



Candidates for the Board of Directors 2011

This document contains a brief introduction to each of the candidates who have nominated for a position on the Board of Directors.

Please utilise these statements as an opportunity to make your vote meaningful and direct the future of the IYPF.

The 14 candidates, listed in alphabetical order (surname), are:

1. Loudhaief Amir
2. Bernise Ang
3. Dulal Biswas
4. Rassel Chisango
5. Rosen Dimov
6. Andrew Benson Greene
7. Walusaga Rogers Milia
8. Constance Georgina Khaendi Walyaro

Please note: The IYPF Board of Directors is not meant to be geographically representational. You should use your vote to ensure the appointment of young professionals who have the skills and experience to fulfil the role of Director, the key points of which are outlined below.

Also note that in 2011, you are electing 3 (three) directors to a 2 (two) year term, with 3 of the current board continuing in for another year – Cristian Birzer, Sarah Yani Vann-Sander, and Nick Byrne. Their bios are at the end of this document. You might like to consider their bios when thinking about the right set of skills and experience on the Board. As all three of the continuing directors are residing in Australia, the IYPF has already met its requirements, as a company registered in Australia, to have two of its director's as Australian residents.

As a reminder, the core role of the Directors of IYPF is to meet regularly with the other Directors to review and monitor the operation of the Foundation, with a particular view to:

- Maintaining accountability and transparency to IYPF members on the operation of the IYPF
- Ensuring IYPF member satisfaction with the direction and operation of the IYPF as their elected representatives.
- Providing strategic direction and support to the IYPF CEO, staff and volunteers in their work
- IYPF meeting its obligations as a company registered in Australia and operating in an international environment (including filing company returns, ensuring IYPF is an ongoing concern, that it adheres to Australian and international law)

On a secondary level, Directors will use their networks, experience, and enthusiasm to help build IYPF and provide input on its direction. It is expected that Directors take oversight or provide a significant contribution to one of IYPF's operational areas.

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Loudhaief Amir

Location: TUNIS, TUNISIA
Age: 27
Education: B. Economics

Relevant Experience & Other Current Roles:
Director Equinox Holding International
Member LEAD Tunisia

Your previous IYPF involvement?
None to date

How do you see yourself contributing to achieving IYPF's strategy?
Through my International network and contacts i will disseminate relevant information on IYPF activities.

Why should the membership elect you to the Board of Directors?
I'm a young activist from post revolutionary Tunisia, an ideal representative of the MENA region (Middle East North Africa), very fluent in french and english, and able to communicate and share information and experience with a huge network.

Bernise Ang

Location: SINGAPORE
Age: 31
Education: BSc Psychology from UNSW

Relevant Experience & Other Current Roles:

- Have been working in change management in finance sector
- Founded a youth nonprofit 2+ years ago, familiar with strategy and org development, as well as working with the media
- Currently on the board of International Youth Foundation, familiar with nature of board functions and responsibilities
- Also currently employed as Assistant Vice President, Office of the CEO (Property & Hospitality), Straits Trading Company

Your previous IYPF involvement?

I have been serving as an interim Director on the IYPF Board for the last 6 months. I have been involved in developing IYPF's new strategic direction and also in celebrating IYPF's 10th birthday.

How do you see yourself contributing to achieving IYPF's strategy?

- **Networks:** Using my networks relating to IYF and its board; international youth networks; finance networks in Asia; broader civil society and sustainability networks around the UN CSD and UNFCCC
- **Strategic thinking:** Contributing to the strategic direction of IYPF in the next 2 years. Including questioning assumptions, understanding trends and agenda-setting in industry and society, and positioning IYPF influentially in economic, social and maybe even political spheres (depending on the desire of the organisation)
- Making IYPF (even more) relevant.



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Why should the membership elect you to the Board of Directors?

I reckon I've got decent networks, a strategic mind about things, and a commitment to IYPF's overarching vision. I'm a social entrepreneur who works with young people to realise their potential to positively impact society. Though trained in psychology, I thrive on making connections between different worlds - technology, business, design, society, sustainability, and the human condition. Inspired by student activism in my university days, I started Syinc, a Singapore-based nonprofit that connects like-minded young people to seek, create, and collaborate on innovative solutions for social change. Syinc does this in two ways: by equipping youth with skills for adaptive problem-solving; and by building support networks of community-minded peers.

For this work, I have received a number of awards, including the International Youth Foundation YouthActionNet Fellowship and the Foundation for Youth Social Entrepreneurship's Paragon Fellowship. Most recently, I was named Singapore Woman of the Year 2011.

I also hold a full-time role in change management and strategic development at a Singapore-based investment and property firm. I also serve as a board member of International Youth Foundation, and continues to provide strategic mentorship to a number of social organisations in Asia and internationally.

Dulal Biswas

Location: DHAKA, BANGLADESH

Age: 45

Education: M.Sc

Relevant Experience & Other Current Roles:

- **President: National Federation of Youth Organizations in Bangladesh (NFYOB).** NFYOB is the central coordination committee of the youth organizations in the country. The President of the Federation is the head of the CEO and the National Youth Parliament.
- **Advisor: Bangladesh Youth Entrepreneurs Association**
- **Governing Board Member: Youth Welfare Fund, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Govt. of Bangladesh.** The Youth Welfare Fund was established in 1985 by the Ministry of Youth and Sports with following aims and objectives: To provide the enlisted youth organizations with necessary support to run youth development activities and innovative projects to empower the youth community reshaping their future lives and help others to be self-employed. The power and function of the Board Members are to formulation and adoption of policies in regard to develop entrepreneurial activities of the youth community to serve the nation with their skills and potentialities.
- **Member: Drafting Committee, National Youth Policy, Ministry of Youth and Sports.** In Bangladesh a national youth policy has been adopted to promote the rights of youth particularly in the areas of education, skill development, employment, and participation in community development activities.
- **President, Bangladesh Hindu Youth Welfare Association:** In the year of 1981, I formed Bangladesh Hindu Youth Welfare Association along with some energetic Hindu young people of different fields of occupation.
- **Member: National Committee on IYV 2001 and Beyond.** The National Federation of Youth Organisations in Bangladesh is a Partner organization of IYV2001 and Beyond.
- **Coordinator: Youth Employment Summit (YES) Bangladesh Country Network.** The YES Country Network in Bangladesh is a collaboration of youth organizations, NGOs, individuals and other groups working to prepare for the Global Youth Employment Summit and the Decade Campaign of Action (2002-2012).
- **Convener: Bangladesh National Coordinating Committee on GYSD.** Around the world, millions of young people are making a difference in their communities through programs and infrastructures that address voluntary action. My role as a convener is to stimulate greater awareness of and support for the methodologies that promote "positive youth development" and volunteer service in Bangladesh.

Your previous IYPF involvement?

I am involved with IYPF since 2005



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How do you see yourself contributing to achieving IYPF's strategy?

As I am capable to contribute issues related to youth development nationally and internationally.

Why should the membership elect you to the Board of Directors?

I am playing an active role in the international fields related to the important and emerging issues on youth development.

Rassel Chisango

Location: HARARE, ZIMBABWE

Age: 29

Education: 2 year Diploma in Project Planning and Management, Certificates in NGO Administration and Development Management

Relevant Experience & Other Current Roles:

I have been working on the youth and community development arena as a full-time volunteer since 2002 to date. I am a founder member, and the President of the really difference making Royal Youth Organisation (RYO), a young professionals led youth and community empowerment for sustainable development entity using MDGs 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 as a planning and implementation framework in its on the ground awareness and behaviour change focused projects. I am an Oxfam International Youth Partnerships (OIYP) Action Partner 2007-2010 and I am also a film Actor, currently acting in Zimbabwe's first and most popular soapie, Studio 263.

Your previous IYPF involvement?

I became a member of the IYPF in 2004 when I attended its 2nd IYPS in Brisbane, Australia with support from our National AIDS Council (NAC-Zimbabwe) since RYO was an Implementing Partner in the UNAIDS funded Improved Reproductive Health 3 year pilot project for youth in urban settings. I have since become a bona-fide full member and staff member of the IYPF with a traceable track record which includes pioneering the International Young Professionals HIV and AIDS Network (IYPHAN) in 2006, co-ordinating the IYPS 2008 Program which was held in Manchester, England. One of the highlights of my invaluable involvement with the IYPF came in 2007 when after attending the OIYP Kaleidoscope in Sydney, I undertook an IYPF pre-planned and coordinated networking tour of Australia in my capacity as the RYO President.

How do you see yourself contributing to achieving IYPF's strategy?

My vision, passion and dream is to see the IYPF transforming, evolving and launching into its "prime stage" by establishing a physical Secretariat with both full-time and part-time staff members and volunteers. I strongly believe that NOW is the ripe time to make such a move as it will allow us to even more meaningfully fulfill our mandate by PRACTICALLY supporting on the ground Young Professionals led UN-MDGs related activities, projects and programs across the globe. As a Director, my priorities will focus on achieving this revolutionary institutional metamorphosing and progressive process.

Why should the membership elect you to the Board of Directors?

By electing me to the IYPF Board of Directors it means that the IYPF membership agree to my vision for this our IYPF as stated above. YES, together we can make this real difference. Over and above being a results and action oriented visionary, I am also a hands on, self driven, highly exposed, inspired and focused go-getter. I have enough IYPF love, loyalty and DNA to achieve ALL THE ABOVE. Thank you.

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Rosen Dimov

Location: BULGARIA

Age: 24

Education: Graduate in International law, Saxion University, the Netherlands. Postgraduate in European law (by University of Nice, and the University of Cologne). Teaching researcher.

Relevant Experience & Other Current Roles:

European Parliament (2007-2008), officer with the Delegation to the USA and the Delegation to Western Balkans. In 2008-2010 - seconded expert with the Bureau of European Policy Advisors (expertise on innovations and enlargement) to the European Commission on behalf of UNICEF Rural Voices of Youth (acting there as Europe Focal Point Coordinator since 2008). Since 2010 I have coordinated the regional office of FLARE, 27-country network fighting organized crime. Hence, upon the invitation of the World Bank, I became a founding member of their Global Youth Anti-Corruption Network.

Your previous IYPF involvement?

To my regret, I joined the IYPF in 2008 while exploring it as a novel member, it was hit by the economic crisis. Now I am happy that the company is getting revitalized.

How do you see yourself contributing to achieving IYPF's strategy?

Concrete proposals that I would be pushing for include:

- continuity between outgoing and upcoming Boards.
- IYPF growth - boosted multitude of members and partners.
- acquisition of further funding for the activities worldwide.
- adding to onedoes.org weekly webinars, online mentor-to-mentee learning and a far richer database of success stories. Therein we shall also launch a pool of scholarships, events, contests, leadership and networkdevelopment opportunities.
- at the MDGpledge.org introduce a MDG-progress gauge and a Match a Pro engine to find partners for MDG-linked projects.
- Put all websites and activities in inter-relation.

Why should the membership elect you to the Board of Directors?

Firstly, I shall passionately share my previous knowledge and skills in work in international cross-cutting teams. I am also a good communicator and shall penetrate government actors, as well as the corporate sector worldwide. Getting external support has been crucial to my projects and jobs over the past 2 years. I want to convey that experience but am open for new practices and diverse approaches.

Secondly, as a naturally emerged leader I have also done well in inspiring others. Once the Board and I ignite our IYPF peers' motivation, it would optimise our efforts and add on a mutual feeling of commitment to the joint success.

New ideas are related to communication, cooperation with international actors, acquisition of additional funding and donors, as well as new channels to connect established young professionals and those headed for leadership.

Last but not least, along with my colleagues we shall set up new automated mechanisms of growing the IYPF across the globe. It would expand internally (projects, members) but also in terms with cooperation with outer actors and donors.

Regular communication and reporting is pledged to members and the rest of Board fellows during the entire term.

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Andrew Benson Greene

Location: FREE TOWN, SIERRA LEONE
Age: 32
Education: BA General

Relevant Experience & Other Current Roles:

- **Contract Reader - Global Integrity Alliance USA (Philanthropy industry), May 2003 — September 2007 (4 years 5 months)**
- **IANSA (International Action Network on Small Arms) - Coordinated the activities of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) and helped to launch th major events and activities in June 2007 in relation to gender, youth and small arms during the 2007 week of action.**
- **World Bank Contract on 'Global Development Report 2007 Focusing on Youth Unemployment and the Next Generation. Production of Video Documentary for the WDR produced by World Bank in DC and supported by Nokia June 2006.**

Andrew Benson Greene has set himself apart from others in his field. He is Founder and CEO of B-Gifted foundation of Sierra Leone. Andrew Greene has 10+ years experience in the non-profit sector, youth and technology and the issues of child soldiers and human rights of children in areas of conflict. He has traveled world-wide, from Beijing to Moscow, to Washington, to share his vision of using information technology amongst children and war scarred youth.

A referee once noted that: "Mr. Greene's efforts have had a profound effect on the minds of young people around the world, from Sierra Leone to Cambodia to Afghanistan. His efforts attracted the United Nations to his project as a model to be used in countries affected by war". Mr. Greene contributed enormously as a Guest Speaker to the CIDA in 2004 during the International Corporation Days Millennium Development Goals: Moving from Consensus to Momentum. Mr. Greene has gathered multiple awards, citations, and bursaries for his peace building efforts and Internet-based innovations. For several years in Sierra Leone, he has overseen and coordinated the successfully implementation of War Child Canada DFAIT funded project No War Zone.

Andrew was a distinguished Sauvé scholar at McGill University, Montreal Canada. Mr. Greene was contracted twice by the World Bank in DC to produce video documentaries for the World Development Report 2007 focusing on youth unemployment in Sierra Leone and the 'Next Generation. In 2005, he made a significant contribution to the book, 'Raise Your Voice, Lend A Hand, Change The World' written by Susan Hughes and produced by Scholastic Canada. He holds a BA in English Civil Law and International Relations and is currently a double Masters Candidate for an MA Program in Coexistence and Conflict in US. Andrew is a real trailblazer. Another referee noted: "It's not just that Andrew Greene is mold breaking. What's most important is that he is a powerful model for other young African leaders".

Skilled in Trauma Healing and Counseling of Children in armed conflict, Conflict Resolution, peer mediation, Human Rights Educator, innovative, analytic and leadership skills. Proficiency in the use of software application programs.

Your previous IYPF involvement?

I have been in the network of IYPF for several years now and have developed good interaction and relationship that fosters positive thinking and professional development.

How do you see yourself contributing to achieving IYPF's strategy?

I hope to be an excellent Board of Director who propagates the positive role and influence that IYPF stands for at the local and international platform. I will bring my hard-earned experience as a young professional to help create ripples of progress in the activities of IYPF.

Why should the membership elect you to the Board of Directors?

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The IYPF membership should select me for sundry reasons. I will be an excellent young ambassador to the IYPF program not just for Africa but the world at large. I will bring my strengths to the program in a way that fashions a whole new range of ideas that can make a difference. IYPF membership should select me due to my outstanding commitment and contribution as a young professional and my relevant experience that can add significant value to the whole gamut of IYPF activities. I believe I can make a real difference in carrying forward the vision of IYPF.

Walusaga Rogers Milia

Location: UGANDA
Age: 41
Education: Masters Degree in Public administration / Bachelors Degree in Social Sciences (Makerere University - Kampala - Uganda).

Relevant Experience & Other Current Roles:
Governing Council Executive - Society for Aids In Africa (<http://www.saafrica.org>)

Your previous IYPF involvement?

I have been a member to this organization for a full year and as aged person of experience I entwine a lot with youths around the world discussing their plight and helping them tune superbly to their focused endeavors, ambition and career developments.

How do you see yourself contributing to achieving IYPF's strategy?

I envision myself if elected on the board of governance to spearhead in developmental projects, research attributes in framing out career enhancements for the dear vulnerable youths whose potentiality is denied because of inability to build their scopes of enhancements.

Why should the membership elect you to the Board of Directors?

With the above elaborated articulations I feel am capable to encore with my other comrades on board to strengthen the pillar upraise of IYPF these other coming two years in deliberations and input discussions with actionate tools to broaden the youths potentialities and modalities.

Constance Georgina Khaendi Walyaro

Location: NAIROBI, KENYA
Age: 32
Education: MBA

Relevant Experience & Other Current Roles:

I have always been passionate about Trade Justice Advocacy, Environmental conservation, Bio-safety & GMOs, protecting the right to health in EU-EAC EPAs, effectively addressing HIV & Aids, fighting Poverty and contributing to the fulfilment of the MDGs, as a result, in 2002 I established Citron Wood Foundation. CWF is a youth run development agency that is bringing positive and sustainable socioeconomic development where it is needed most' by empowering disadvantaged communities with tools, skills and resources to comprehensively address poverty, conflict, hunger and disease.

For over 8 years I have contributed immensely to various key development processes including: Gov Of Kenya-UNICEF Work Plan, NEPAD APRM, ECOSOC, WSIS, WTO MC6, UNGASS, GCAP, Kenya Vision2030, UPR, GMC Lessons for Life. In 2004 Oxfam Int. Youth Parliament selected me from over 2000 of the world's brightest young leaders, to join their global network of social change leaders and activists working to build a peaceful, sustainable and equitable world. In 2005 I was selected to join the Oxfam IYP Trade Justice Programme to promote fair trade with a focus on the agriculture and health sectors. In 2007 I was selected by Seatini/Tarsc/Equinet to form the Kenyan Team that initiated national action plans [September 07 to date, CWF



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TJPII] to take forward measures to protect health goals within TRIPs and Economic Partnership Agreements [EPAs] currently being negotiated between EU and EAC countries.

I has gained a wealth of knowledge through numerous local, regional and global development initiatives, including:

- (1) as part of the Secretariat of the first ever-historical sitting of the African Youth Parliament;
- (2) as National Campaign Coordinator for the WSIS RYNICS Youth Caucus Campaigns in Kenya, Youth Representative to the National WSIS Taskforce and Pavilion subcommittee [www.wsisyouth.org] and coordinator of the very successful inaugural Kenya Youth+ICT Convention 2005;
- (3) as the Eastern Africa Region Focal Point and Task Force Member for the Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS [GYCA, www.youthaidscoalition.org];
- (4) as a Member of the Scientific Committee and the Toronto Youth Force at XVI International Aids Conference;
- (5) as a stakeholder at the UNGASS Youth Summit, UNGASS Review Meeting 2006 and Media Representative on CNN Live, UN Radio and UNFPA Teleconference;
- (6) as a founding member of KeFoSPAN [Kenya Food Security Policy Advocacy Network] and KahFra [Kenya Alliance 4 Health & Food Rights Advocacy];
- (7) as an affiliate of KICTANET [Kenya ICT Action Network];
- (8) as a fellow of the 'Volkswagen Foundation Our Common Future' www.volkswagenstiftung.de;
- (9) as a Director with Eastern Africa Collaboration on ESCR;
- (10) as Conference Coordinator of the 2nd ESCR Strategy Meeting & General Assembly that brought together more than 270 key human rights, social justice and grassroots' activists from around the world to formulate strategies to Challenge Poverty and Inequality through Human Rights. www.escr-net.org;
- (11) as a member of Kenyan Civil Society Coalition on ESCR that compiled the CSO Parallel Report for the UN Committee on ECSR for Kenya's Nov 2008 Review process;
- (12) as the Special Rapporteur for the Trade sub cluster of the ESCR cluster and member of the team that compiled and submitted a report to UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights in Nov 2009 for Kenya's Universal Periodic Review - UPR [<http://www.upr-info.org>];
- (13) as USAID/EDC Youth Action Summit Coordinator for the Garissa Youth Days 2010 that supported and empowered hundreds of marginalised youth through project grants and technical support and the youth summit; and
- (14) As was the Event Director of the Invictus Prize that recognises, brings together, deliberates with, empowers and honours the most outstanding young social entrepreneurs Africa has to offer, and continue to support and empower millions more - established and aspiring - across the continent and beyond. The Prize showcases these young leaders as examples to encourage other young people to set up social enterprises that not only empower society by generating jobs and creating incomes, but also contribute comprehensively and sustainably to the fight against poverty and support the fulfilment of the MDGs.

Your previous IYPF involvement?

2007: Executive Assistant to the Board

2008 - 2011: IYPF Director

How do you see yourself contributing to achieving IYPF's strategy?

- (1) Get actively involved in the planning of IYPS and the Award
- (2) Revive the Newsletter-each edition based on an MDG-use it as another voice, an additional platform to engage and connect with members, to develop greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities that exist to contribute towards the MDGs
- (3) Effectively engage the Alumni-harness their collective energies, tap into and channel their wealth of experience and knowledge

Why should the membership elect you to the Board of Directors?

My aspiration is to significantly contribute to the many efforts that are realizing an acceptable quality of life for the world's citizens, especially by freeing the tremendous untapped potential among the youth and the underprivileged so that they can contribute in meaningful, substantive, and sustainable ways to effectively address these local and global challenges. I have been part of IYPF family since 2007 and I believe that I continue to be an invaluable resource here. I'm still as passionate as ever about contributing towards the fulfilment of the

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MDGs, as energized as ever about fighting poverty, injustice and gross inequality, and as committed as ever to my lifelong obligation to continue making real positive and lasting change and building a better world for all members of the human family. As IYPF continues to recover and grow, I would definitely like to continue to being on the Board where I can be greatly involved in the nitty gritty of steering IYPF to its true position as a beacon of innovative, sustainable socioeconomic development driven by young professionals worldwide.



Continuing Director Bios for 2011

Name: **Cristian Birzer**
Citizenship: Australian
Residence: **Adelaide, Australia**

Experience

Dr Cristian Birzer is a mechanical engineer and Senior Research Associate with the Centre for Energy Technology at the University of Adelaide, Australia. His research fields are in fluid mechanics, combustion and laser diagnostics, with major foci on the optimisation of energy systems, renewable energy sources and emissions control and mitigation. Dr Birzer is a former consultant engineer and also member of the Australian Defence Force, having worked in East Timor and the Solomon Islands.

Dr Birzer is active member of Engineers Australia, as a Division Member of the South Australian Division, as Chair of Young Engineers Australia - South Australia (YEA-SA) Division, and on the Organising Committee for the Engineering Leadership Conference - 2012. He was elected to the Board of Directors of IYPF in 2010 with his term ending at the end of 2012. Dr Birzer's major focus with IYPF is to improve world-wide education.

Name: **Nick Byrne**
Citizenship: Australian
Residence: **Brisbane, Australia**

Experience

Nick passionately believes that the business paradigm should be working for us, to enrich people's life and enhance innovation to solve the problems of the day. Through local initiatives and involvement with EWB and IYPF, he is working towards a vision of an 'open knowledge' culture amongst the professional sector. This means engaging people to demonstrate the benefits of collaboration - enhanced innovation and shared celebration.

He feels very lucky to be working with Engineers Without Borders Australia, as their Knowledge Manager. This sees him responsible for the coordination of the EWB Knowledge Centre seed/startup phase - an initiative presenting amazing opportunity for EWB to expand their engagement with the corporate sector, use their knowledge more efficiently internally and share their knowledge externally. Outside of EWB-A, he founded the Brisbane Development Circle, a local initiative aimed at enhancing the development sector industry linkages.

Name: **Sarah Yani Vann-Sander**
Citizenship: Australian
Residence: **Perth, Australia**

Experience

Sarah is a young, aspiring leader in the sustainable development field. Her professional experience has centered around research for social change and environmental sustainability as well as grassroots advocacy and community development. Aside from her university degree, she received a summer scholarship to the James Martin 21st Century School at the University of Oxford (majoring in History, Politics and Global Leadership) University of Oxford. Further, she undertook the Vietnam Field School at Đại học Đà Nẵng (majoring in Human Geography and Sustainable Development).

She has been involved previously with several other boards and professional organisations. These roles included; Member of the Board of Directors, ACT Women's Centre for Health Matters; ANU Environmental Management and Planning Committee; and Vice-President, ANU Goodwill Society, to name a few.