

**Nigeria, 1 September 2010 - Nigeria has been elected into an eight-man Board of Directors to push for the adoption of convention of Youth Rights at the United Nations General Assembly session slated for September this year.**

The election was conducted at the just concluded Mexico World Youth Conference, according to a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary of the Nigeria Ministry of Youth Development, Mr. Goddy Ewerem.

The statement said Nigeria and South Africa represent Africa on the board of directors because of what delegates at the conference described as political commitment to youth development in both countries.

He said Nigeria was elected alongside Spain, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Portugal, Nicaragua and Pakistan to present the final declaration of the conference during the upcoming UN General Assembly.

Nigeria's delegation at the conference was led by Minister of Youth Development, Senator Akinlabi Ola-sunkanmi, President of the Nigerian Youth Council Mr. James Ajani, Speaker of Youth Parliament Hon Luke Onofiok and Nigeria representative at the Commonwealth youth caucus Miss Ewajesu Asala.