



**For the special attention of the Secretary-general of the United Nations,  
His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-Moon**

*We hereby present to you our **Group Statement**.*

We, the participants of the preparatory workshop for the *Rio+20 Global Youth Music Contest* are working to inspire, engage, and connect youth for effective global governance and sustainable development through the power of music.

The contest launched in Klagenfurt, Austria, on 15 September 2011, is an initiative of the *International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI/GLOCHA)* with various partners and youth networks from all regions of the world.

The main purpose of the contest is to assemble musical messages from global youth exploring global scale grassroots sustainable development issues.

Recognizing that music is a universal language, we are aiming to create a youth-led momentum of commitment towards the *Rio+20 Earth Summit*, which will be held from 4-6 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

We are specifically fostering engagement of social entrepreneurship, active civic participation, responsible diplomacy, academia, and media to further promote global commons, systemized change towards a green economy, and the advancement of other *Earth Summit* goals that are in the interest of today's youth and future generations.

To achieve these objectives, young people around the world have to become a major stakeholder in sustainable development processes.

We believe that we have to "*let the music talk, let the rhythm play, and let the world know what the youth have to say.*"

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