A group of people, including a man in the foreground and several children in the background, are wearing red t-shirts. The man in the foreground is pushing a red wheelbarrow filled with soil. They are outdoors on a paved path with lush green trees in the background. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day. The overall atmosphere is one of active participation and community work.

JOURNEYS of SOCIAL CHANGE

YouthActionNet[®] 2014

AN INITIATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FOUNDATION

A Purpose-Driven Path

“The YouthActionNet® fellowship was the first time in my journey I realized I wasn’t alone—there were other people like me dedicating their lives to what they believe in. My relationship with other fellows continues to nurture a **virtuous cycle of transformation.**”

– D.B.A.

A young person’s decision to take action—to lead change in his or her community—is rooted in fundamental values and beliefs and guided by courage and conviction. For some, the motivation stems from personal experience. For others, it’s a response to injustice or threats to the natural environment. For a growing number of today’s youth, empathy translates into action; passion for a cause sparks innovative ideas. A journey begins.

First comes the process of shaping, prototyping, testing, and refining an innovative solution. It is at this stage that peers are summoned; mentors engaged. Triumphs go hand-in-hand with tests of faith and courage. Long days can translate into sleepless nights. Yet with time, perseverance, and the right mix of knowledge, people, and skills—come results.

With a tested model now in place come more questions—and decisions. How do you deepen and sustain a promising solution? Does it make sense to expand? What does lasting change look like? Such decisions have far-reaching implications. It’s at this stage in their journey that leaders often reflect on how they have changed, how they can further develop, and how their newfound knowledge of self and the world can best be applied in the future.

YouthActionNet is proud to serve visionary and entrepreneurial leaders throughout this journey, providing training, coaching, mentoring, advocacy, and lifelong learning opportunities to maximize their impact. As they continue to make the impossible possible, we are there to support them.



Dina leads students in a game of ‘Doctor’s Tag,’ which promotes awareness and action aimed at combating preventable diseases.



“The YouthActionNet® network reminds you that **it’s a good world**. You can speak nonstop about the state of the world and focus only on the problems. It’s a choice to focus on the positive; everybody can choose.”

—DINA BUCHBINDER AURON
2009 YouthActionNet® Global Fellow

From Idea to Impact: Dina's Journey

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Driven by her passion to equip children with the knowledge and skills to be active members of their local—and global—community, Dina Buchbinder Auron co-founded *Deport-es para Compartir (DpC)*, or Sports for Sharing, in 2007. Her seven-year journey—from piloting a project to sustaining a successful international organization—potentially illustrates the power of youth-led social change.

THE CHALLENGE

A high student-teacher ratio and formal teaching methods in Mexico contribute to low levels of academic achievement among disadvantaged students in particular, who often grow up ill-prepared to assume active roles in their communities. What's more, formal educational curricula fail to equip children with essential life skills such as respect for others, problem-solving, empathy, teamwork, healthy behaviors, and the value of giving back.

DINA'S SOLUTION

DpC nurtures active citizenship among Mexico's children. As students, ages 6 to 12, engage in physical games—combined with significant learning and reflection—they develop a concern for social and environmental issues, propose solutions, and take action in their communities.



Dina awarded *Premio UVM fellowship* through YouthActionNet's local institute in Mexico.

DpC piloted in 3 locations as a program of the United Nations Association in Mexico; reaches 2,200 children, teachers, and parents.



2007



Dina participates in 2-month fellowship in Japan; meets representative of Canadian 'Sports in a Box' program; **develops DpC concept** with a friend.

2008

Building on pilot's success, **DpC begins work with Ministry of Social Development** and National Commission for Development of Indigenous Communities.

2009



Dina selected as **YouthActionNet Global Fellow**; participates in weeklong training in Washington, DC.

2010



DpC receives Starbucks Shared Planet Youth Action Grant from IYF.

Dina awarded Ashoka Fellowship.



“Our vision for 2021 is to be in ten countries,
reaching a million beneficiaries.

This has everything to do with that moment when IYF touched my life.

**When people believe in you, it’s one of the
most powerful experiences a person can have.”**

Dina selected as Global Shaper by the World Economic Forum.

DpC starts hosting annual visits of *Premio UVM* fellows, eager to learn more about its approach.

DpC adopts training of trainers approach, made possible through new e-learning platform, to expand model throughout educational system. **Beneficiaries double to 55,000.**

Dina awarded Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship; begins graduate study at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

310,000

children, youth,
and teachers
reached to date

2011



Dina speaks at INK TED event in India; nominated by IYF for UNESCO Youth Forum in Paris.

2012



DpC expands to U.S. through partnership with Oyster-Adams Bilingual School in Washington, DC.

2013

Dina joins IYF Board of Directors; leads YouthActionNet webinar on ‘going to scale.’

Ford Motor Company sponsors DpC’s work at 200 schools.

2014

DpC presents its work at World Economic Forum in Davos, **expands reach to Guatemala and Argentina.**

DpC appoints new CEO with Dina serving as President.

2014 Laureate Global Fellows: A Journey Begins

Twenty young social entrepreneurs now follow in Dina's footsteps as 2014 Laureate Global Fellows. Supported by the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation, the yearlong program includes advanced leadership training, coaching, advocacy, and networking opportunities. Together, these young founders and CEOs—all under 30 years of age—demonstrate Laureate's commitment to developing an emerging generation of global leaders.

THEMATIC AREAS



Civic Engagement



Economic Empowerment



Education



Environment



Health



Social Inclusion



Hamza Arsbi, 23

Scientific Culture Society | Amman, Jordan

Believing that science has the power to solve many of society's toughest challenges, Hamza launched the *Scientific Culture Society* (SCS) to improve science education in Jordan, while fostering critical thinking and scientific experimentation among students. In 2013 alone, more than 400 students participated in SCS activities. www.scs.jo

“Our work is not so much about teaching people scientific theories as it is about giving them the method and the mindset to explore the world and be more engaged in discovering it.”



Science education is brought to life in a classroom in Jordan.

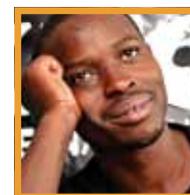


Benjamin Bonnell, 29

Hotai Village | Dakar, Senegal

Through *Hotai Village*, Benjamin promotes alternative tourism, linking travelers to volunteer opportunities. Visitors to Joal-Fadiouth, a coastal community in western Senegal, contribute to the area's social and economic development through working in schools and hospitals, constructing new facilities, cleaning beaches, planting mangrove forests, and more. www.hotaiivillage.com

“By working closely with the local community and sharing a portion of its profits, Hotai places humans at the center of the travel experience.”



Wiclif Otieno, 28

Kito International | Nairobi, Kenya

Wiclif founded *Kito International* to prepare street youth, ages 17 to 24, for a better life. Its two-month immersion program includes training in life skills, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and basic IT, along with professional development. To support its activities, Kito launched EcoSafi, a business that produces and sells shopping bags and footwear made out of recycled materials.

www.kitointernational.org



Peggy Mativo, 25

PACE | Nairobi, Kenya

To address overcrowding and understaffing in Kenyan schools, Peggy launched PACE, which recruits and trains recent high school graduates to volunteer as teaching assistants. Currently, PACE works with 12 elementary and secondary schools in three regions of the country. www.pacekenya.or.ke



“We use youth engagement to address the long-term shortage of teachers—a novel approach in Kenya.”



Dr. Yaseen Khan, 29

The Open Medicine Project South Africa | Cape Town, South Africa

Seeking to improve health care through the innovative use of mobile technology, Yaseen co-founded TOMPSA (*The Open Medicine Project South Africa*). TOMPSA creates open-access mobile applications that connect health workers with clinical information and the tools needed to support care decisions.

www.openmedicineproject.org



Enes Kaya, 26

Cinema is in the Villages Now | Istanbul, Turkey

Through *Cinema is in the Villages Now* (SineMASAL), Enes and a cadre of youth volunteers provide children and youth living in rural areas of Turkey with access to cultural activities—and the opportunity to expand their sense of what is possible in their lives and communities. www.sinemasal.org



Rural children in Turkey lacking access to cultural activities display movie tickets.

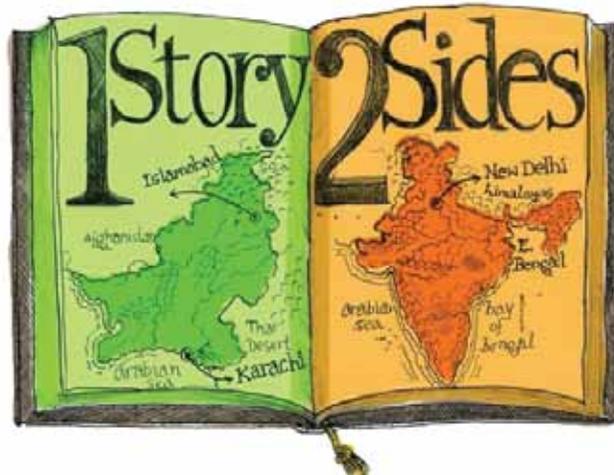


Anoka Abeyrathne, 23

Growin' Money | Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

Through *Growin' Money*, a social enterprise, Anoka promotes economic and environmental sustainability through replanting mangroves that are then used by community members to produce handicrafts and organic products. To date, *Growin' Money* has replanted over 30,000 mangroves and benefited 15,000 people. www.sustainsolutions.org

“We help people at the grassroots level through a bottom-up approach that is long-term and sustainable.”



Qasim Aslam, 26

The History Project | Lahore, Pakistan

Qasim co-founded *The History Project* (THP) to revolutionize how history is taught. Through its programs, history students, ages 12 to 16, are encouraged to understand the other side of the story and to question their assumptions. Rather than seek to reconcile opposing views, THP promotes critical thinking and being open to diverse perspectives. www.thehistory-project.org

“History inevitably comes from the narrator’s bias and can lead to deep-rooted stereotypes.”



Cherrie Atilano, 27

Agricool | Angat, Philippines

Cherrie co-founded *Agricool* at the Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm with the goal of making farming in the Philippines ‘cool, smart, and sexy.’ *Agricool* encourages the younger generation to pursue careers in agriculture-related enterprises, while promoting reverse migration from urban to rural areas.

“The heart of our work is people and relationships. Our approach is inclusive. Everyone has a place and a role to play.”



Civic Engagement



Environment



Economic Empowerment



Health



Education



Social Inclusion



Mowmita Basak Mow, 23

Center for Leadership Assistance & Promotion (CLAP) Foundation | Chittagong, Bangladesh

Through the *Center for Leadership Assistance & Promotion (CLAP) Foundation*, Mowmita equips youth volunteers with the leadership skills they need to build a more inclusive Bangladesh that honors and upholds the rights of social, ethnic, and religious minorities. www.clapbangladesh.org



Surya Karki, 23

Maya Universe Academy | Tanahun, Nepal

Surya co-founded *Maya Universe Academy (MUA)* as a youth-led movement to improve the quality of primary education in rural villages through engaging parents and community members as part of the solution. More than 180 students are receiving free education through MUA, with 1,600 farmers and their families having benefited from vocational training and small-scale loans. www.maya-nepal.org



Emma Colenbrander, 25

Pollinate Energy | Canberra, Australia / Bangalore, India

Through *Pollinate Energy*, Emma provides affordable, clean energy solutions designed to improve the lives of India's fast-growing urban slum population. The social enterprise equips local entrepreneurs ("Pollinators") to sell solar lamps and efficient cookstoves, resulting in reduced carbon emissions and improved health and wellbeing.

www.pollinateenergy.org



"We knew from first-hand experience the challenges people face in exploring cultures in a truly authentic way."



Ha Lam Thi Thuy, 27

Triip.me | Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

With a passion for travel and experiencing diverse cultures, Ha Lam co-founded *Triip.me*, a web-based platform that enables travelers to book tours directly with local experts, promoting both local entrepreneurship and cultural awareness. In just one year, the site attracted 2,760 members, resulting in 1,480 tours spanning 55 cities and 10 Asian countries.

www.triip.me



Mariana Astrid Gonzalez Pacheco, 27

Iluméxico | Mexico City, Mexico

Mariana co-founded *Iluméxico*, a social enterprise that provides solar energy to rural communities without electricity. To date, Iluméxico has installed 2,500 systems in 11 states of Mexico and electrified more than 20 schools and community centers—benefiting more than 13,500 people. www.ilumexico.mx

“Our mission is to eradicate energy poverty in Mexico.”



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Sylvia Vargas, 28

Yo Hago el Cambio (I Make Change) | San Jose, Costa Rica

Through *Yo Hago el Cambio* (I Make Change), Sylvia delivers integrated recycling services, including the collection of cooking oil to make biodiesel, to more than 35 restaurants and hotels. She also advises them on social responsibility practices and employee volunteerism strategies. www.yohagoelcambio.org



Fabian Martinez, 28

PuntajeNacional.cl (National Score)/OGR.cl | Santiago, Chile

Through *PuntajeNacional.cl*, a free web-based platform, Fabian provides quality online education to students and teachers in Chile and throughout Latin America. Over five years, the site has attracted over 530,000 registered users and is now one of the largest educational communities in Latin America. www.puntajenacional.cl



Ana Gabriela Loayza Nolasco, 25

PER Creatives | Lima, Peru

Ana co-founded *PER Creatives*, an architecture studio that focuses on sustainable, socially-responsible projects, including Project Puno, an effort to design and build low-cost homes benefiting low-income families living at high altitude in Peru. www.facebook.com/percreatives1





Daniel Uribe, 28

Costas Verdes (Green Coasts) |
San Jose, Costa Rica

Daniel co-founded *Costas Verdes* (Green Coasts) to empower communities with the knowledge and tools to preserve precious coastal ecosystems. Since 2008, more than 2,500 volunteers have planted over 10,000 trees, engaging schools and local businesses as part of the solution. www.costasverdes.org

“To protect nature, you must understand the situation of the people who might be causing the problem; you must be able to put yourself in the other person’s shoes.”



Michael Long, 23

SailFuture | Sarasota, United States

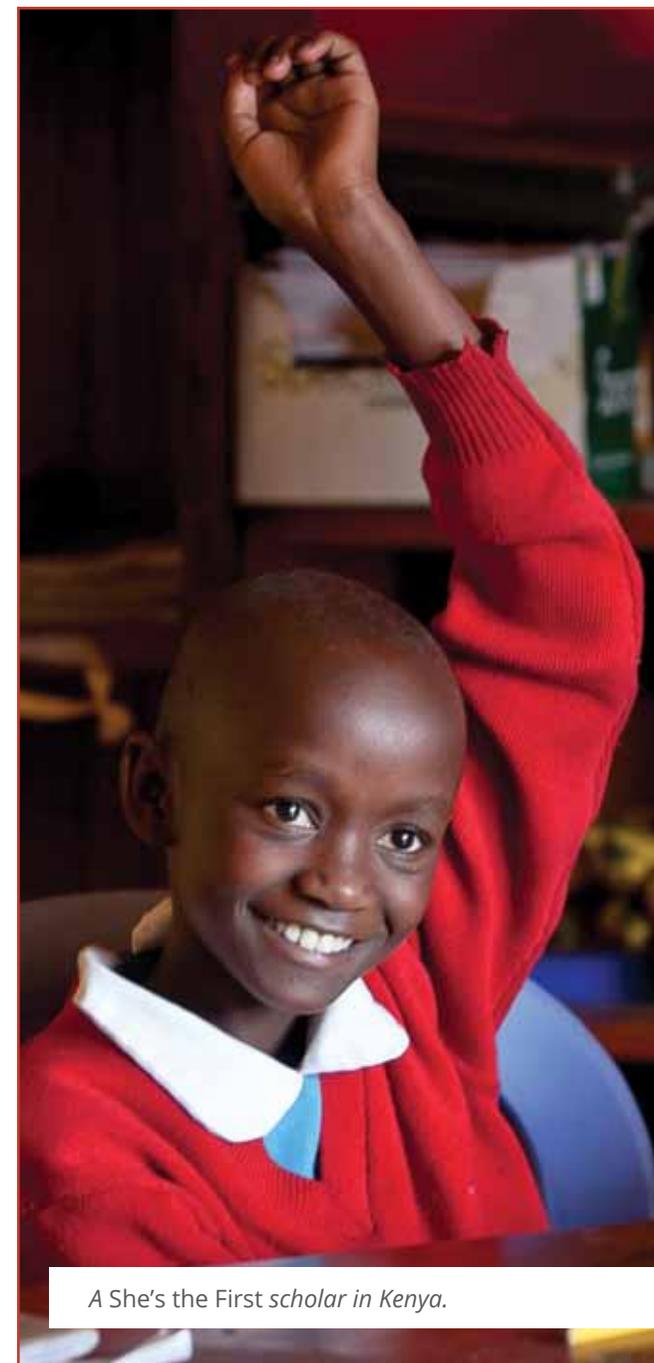
Through *SailFuture*, Michael utilizes sailing and mentorships to empower youth at-risk to make transformative life changes. Trained mentors serve as tutors, enabling students to chart a course to graduation and their future goals. In 2013, SailFuture served 40 youth-at risk, and equipped 40 mentors with leadership skills. www.sailfuture.org



Christen Brandt, 25

She's the First | Brooklyn, United States

Through *She's the First*, Christen provides high school and university students across the U.S. with leadership and fundraising training to generate much-needed resources to support girls' secondary educations in low-income countries. To date, supporters and student leaders on 86 campuses have sponsored the education of 368 girls in 10 countries. www.shesthefirst.org



A She's the First scholar in Kenya.

Our Alumni: Leaders for Life

YouthActionNet's nearly 900 alumni are each at different stages in their social change careers. Many continue to grow the ventures they founded when we first met them. Others are pursuing new innovations. Still others are applying their skills and talents through leadership roles in the public and private sectors.

“Improving the quality of life of individuals with disabilities is a titanic task that is both deeply fulfilling and brings me joy.”



José Grimaldo, '12 Fellow

Founder, Posindis, A.C. | Mexico

José grew up in a poor rural community in central Mexico. Born with a congenital abnormality that required the amputation of both of his legs, José has spent much of his life advocating for individuals with disabilities. In 2006, he founded *Posindis A.C.*, a citizens' movement that raises awareness and promotes the equality and social integration of people with disabilities. Through lobbying and activism, Posindis has contributed to changes in both public policy and business culture. Today, José is Director General of the Guanajuato Institute for people with disabilities and the first member of the State's cabinet to serve with a disability. Looking ahead, he seeks to ensure that “respect for the rights of individuals with disabilities is a constant, and not a variable.” www.posindis.info/wp



Lucinda Hartley, '10 Fellow

Co-Founder, CoDesign Studio | Australia

After spending two years working in slum communities in Vietnam and Cambodia, Lucinda launched *CoDesign Studio* to help disadvantaged communities envision, design, and implement neighborhood improvement projects. Based in Melbourne, CoDesign has delivered projects across 5 countries in the Asia Pacific region and engaged over 500 volunteers. “Our advice is now being sought on strategies for making neighborhood improvement easier and more community friendly,” says Lucinda, a landscape architect and urban designer. “We’re helping to create the systems and processes necessary for communities to be more actively involved in shaping their city.”

www.codesignstudio.com.au



Bright Simons, '08 Fellow

Founder, mPedigree | Ghana

To combat alarming rates of pharmaceutical fraud in Ghana, Bright co-founded *mPedigree* in 2007. Through its mobile technology solution, consumers are able to verify the source of a pharmaceutical at the point of purchase, at no cost, by simply sending a text message. To date, mPedigree has deployed products, services, or pilots in 12 countries, convincing governments in 4 nations to integrate its technology into their national regulations. In addition to its work with pharmaceutical companies, mPedigree has extended its reach to other industries, and assists regulators in mitigating risks beyond counterfeiting. In all, mPedigree has protected more than 100 million products against counterfeiting, touching over 10 million lives. www.mpedigree.net

“Initially we thought our mission was to develop ‘African solutions for African problems.’ After five years, it’s clear that what we offer the world is ‘African inspiration to solve global problems.’”

Harjant Gill, '03 Fellow

Professor/Filmmaker | United States

An award-winning filmmaker, Harjant Gill pursued his passion for exploring diverse cultures by earning a Ph.D. in anthropology. Now, he teaches university courses on the anthropology of media, gender, culture, and more, while continuing to produce films. For Harjant, making films is about casting a spotlight on urgent and often overlooked social issues, and making marginalized members of society feel less isolated and more understood. His films have been screened worldwide at international film festivals, academic conferences, and on TV channels including BBC, PBS, and Doordarshan (Indian national TV). His latest documentary *Mardistan* (Macholand) explores manhood in India, and issues related to patriarchal privilege, son preference, sexual violence, and homophobia in society.

www.tilotamaproductions.com



Our Network: Championing Change

“We are proud to be working in partnership with YouthActionNet® to **grow and develop the youth social entrepreneurship sector in Turkey.** Being able to share ideas and contribute as part of a vibrant global network has been incredibly valuable to our work.”

— RIFAT SARICAOĞLU

Chairman, Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey

19

YouthActionNet®
Institutes

560

government,
business,
and civic sector
partners

A Growing Global Network

At the heart of YouthActionNet’s work is a dynamic network of 19 national and regional youth leadership institutes across the globe. Each provides young leaders with a customized learning experience, including training, mentoring, advocacy, funding, and networking opportunities.

These national institutes serve as key reference points for youth-led social innovation in their countries. They not only collect data and analyze youth leadership trends, but advocate for the role of youth. In Costa Rica, for example, more than 250 students, young social entrepreneurs, and socially-conscious business leaders gathered on the campus of Universidad Latina for its third annual Social Shot conference. With its theme of *Da el Paso* (Take Your Step), the conference gave voice to young change leaders, while inspiring others across the country to take action. Similarly, Universidad del Valle de Mexico’s *Premio UVM* program launched a new youth-friendly

journalist prize to increase media coverage and awareness of youth-led social change.

A Lifetime of Learning

Part of what distinguishes YouthActionNet from other leadership development programs is its focus on continuing education. Realizing that fellows—and our growing alumni—face different challenges throughout their careers, the program offers myriad short-term executive education methodologies, including webinars, leadership videos, coaching, and other learning opportunities. Central to such efforts is providing platforms for fellows to share their expertise and experience with one another. With support from the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation and American Express Foundation, this year we hosted virtual learning sessions on topics ranging from how to engage the right investors to applying social design principles.

1,089

youth-led
organizations
around the world

5,000+

university
students engaged

12,930

volunteers recruited
by fellows globally
in 2013

2.2 MILLION

lives impacted
annually

Engaging Universities

Recognizing that our fellows have much to teach and learn from their university peers, YouthActionNet collaborates with universities across the globe. Our work on campuses takes place largely at institutions within the *Laureate International Universities* network.

The involvement of universities takes a variety of forms— from integrating social entrepreneurship education into curricula to engaging students as advisors and consultants to youth-led social ventures. Fellow projects, for example, benefited from a three-month consulting practicum carried out in partnership with Georgetown University in the U.S. Fellows in nine countries were paired with graduate students studying business and human development, who conducted an initial needs assessment and provided follow-up counseling in areas such as strategic planning, financial modeling, and scaling up impact.

“Our relationship with YouthActionNet is a win-win all the way around,” said Holly Wise, Visiting Professor at Georgetown. “The students benefit, fellows benefit, and ultimately those they serve benefit.”

“Africa is on the rise. Cultivating the leadership of today’s youth is critical to sustaining this momentum. Our partnership with IYF allows us to **invest in the emerging leaders of today** to build a more prosperous tomorrow.”

— WASWA BALUNYWA

Principal, Makerere University Business School (MUBS), Uganda

Around the World

Critical to our mission is creating a dynamic network of locally-rooted, globally-connected youth leadership institutes, now numbering 19—and growing. Below are the people and programs around the world who are working with us to make our vision a reality.

Anglophone Africa Regional Program

Diana Ntamu | **Social Entrepreneurs Transforming Africa (SET Africa)**
Kampala, Uganda
www.setafrica.org

Arab Regional Program

Noor Homoud | **King Abdullah II Award for Youth Innovation and Achievement**
Amman, Jordan
www.kafd.jo

Australia

Alissa Holton | **Young Social Pioneers**
Melbourne, Australia
www.fya.org.au

Brazil

César Dinóla | **Iniciativa Jovem Anhembi Morumbi**
São Paulo, Brazil

Ana Tazia | **Iniciativa Jovem UnP**
Natal, Brazil

Iana Oliveira | **Jovem Empreendedor UniNorte**
Manaus, Brazil
www.premiolaureatebrasil.com.br

Chile

Ana Correa | **ACCIONJOVEN Reconcimiento Universidad Andrés Bello**
Santiago, Chile
www.accionjuven.cl

Costa Rica

Lourdes Brizuela | **Premio Yo Creo Universidad Latina**
San José, Costa Rica
www.premioyocreo.com

Francophone Africa Regional Program

Ciré Kane | **Innove4Africa**
Dakar, Senegal
www.synapsecenter.org/innove4africa

Honduras

Ana Villeda | **Premio Yo Emprendo UNITEC**
Tegucigalpa, Honduras
www.premioyoemprendo.com

Jordan

Hafez Neeno | **BADIR**
Amman, Jordan
www.badir.jo

Kyrgyzstan

Mirbek Asangariev | **School of Social Entrepreneurship**
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
www.ase.kg/en

Mexico

Miguel Romo | **Premio UNITEC a la Innovación Tecnológica para el Desarrollo Social**
Mexico City, Mexico
www.unitec.mx/premio

Sandra Herrera | **Premio UVM por el Desarrollo Social**
Mexico City, Mexico
www.premiouvm.org.mx

Nigeria

Asuquo Asuquo | **Social Innovators Programme**
Lagos, Nigeria
www.leapafrika.org

Peru

Jack Zilberman | **Premio Protagonistas de Cambio UPC**
Lima, Peru
<http://premioprotagonistasdelcambio.upc.edu.pe>

Senegal

Prof. Ousmane Sene | **Projet JETS (Jeunesse, Entreprise et Transformation Sociale au Sénégal)**
Dakar, Senegal
www.warccroa.org/jets

Spain

Laura Gomez | **Premios Jóvenes Emprendedores Sociales Universidad Europea**
Madrid, Spain
www.emprendoressocialesuem.com

Turkey

M. Serdar Apaydin | **BİLGİ Genç Sosyal Girişimci Ödülleri**
Istanbul, Turkey
www.bilgiggo.org



MEXICO

Partners: Universidad del Valle de México and Universidad Tecnológica de México (UNITEC)

COSTA RICA

Partner: Universidad Latina

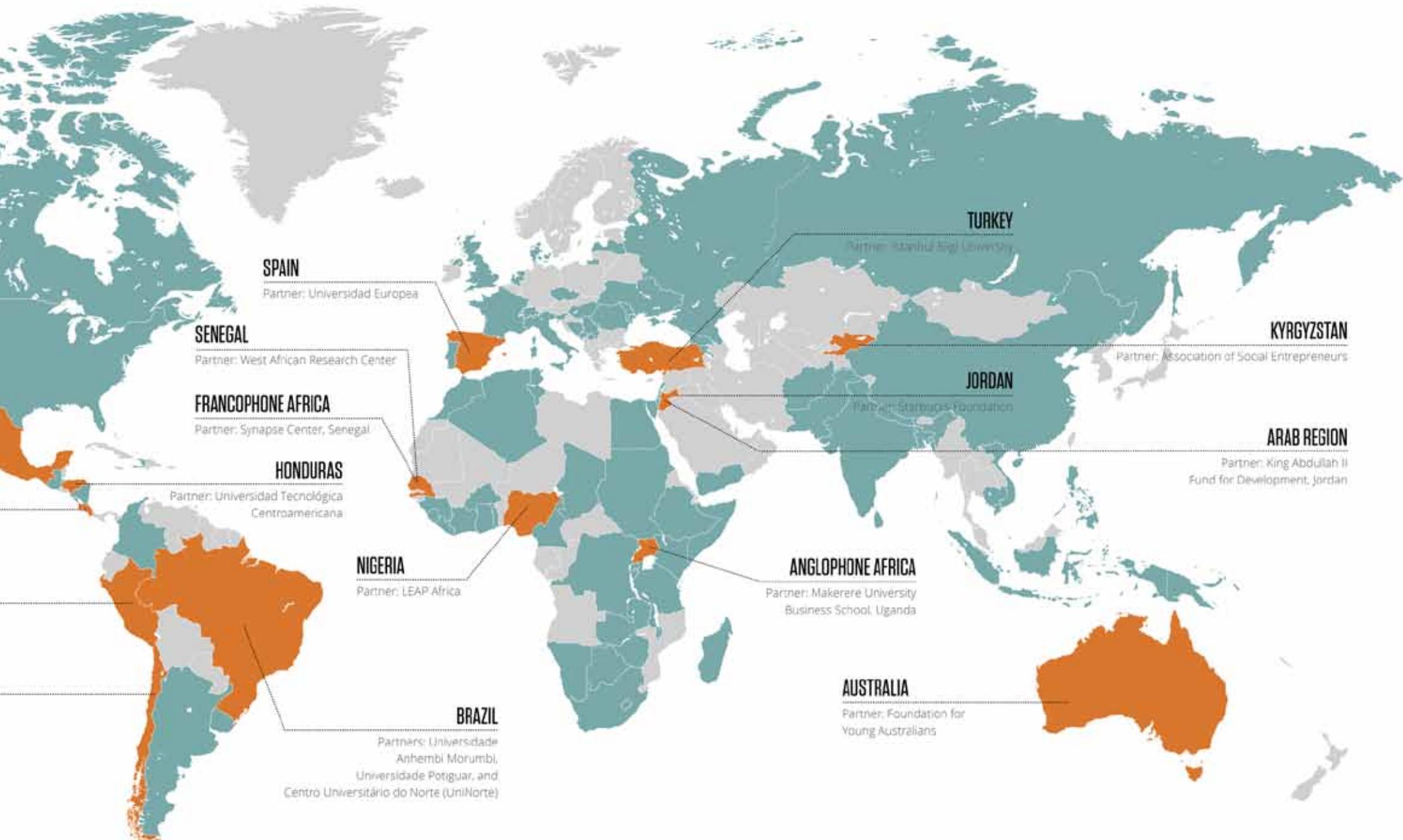
PERU

Partner: Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas

CHILE

Partner: Universidad Andrés Bello





From the President & Chairman

While the journey of every YouthActionNet fellow is unique, each shares similar themes—passion for a cause, creativity combined with common sense, the ability to inspire and motivate others, and perseverance, especially during the tough times.

We are immensely proud of fellows like Dina Buchbinder, who scaled her organization to new heights, of Bright Simons, whose technology is safeguarding the lives of millions of people around the world, of José Grimaldo, whose voice for the disabled is now amplified through his government service, and the many other fellows across our network. Individually and collectively, these fellows and alumni demonstrate the power of social innovation and that change indeed can be led by people in their 20s and 30s.

IYF's commitment to these leaders lasts—not a week or a year—but a lifetime. We recognize that no matter what their career choices are over time, these exceptional women and men are hard-wired to lead positive change. Through a robust continuing education program, we offer targeted training, coaching, tools, and an extensive online learning platform. We provide avenues for fellows to help each other navigate obstacles and seize opportunities.

As YouthActionNet's global network of youth leadership institutes expands, our impact increases exponentially. This year we are pleased to report on impressive growth in Africa, thanks to our partnerships with The MasterCard Foundation, U.S. Agency for International Development, and UNESCO. Already, fellows selected in 27 countries in East and West Africa are supporting one another and collaborating around shared goals.

We also welcomed two new Latin American partners—Centro Universitário do Norte (UniNorte) in Manaus, Brazil and Universidad Tecnológica de México (UNITEC) in Mexico City. This brings the number of institutions in the *Laureate International Universities* network that are offering local YouthActionNet programs to eleven. And in Jordan, we celebrated the accomplishments of the BADIR program, with Starbucks renewing its support for the initiative, which has built a vibrant national network of 45 young social entrepreneurs.

With the goal of encouraging an emerging generation of youth to become leaders, we also expanded our presence on university campuses around the world. Through linking fellows and students, each benefits, as do the millions of people who benefit from the fellows' initiatives.

After 14 years, YouthActionNet has a powerful story to tell about the enduring impact of youth-led social change. The global community of young social entrepreneurs we have carefully nurtured grows stronger every year—and will double in size by 2018. The trailblazing youth we first met in their mid-twenties are now exercising senior leadership roles in the public, private, and civic sectors—and will continue to do so throughout their careers, netting significant returns for society as a whole. We look forward to supporting our fellows' pioneering efforts for many years to come.

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International Youth Foundation

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YOUTHACTIONNET®

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.

www.youthactionnet.org

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FOUNDATION

The International Youth Foundation (IYF) invests in the extraordinary potential of young people. Founded in 1990, IYF builds and maintains a worldwide community of businesses, governments, and civil society organizations committed to empowering youth to be healthy, productive, and engaged citizens. IYF programs are catalysts of change that help young people obtain a quality education, gain employability skills, make healthy choices, and improve their communities.

www.iyfnet.org

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www.laureate.net

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