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UNYANET CONCLUDES ITS FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Establishment of Experts Commissions and focus on Infrastructure Development

The United Nations Youth Associations Network (UNYANET) is pleased to announce that its annual General Assembly was recently concluded from 8-12 September 2014. The conference was organised by UNYANET and Consules, a nonprofit organisation promoting the United Nations mission and values in Italy.

Representatives of United Nations Youth Associations and UNA Youth Sections met in Italy's capital Rome, home of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Their aim was to decide on future UNYANET projects, revise efforts of previous years, strengthen UNYANET's infrastructure and broaden the capacities of members.

After a keynote welcome address by Adjunct Professor Federico Niglia of LUISS University, the participants were invited to come up with new ideas for the elaboration of the upcoming fiscal year's Financial Plan and budget, as well as the formation of several Experts Commissions, Working Groups and new projects.

UNYANET welcomes UN Youth Canada, UNYA Denmark and UNYA Ghana as new members, bringing the total to seventeen members in four continents. UNYA Cameroon was offered a partnership with the possibility to be extended to membership in the following year.

Infrastructure capability and network strengthening were at the heart of the General Assembly. Three new Experts Commissions were installed, with focus on membership, fundraising and science issues. The Experts Commission on Fundraising was formed to discuss practical financial and funding solutions for the implementation of UNYANET, other Experts Commission and Working Group projects.

Project development was a key segment, with study trips, webinars and workshops planned. The MUN Passport was officially launched, which entitles eligible UNYANET members to a discount for a range of MUN Conferences held worldwide. This coincided with the official launch of the Resolution managing software "Resa," available to all eligible members to accompany their regional and national MUN resolution activities.

The General Assembly in Rome also marked the departure of the outgoing President Michael Klampfl and the outgoing PR Officer Pau Petit, who were the last two founding UNYANET individual members still within the Network. Both Mr Klampfl and Mr Petit were acknowledged for their invaluable contribution and commitment to UNYANET.

Under the leadership of the elected Presidency, Daria Sauleo of Consules and Tjalke Weber of UNYA Germany, the new board further consists of Tim Wiegmann (Germany, Administrative Officer of IT), Alexander Bolotnov (Russia, MUN Officer) and Kathi Deininger (Austria, Officer of Finance). Mari Tuokko (Finland) was named Auditor, while volunteers Liyana Othman (Singapore) and Yasmine Mesloub (Austria) are responsible for Public Relations.