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An international movement by Young Professionals FOR Young Professionals, to realize their full potential and contribute towards innovative agricultural development.

www.ypard.net

Our Network

Young Professionals in agricultural development, worldwide

- YPARD global coordination unit
  - YPARD regional coordination units - Africa, Asia, LAC, Europe
  - YPARD country representatives
- YPARD partners focusing on Youth and/or agricultural development
  - 'Experienced' YPARD supporters (40 and over)

WE SUPPORT THE CHANGE LEADERS!

Why YPARD?

YPARD was established in response to the young generations' increasing lack of interest in agriculture, insufficient participation of young professionals in dialogues addressing critical development issues and inadequate access to resources to meet these problems.

With an ageing global agricultural system and increasing lack of interest among young people in pursuing agriculture-related careers across the globe we face a problem of sustainability of the sector. In addressing it we must ensure that youth, key stakeholders in this process, are involved.

Vision

Sustainably improved livelihoods worldwide where young professionals are proactively contributing to innovative agricultural development.

Actions

Building a strong network
- Linking with organizations active in agricultural development and youth issues
- Spreading the word about YPARD and getting people involved

Giving voice to youth
- Promoting greater inclusion of youth in strategic debates on agricultural development
- Speaking on behalf of youth and bringing their ideas and concerns to the table

Capacity building and information sharing
- Providing information on funding, job opportunities and events
- Facilitating access to capacity building opportunities

Promoting agriculture among young people
- Working to address the issue of declining interest of agriculture among young people

Stakeholders

- Universities
- Research organizations
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- Community Based Organizations
- Governments
- Extension and rural advisory services
- Development agencies
- Farmer organizations
- Donors
- Private sector

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Only when young professionals are actively engaged in shaping the sector's future will we be able to work towards a responsible agriculture, able to meet global needs without depleting its resources.

Get Involved!

What we offer

- Up to date information on www.ypard.net and social networks on funding, job opportunities, events, announcements and "featured" news for Young Professionals in Agricultural Development
- Bi-monthly funding news bulletin, YPARD monthly newsletters and exclusive calls for great opportunities sent directly to your email!
- An active online platform for you to express yourself, interact with, and learn from young professionals worldwide!
- A chance to represent youth interests in debates and discussions on agricultural development
- An opportunity to start an activity in your region
- Participation in a wider movement by youth for youth in ARD

- Share your experiences
- Give your opinion
- Raise youth issues in strategic debates and discussions

Online

- **Sign up!** www.ypard.net
  Become part of the network
- Contribute to online discussions and events
- Write a blog
- Stay connected through social networks

On the ground

- Share information about YPARD
- Organize awareness and capacity building events in your area
- Become a YPARD representative

Link with us as a partner organization

Put your knowledge and experience in the service of the youth

Get some "bright young YPARD members" into action!

Make your own organization YP-friendly

Contact us for more information or to help you get started! info@ypard.net

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