

## WDR 2007: Development and the Next Generation

The World Development Report (WDR) is a World Bank publication that examines the state of the world from a different angle and is published yearly.

It's one of the most influential publications about development.

The next WDR will focus on young people (ages 12-24) and their contribution to developing their countries.

In other words, it is about you and your stake in development.

That's why the Bank wants to hear your opinions and learn about challenges you face every day.

The Bank is specifically interested to learn more about the following four things:

- How you experience being a young person in your country?
- What issues you think are important to improve the situation of young people?
- What actions you personally are taking in order to make a difference?
- What do you expect from policy makers to help you do that?

### Will My Input Matter?

Yes, it will. Starting October 17, 2005, Youthink! will post a WDR question for you to answer. In addition to publishing your answers on this website, your comments may be included in the report itself.

But keep in mind that since the report draws on a lot of material, from inside and outside the Bank, and needs to be published in late summer/early autumn 2006, there is a limited amount of time for consultations.

Also researchers working on this report will receive a lot of opinions, many of them conflicting. That's why it won't be possible to include all received opinions in the final report.

### Who Will the Report Consult With?

Youth around the world are a very diverse group of people. To try to reach as many different young people and possible, the researchers are reaching out to:

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- Youth civil society or “youth organizations”
- Individuals and especially disadvantaged groups
- Development partners that work with young people or are focused on their issues

### How Will the Consultations Take Place?

In addition to getting feedback through Youthink!, researchers will hold consultations globally, nationally and locally, in a variety of formats:

- Global online e-discussions
- On-ground consultations in many countries
- Consultations with the Youth Development and Peace Network—a grouping that represents global, regional and local youth organizations

The *World Development Report* focused on these topics in recent years:

- 2006: Equity and Development
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