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**Strengthening cooperation amongst youth organisations in Africa  
Training Course for African Youth Organisations  
4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010, Cape Verde**

Background information

This training course will be jointly organised by the World Scout Bureau (World Organisation of the Scout Movement; Africa and European Regional Offices) and its partners, the International Young Christian Students (IYCS) Africa, the International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS) Pax Romana Africa, the International Falcon Movement- Socialist Education International, the Peace Tree Network (PTN) Africa, the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (ICMICA) Africa as well as the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (Africa).

The training course will take place in the framework of the second African University on Youth and Development in Cape Verde and therefore contributes to the second edition of the successful event which took place for the first time in 2009. The Second Edition of the African University of Youth and Development in Cape Verde, is organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in partnership with the National Youth Council of Portugal, the Cape Verde Federation of Youth, the European Youth Forum and the Pan-African Youth Union. The University brings together approximately 100 youth leaders from Africa and Europe.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> African University on Youth and Development will take place from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July (including the days for arrival and departure) in Cape Verde.

Main aims of the training

Taking into consideration the upcoming EU Africa Summit and the need to express a strong voice for youth in Africa, as well as making sure that a number of representative parties in Africa are heard, the organising partners of the training course believe that it is of utmost importance to strengthen young people's voice in Africa as well as in Europe and other regions.

Hence the programme of the training course will focus on three main elements:

- The development of input for both the EU-Africa Head of State summit and the World Youth Conference,
- The contribution to the evaluation of the implementation of the African Youth Charter, as well as identifying the steps forward which are required.
- The development of a common understanding of cooperation in Africa among youth organisations and methodologies of genuine cooperation.

The latter element aims to ensure a complementary voice alongside the Pan African Youth Union (PYU), which is an African platform of National Youth Councils. Therefore international youth

organisations - such as the partners partaking in this training course - can not become member of PYU.

#### Specific Objectives of the training

- To strengthen cooperation amongst youth organisations active in Africa outside the PYU framework but equally involved in youth development and human capacity building.
- To enhance the participants' capacity and empower them to work more effectively in and for their youth organisations.
- To provide an excellent space for networking and finding partners. This dimension will be more strongly encouraged by the team of trainers as will the opportunities for intercultural dialogue and intercultural learning.
- To strengthen organisational capacities and skills for youth participation in development and youth leadership;
- To develop common understanding of the situations and challenges faced by young people in Africa and globally. Hence, to get acquainted with the new action framework, the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership
- To reflect upon topics of importance to strengthen the voice of youth people, cooperation in a network that enhances youth development.

#### Expected results of the training

- The initiative for international youth organisations active in Africa for mutual exchange and support
- A collaboration framework in place for a mutually beneficial partnership among international youth organisations and with PYU. The training course will achieve a realisation of the impact and benefice of working together through a constructive network and collaborative plan
- A structured strong message/appeal to the Heads of State, both from Europe and Africa to support youth causes – this appeal will feed into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-Europe Youth Summit
- Enhanced cooperation and exchange with European Partners who will attend the meeting (University) supported by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
- An increase in the understanding of the instruments to follow up and implement the new framework of the Africa –EU Strategic Partnership and the Africa Europe Youth Summit final declaration
- An increased engagement of the international youth organisation in partnering to advance youth agenda.

#### Methodology

The training course will be interactive in order to encourage the participants to share their experiences and to ensure that the other participants learn from these experiences. Therefore, the methods will have a strong peer-to-peer-approach which will be achieved for example by working with fares, interactive games and smaller working groups. Therefore active participation is crucial for the success of the training course.

The trainers are experienced in international training, advocacy for youth' interests and needs as well as in Africa-Europe cooperation.

#### Working languages

The different sessions of the course will be in English and French, candidates are requested to indicate all their working languages and language level in the application form and should be fluent at least in one of the two languages.

#### Participant's profile

As already mentioned, the success of the training course depends on active participation and therefore a strong commitment and contribution is required.

Participants applying for the training course should be between 18 and 30 years old. The application has to be signed by the applicant as well as a nominating organisation. This has to be either an African National Youth Council or an (international) Youth NGO that is active in Africa.

The participants should have (basic) experience in youth work and advocacy at the national or even better at inter-regional level. During the selection process gender and regional balance, as well as diversity of background organisations, will be considered.

#### Travel expenses

Travel and visa costs will be covered by the partners that are organising the training course with strong support of the 1% Solidarity Fund of European Youth Forum (YFJ). The air ticket booking including travel insurance will be done by the organisers and participants have to hand in the boarding passes.

#### Arrival day/departure day

The event will take place in Cape Verde from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Participants are expected to arrive on 4<sup>th</sup> July in Cape Verde, at Praia (Praia International Airport, RAI) and leave on 12<sup>th</sup> July. The transport from the airport to the venue of the training course will be organised by the partners. All travel details will be sent via mail shortly before the activity.

#### Participation fees

As a contribution to the organisational costs of the training course, including travel and visa costs as well as covering the meals and the hotel, participants (self or through participating organisation) have to pay 50 € as a participation fee for the whole week.

#### Deadline for application

Applications have to be sent before 7<sup>th</sup> June to Jacques Sandrizi ([jsandrizi@scout.org](mailto:jsandrizi@scout.org)) and Falko Mohrs ([falko.mohrs@vcp-wolfsburg.de](mailto:falko.mohrs@vcp-wolfsburg.de)).

#### Links to stakeholders/partners involved and background

- International Young Christian Students (IYCS): Africa [www.africaycs.org](http://www.africaycs.org)
- International Movement of Catholic Students (IMCS) Pax Romana Africa: [www.imcsafrica.levillage.org](http://www.imcsafrica.levillage.org)
- International Falcon Movement- Socialist Education International: [www.ifm-sei.org](http://www.ifm-sei.org)
- Peace Tree Network (PTN): [www.peace-tree.net](http://www.peace-tree.net)
- International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (ICMICA) Africa: [www.icmica-miic.org](http://www.icmica-miic.org)
- World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Africa: <http://africa.wagggsworld.org/>
- The World Scout Bureau, Africa Regional Office (World Organisation of the Scout Movement): [www.scout.org/africa](http://www.scout.org/africa)
- The World Scout Bureau, European Regional Office (World Organisation of the Scout Movement): [www.scout.org/europe](http://www.scout.org/europe)
- The Pan African Youth Union: <http://www.panafricanyouthunion.org/>
- Africa and Europe partnership: <http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/>



**9. Please describe briefly the future plans of your organisation in youth work at the regional (African) level.**

**10. Please describe your role and position in your organisation.**

**11. What is your personal motivation to participate in the event?**

**12. Have you any special needs or requirements? (e.g. dietary, disability, etc.)**

**13. Visas**

If you are accepted as a participant on this course, will you require assistance in obtaining a visa for Cape Verde?  No  Yes

If yes, please indicate:

Date of birth:

Passport No.:

Issued at (place and date):

Place of birth:

Date of expiry:

**14. Plane (air) ticket**

Price of your ticket:  Euros  Dollars

– From airport of departure to **Praia International Airport** – Cape Verde –

**The course will have a participation fee of 50 €for participants (the fee will be collected upon arrival during registration in the course)**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** *(Organisation with name/position)*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** *(Participant)*

**Please send before the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2010 DEADLINE**

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