

## ASIA AND PACIFIC ALLIANCE OF YMCAs

**YMCA SOUTH ASIA FORUM**  
**7 August 2009, YMCA New Delhi, India**

**Introduction:** The APAY Roundtable on Peace and Security held in February 2009 was a significant way forward in our journey of Peace with Justice. It conceptualized Peace, Justice and Security in a holistic interconnected frame and declared:

***FIRST**, that we are committed to furthering our engagements among the different communities of conflict and people living with anxieties with the aim of promoting peace and safety through the building of civil society and developing capacities of people and communities for transformation;*

***SECOND**, that the efforts to promote community building in this region consistent with the vision of the movement and our commitment to recognize the diversities of Asia by making justice as an integral part of our approach AND*

***THIRD**, that the YMCA movement will promote deeper cultural understandings, people-to-people contacts and enhanced cooperation in uplifting the lives and well-being of our peoples in order to foster mutual trust and solidarity as well as promoting vital fields such as environmental protection, protection of migrant workers, natural disaster mitigation and resolution of human right violations;*

In view of invigorating the process of translating Colombo declaration into practical actions, the last meeting of the APAY Executive Committee proposed to initiate Sub Regional Peace Forums. Sub Regional Forums will be concerned on identifying ways and means for intensifying the implementation of the recommendations in the Colombo declaration and develops Sub Regional level Cooperation of YMCAs for building Peace and harmony. With the participation of the key leaders of the National movements in the Region, sub regional forums will also create platforms for the APAY and National Movements to discuss about the concerns on QPP Thrusts.

### **Objectives:**

- 01.** To create a platform for gathering officers of the National Movements in South Asia for sharing common peace concerns and YMCAs involvements towards Peace building, promoting Global Citizenship and fostering Sustainable development.
- 02.** To develop implementation plan for the recommendations of the Colombo declaration on Peace and Security at National level.
- 03.** To discuss and develop plans for Sub Regional Co-operation of YMCAs towards peace building and leadership development through inter movement partnerships among YMCA Movements.

### **Participants: 15**

Officers of the National Movements in India, Bangladesh, Nepal Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

<b>Venue</b>	<b>: YMCA TOURIST HOSTEL, JAI SINGH ROAD NEW DELHI</b>
<b>Registration fee</b>	<b>: \$ 50 (Inclusive of one day/night board and lodge)</b>

**Programme Content/ Schedule:**

08.00 - 08.30	: Breakfast
08.30 - 09.00	: Devotion
09.00 - 09.30	: Welcome and Introductions
09.30 - 10.30	: Prospects of Peace building in South Asia ( <i>Keynote presentation</i> )
10.30 - 11.00	: Coffee break
11.00 - 12. 30	: Sharing of National Programmes Plans with special focus on Global Citizenship, Peace and Sustainability of life
12.30 - 02.00	: Lunch
02.00 - 03.30	: Colombo Declaration -Implementation of Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing Action Responses at local level</li> <li>- School of Peace / Peace builders training workshop at SR level</li> <li>- Peace Education Curriculum</li> <li>- Peace Concern Group at National level</li> <li>- Staff / Youth/ volunteers Exchanges among National movements</li> <li>- Developing Inter- Movement Partnerships for peace and harmony</li> </ul>
03.30 –04.00	: Concluding Session / Commitment for further actions

**Expected outcome:**

1. Increased fellowship among YMCAs in South Asia and plans for furthering inter movement cooperation for peace building and leadership development
2. Common understanding on the prospects of peace building in South Asian Situation
3. Sharing and learning of National Action Plans
4. Plans for implementing recommendations of the Colombo Declaration on Peace and Security

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