

## **YOUTH\* INITIATIVE COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE:** To provide a means for the participation of youth in the activities of WAS and to ensure that WAS considers youth oriented policies and strategies amongst its overall activities.

### **COMPOSITION:**

**Co-Chairs:** Two people, one of whom must be under the age of 35, appointed by the Executive Officers.

**Membership:** is at the discretion of the Co-Chairs, in consultation with the Executive Officers and is subject to the following provisions:

- ✚ A minimum of five persons and a maximum of ten, plus the Co-Chairs.
- ✚ There is appropriate representation of each of the Regions.
- ✚ Reasonable gender balance.
- ✚ At least 75% must be under the age of 35.

### **ROLE OF THE CO-CHAIRS**

The Co-Chairs -

- ✚ have the prerogative to invite members to the committee.
- ✚ are responsible for coordinating all activities.
- ✚ may appoint sub-committees, with a facilitator who will be responsible for overseeing specific areas and/or activities

**Note:** should there be disagreement between the Co-Chairs the matter must be referred to the Executive Officers for adjudication.

### **TERM OF OFFICE**

Two years, with an option for a further two. All *ad hoc* committees are subject to review on the appointment of a new WAS Executive Committee.

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee will:

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- ✚ Review WAS policies and proposals to ensure appropriate consideration is given to the sexual health and rights of youth.
- ✚ Develop and implement youth-oriented initiatives (under the approval of the Executive Officers).
- ✚ Respond to specific requests from the Executive Committee.
- ✚ Disseminate, monitor and maintain the currency of WAS initiatives in respect to youth sexual health and rights.
- ✚ Assist the promotion and activities of World Sexual Health Day.
- ✚ Make recommendations to the Advisory Committee, as appropriate.
- ✚ Provide an annual report on its activities.

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