK knows well the challenges youth with disabilities face. After applying for a job at a major IT company in Nairobi early in his career, he was invited for an interview based on his resumé. "While everyone else's interview lasted 15 minutes mine took only 3. I knew my fate was sealed as a result of my disability," he recalls. Today, as Founder and Executive Director of the Action Network for the Disabled (ANDY), Fredrick works to combat discrimination and injustice against youth with disabilities, while seeking to mainstream them into all aspects of daily life. A key focus is economically empowering youth through entrepreneurship support, skills training, and job placement assistance. ANDY also plays a strong advocacy role through public education projects, legal clinics, lobbying for new policies, and training youth with disabilities to assume roles in various sectors of the economy. andy.or.ke

Can Do NEWSMAKERS



Naadiya Moosajee@NaadiyaMoosajee finished an interview for @expressoshow on @SAWomEng winning @TopWomenAwards Top NGO in #SouthAfrica

YouthActionNet@YouthActionNet
Nigerian Nnaemeka Ikegwuonu announced first
winner of AfriCAN Climate Award for World
Bank-supported project "Climate Change on Air"

TEDxDhaka@TEDxDhaka Ejaj Ahmad the founder of #Bangladesh Youth Leadership is now on stage #TEDxDhaka #TEDx

YouthActionNet@YouthActionNet
Over five years, MAD @makeadiff co-founder
Jithin Nedumala @jithincn reaches 10,500 students across 14 states in India

Dina Buchbinder@dinabuchbinder @IYFtweets proud to participate as a youth voice at the USAID Global Education Summit in DC

YouthActionNet@YouthActionNet YAN fellow Alia, founder of @EmergeGlobal authored a chapter in new #bestseller #socent book @DoGoodWell!

By 2015, the YouthActionNet global network will span **24 national/regional institutes** serving 1,500 young social entrepreneurs.

But numbers tell only part of the story. Our work is predicated on the notion that the whole is far greater than the sum of its parts. YouthActionNet institutes are now prime focal points for youth social entrepreneurship in their countries/regions. In the years to come, their collective efforts will contribute to a far more fertile investment and policy environment benefiting the work of a whole generation of change-makers.

Below are three more ways we are working to deepen and expand our reach.

ENGAGING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

To help bring 'learning to life' on university campuses around the world, YouthActionNet links students and classrooms to its Fellows and their social ventures. Through sharing their real-life experiences in addressing community challenges, Fellows bridge the gap between theory and practice, while inspiring their university peers—poised on the brink of their careers—to consider how they can contribute to positive change. Learning flows both ways with students sharing their knowledge of marketing, communications, business planning, evaluation, and more with Fellows. Such win-win relationships are made all the more possible through our partnership with Laureate International Universities in eight countries—and growing.

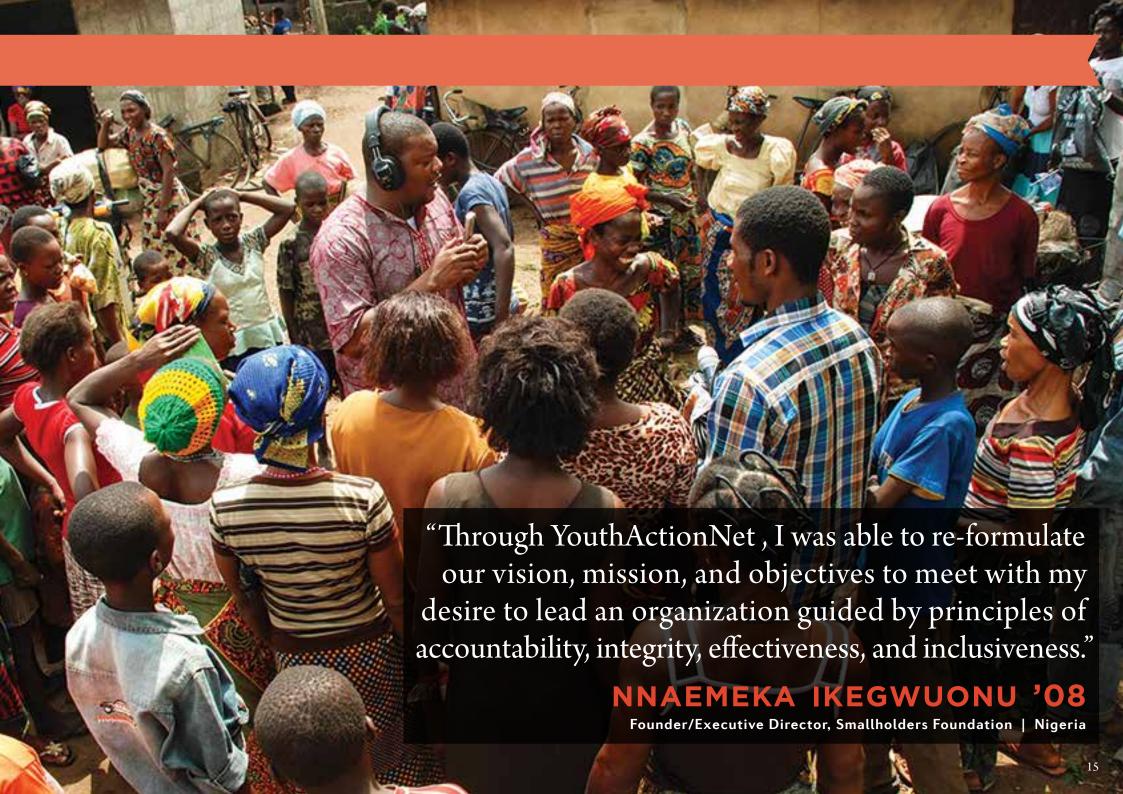
EXPANDING CONTINUING EDUCATION

With 700+ of our alumni advancing their social change careers, we work to not only connect Fellows but provide them with continuing education opportunities. Learning takes many forms—whether through webinars, videos, mentoring, or the sharing of valuable resources. Capitalizing on the power of the Internet, our 'learning live' webinar series examines trends and explores issues ranging from going to scale to crowdfunding. A related video series enables Fellows to learn about successful innovations being employed by their peers in different parts of the world. In the months to come, we will be expanding our continuing education offerings for the benefit of alumni who face new challenges—and opportunities—in their social change journeys.

BUILDING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Our work would not be possible without the support of a rapidly expanding community of foundations, businesses, government agencies, academic institutions, and individuals who share our passion for investing in today's young leaders. In 2013, more than 425 government, business, and civic sector partners around the globe joined with us in pursuit of our mission. As YouthActionNet writes its next chapter, we welcome even greater participation in bringing the social change visions of so many creative and courageous youth to life.





YOUTHACTIONNET INSTITUTE PARTNERS

Below are the people and organizations around the world who are working with us to make our vision a reality.

ANGLOPHONE AFRICA REGIONAL PROGRAM

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ARAB REGIONAL PROGRAM

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King Abdullah II Fund for Development

Amman, Jordan Web: kaayia.org

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