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Happy International Youth Day! Today, August 12, 2010, marks the start of the International Year of Youth.

For your information:

- **UN opens International Year of Youth with call to tap into youngsters' talent, idealism:**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=35600&Cr=youth&Cr1=>

- **Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director General, celebrates International Youth Day:**

On 12 August, Ms Bokova issued a message for International Youth Day and the launch of the 2010: United Nations International Year of Youth.

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0018/001888/188831e.pdf>

- **More information on UNESCO and the International Year of Youth:**

http://www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/sv/news/the_international_year_of_youth_2010_2011/

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