

# The Youth Forum

Young Voices, New Visions



The ITU (International Telecommunication Union) as part of its mission to improve global access to ICT and telecommunications services – and the economic and social benefits that come with it organizes a Youth Forum.

At this ITU TELECOM WORLD 2009 in Geneva (Switzerland), from 5 to 9 October and with the aim of identifying and assisting the information and communication-technology (ICT) leaders of tomorrow, ITU brings two university students from each of its Member States in the World.

The students have been chosen via a competitive process drawing together the universities and academic establishments across each country in the world, with one man and one woman of university age finally being selected to attend the ITU TELECOM WORLD 2009 event through a fellowship system.

300 young people are participating in the Youth Forum of WORLD 2009. Interactive sessions are designed to promote a dynamic, youth driven exchange of ideas and information with several objectives in mind:

- (1) stimulate youth to think about ICT as a tool for development and the industry as a driving force;
- (2) give the youth a special experience of interacting with very senior people associated with ICT;



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