

Principles of Partnership

between

World Alliance of YMCAs

and

Y's Men International

WHEREAS the World Alliance of YMCAs and Y's Men International base their actions and services on a Christian purpose, and

WHEREAS these two world bodies are instruments of international awareness and have responsibilities for stimulation and coordination of their respective organisations, and

WHEREAS these two world organisations are and should remain independent,

IT IS CONSEQUENTLY ACKNOWLEDGED that the World Alliance of YMCAs and Y's Men International are desirous of working towards new dimensions of partnership that will contribute to individual and collective growth and service at local, national, area and world levels.

THEREFORE, the World Alliance of YMCAs and Y's Men International adopt the following *Principles of Partnership*:

- 1. It is reaffirmed that the two organisations have a Christian basis from which originates the purpose of serving people, and that this service is carried out for all people without discrimination.*
- 2. It is accepted that collaboration and support first require the identification of common objectives, and then the selection of specific tasks, programmes and projects.*
- 3. It is recognised that in this process both organisations are at the same level of responsibility, and it is consequently expected that both should participate in the initial thinking, the development of plans, the funding, the implementation and the evaluation.*
- 4. It is expected that from whatever is carried out in partnership, both organisations should give and receive benefit.*
- 5. It is expected that both organisations should be open to the participation and involvement of the other at local, national, area and world levels, thus strengthening the relationship and cooperation.*
- 6. It is recognised that the effectiveness of the partnership depends upon mutual trust and support, that the potential benefits are many and that both organisations should assist each other's development in mutually acceptable ways. This should be reflected, in particular, by evidence of greater YMCA support for the extension of Y's Men International and increase of its membership, which in turn implies recognition of the increasing potential of Y's Men action as a service club for the YMCA.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the World Alliance of YMCAs and Y's Men International, by their proper officers duly authorised, hereby affix their signatures on this first day of April in the year 2011.



for the World Alliance of YMCAs

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