



## North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

### 10<sup>th</sup> AFRICA-EUROPE Training Course for Youth Organisations

to be held between 25 January and 1 February 2015  
Nairobi, Kenya

In the framework of the 6<sup>th</sup> African University on Youth and  
Development

### CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Deadline for applications, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – 23:59 pm  
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## 1. Background of North-South Centre's Youth Co-operation Programme

The objective of the Youth Co-operation Programme of the Centre is to provide **training and capacity building for young people and youth organisations** as well as to facilitate their participation in decision and policy making, in the framework of **quadrilogue initiatives**.

The Youth Co-operation Programme is composed of **3 main dimensions**:

1. A **Euro Arab and Mediterranean dimension** that includes a new capacity-building programme that has been developed in 2014 focused on "Structured Participation in Democratic Processes". A first pilot training activity took place in the context of the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship.
2. The **Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship** that gathers the different Universities in a coherent and articulated system and brings together relevant youth organisations and institutions working in regional co-operation processes, global education and global youth work. A 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the University on Youth and Development was organised in Mollina, Spain (21-28 September 2014).
3. The **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation** activities in the framework of the "Joint Management Agreement" signed with the European Commission in November 2008 and renewed until 2015. This agreement includes the organisation of training activities, an Online Resource Centre ([www.aeyco.com](http://www.aeyco.com)) a Seed Funding programme and the meetings of the Africa-Europe Youth Platform.

## 2. The Africa-Europe Dimension of the Youth-Co-operation Programme

The **Africa-EU Strategic Partnership**, a framework created by the 2<sup>nd</sup> EU-Africa Heads of States Summit, and the Africa-Europe Youth Summits recognise youth as a key actor in development in Africa and in Europe. The strengthening of youth organisations and youth movements is critical for development in general and in particular for developing youth policies that will allow sustainable co-operation among African and European youth.

As a follow-up of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits in 2007 and 2010, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe has been **developing and implementing a programme** in partnership with key governmental and non-governmental actors in Africa and Europe, including the **African Union Commission**, the **European Commission**, the **European Youth Forum**, the **African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe**, and the African Youth Platforms, such as the **Pan African Youth Union** and the **Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa**.

The North-South Centre co-operates with the European Commission (Europe Aid, DG DevCo) in order to secure a sustainable process for collaboration which will provide important support of various (youth) structures, quality reassurance and funding for Africa-Europe youth work.

In November 2008, the North-South Centre and the European Commission (EuropeAid) signed a **Joint Management Agreement (JMA)** for a period of three years (2009-2011) with a view to strengthening global education in the new Member States of the European Union and supporting Africa-Europe youth co-operation. This agreement was prolonged until 2012 and a new JMA was signed in September 2012 for the period 2013-2015.<sup>1</sup>

Apart from the Joint Management Agreement, a **series of Euro-African activities were implemented between 2009 and 2012** in the framework of the EU-CoE youth partnership (DGEAC).

Moreover, as a follow-up of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits and in order to respond to the priorities of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership, this Africa-Europe Youth Programme seeks to:

- Promote the **empowerment of youth of Europe and Africa**;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth/AfricaEuropeCooperation/JMA/JMA\\_en.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth/AfricaEuropeCooperation/JMA/JMA_en.asp#TopOfPage)

<sup>2</sup> As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and social development

- Strengthen young people's capacity to disseminate information and to get involved in the **implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Joint Strategy**,<sup>3</sup>
- Facilitate **encounters and exchange between young Africans and Europeans**,<sup>4</sup>
- Help **mapping the existing African youth networks**.<sup>5</sup>

This Programme implemented by the North-South Centre includes activities such as:

- **Five sub-regional seminars** on youth policies and the African Youth Charter (finalised in December 2012);
- **Africa-Europe training courses** for youth organisations (nine editions until 2013), and training opportunities for **African Diaspora in Europe** (fifth edition in 2014);
- Mapping exercise of Africa-Europe youth co-operation/work, leading to the creation of an **Africa Europe Youth Co-operation on-line resource centre** (AEYCO, launched in May 2013);
- Providing **Seed Funding** for pilot youth NGO exchanges (5<sup>th</sup> round in 2014);
- Establishment of the **Africa-Europe Youth Platform** and institutional follow-up, monitoring and implementation with key youth actors from Africa and Europe, and representatives of implementing agencies and institutions of the Africa-Europe youth strategy (3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of AEYP will take place in parallel with the 10<sup>th</sup> Africa-Europe Training Course);

Between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, the **3<sup>rd</sup> Africa-Europe Youth Leaders' Summit** took place in Brussels, Belgium. "To ensure that the future Africa-EU partnership will include a stronger focus on youth and youth organisations, the youth of Africa and Europe call upon the heads of state and government at the 4th Africa-EU Summit to build on success of the Africa-Europe Youth work and address the common youth challenges through establishment of an Africa-EU Youth Facility targeting joint actions on:

1. Leadership development,
2. Strengthened Africa-EU youth entrepreneurship and
3. Promotion of the role of youth for peace."<sup>6</sup>

### 3. Background of the 10<sup>th</sup> Africa-Europe Training Course

Encouraged by the success of the previous Africa-Europe Training Courses and the demand for capacity building opportunities expressed by youth leaders in the Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation, the North-South Centre will run the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of this programme. The course is **organised in co-operation with the European Youth Forum, the Pan-African Youth Union** and the **Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa**.

After last editions of the course held in Tarrafal, Cape Verde (2002, 2009); Mollina, Spain (2004); Coimbra, Portugal (2005, 2008) Almada, Portugal (2006), Polokwane, South Africa (2010) and Mindelo, Cape Verde (2012, 2013) this 10<sup>th</sup> Africa-Europe Training Course will be held 25 January - 1 February 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya.

During the course, participants will develop **competences and tools to strengthen their political participation** in the context of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership and develop competences for the **capacity-building of their organisations** as civil society actors in the development process.

Furthermore, the course is a unique opportunity to give practical and political follow-up and implementation to some of the outcomes of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits, the Africa-Europe Youth Leaders Meeting of 2011 and the AEYP meetings (November 2012 and 2013).

<sup>3</sup> As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and social development

<sup>4</sup> As in 108, under civil society + 118. under the heading Monitoring, evaluation and review mechanisms

<sup>5</sup> As in the action plan of the joint strategy under the heading Making it work: institutional architecture and implementation

<sup>6</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Africa-Europe Youth Leaders' Summit – Summit Paper: [http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/sites/default/files/userfiles/3rd\\_africa\\_europe\\_youth\\_leaders\\_summit\\_-\\_summit\\_paper\\_.pdf](http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/sites/default/files/userfiles/3rd_africa_europe_youth_leaders_summit_-_summit_paper_.pdf)

The course will also provide an excellent space for **strategic networking, finding partners and promoting intercultural dialogue and learning**; these dimensions will be encouraged by the team of trainers.

The week-long course can accommodate up to **20 participants**. **Active participation and in-depth reflection** are key features of the course. Participants will compare their approaches to youth work and youth participation, engaging in the implementation and evaluation of the programme with the team of trainers.

This Training Course is an opportunity given to youth leaders from Africa and Europe to share, better understand and integrate the objectives set at the international level in their work and contribute to their achievement. Some of these objectives (mentioned above) inscribed in the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership, help enable youth to take an active part in these strategies at the national and regional level and be further equipped to participate.



*8<sup>th</sup> Africa-Europe Training Course for Youth Organisations  
Mindelo, Cape Verde (2012)*

#### 4. Aims and Objectives

The training course aims to:

- **strengthen the role of youth organisations** as civil society actors and enable youth to organise and take action;
- reinforce its **political participation** in Africa-Europe co-operation;
- **promote the global citizenship** of young people in Europe and Africa.

The concrete objectives of the training are to enable participants:

- To strengthen **individual and organisational** competences for youth participation in development and youth leadership;
- To develop a **common understanding of the situations and challenges** faced by young people in Africa and Europe;
- To get acquainted with the **framework of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership and Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation** (AEYP, Action Plan 2012-2015);
- To create a **common understanding on concepts and challenges of youth work, youth policies and institutions** in the two regions;
- To **co-operate in a network** with other participants and their projects;
- To foster capacity and **motivation to act as multipliers** by passing on the training and knowledge acquired;
- To live through an **intercultural experience** with the opportunity of learning about each other and encountering local realities.



## 5. Expected results

- Building capacity of **multipliers in youth organisations in Europe and Africa** with the necessary skills to develop and run Africa-Europe co-operation programmes;
- An **informal network** of youth leaders and organisations with an interest in developing Africa Europe co-operation and actively committed to the strengthening of Civil Society;
- An increase in **understanding and dialogue** between young people, and their organisations, in European and African countries;
- An increase in the **understanding of the cultural, social, economic and political context** of the Africa Europe relations;
- 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 Summits final declarations (such as the Action Plan and the AEYP);
- Increment **regional and international partnerships**.

## 6. Pedagogical Approach

The pedagogical approach is based on a number of successful experiences of training for youth workers and youth leaders developed by the North-South Centre. It also benefits from the knowledge of some of the best trainers and youth workers in the field of co-operation. The team of experienced **trainers from Africa and Europe** will be responsible to further design and implement the methodology of the course. Invited **guests and experts** will provide proposals for reflection in a process based on **global education** and learner-centered methodologies.



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Polokwane, South Africa (2010)*

The use of **experiential methods and workshops** will strengthen the practical side of the course.

The course is a week-long programme using a **variety of educational methods** such as: thematic, methodological and political inputs and discussions, new technologies, reference documents, simulation exercises, group dynamics, interactive role plays, examples of good practices, etc.

## 7. Pedagogical Team

The educational team for this course is composed of 4 trainers with relevant experience in youth work and Euro-African co-operation. Two of the trainers are African and the other two, European. The European trainers will be identified by the North-South Centre and the

European Youth Forum and the African trainers as a result of consultations with the Pan-African Youth Union and the Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa.

The trainers have specific and complementary experience and will be identified specifically to further design and implement this course. It should be expected that the trainers' team also reflect gender balance and the cultural and geographical diversity of the regions.

## 8. Working Language

The different sessions of the Course will be delivered mainly in **English**. Few sessions may count with inputs in French. Interpretation can be assured if there is the need. Candidates are requested to share in the application form their level of English and French.

## 9. Profile of Participants

The participants in this course are **representatives of youth organisations in Europe and Africa**. For the European participants the course is open for residents of all member-states of the Council of Europe. African, national and international youth organisations are invited to propose candidates for this course. The selection will be carried out by the North-South Centre in consultation with partners of the training course.

Approximately 50% of the participants in this course will come from youth organisations in Europe; the other half will come from youth organisations in Africa. **Gender balance** will be ensured in the selection process of the participants, as well as **the balance between the type and/or nature of organisations**.

Concerning participants and their profile:

- should be a **key multiplier** playing an active role within a youth organisation, network or service at national or regional level, and plan to continue this work in the near future;
- seeking gender balance;
- **diverse social and geographical background** (including disadvantaged and minority groups);
- aged between **18 and 30**;
- have already some **qualification or experience in terms of international youth work**;
- be committed to attend the **full duration of the course** and be **supported by a youth organisation or service**;
- be able to **present the context of their work**, their way of tackling problems, the challenges they meet;
- be able to work and communicate in **English/French**.

## 10. Support for Travel Expenses and Board and Lodging

The North-South Centre will do its best to **issue a pre-paid ticket**. In exceptional cases, participants might advance the booking of the international flight and reimbursement will be done fully or in an agreed amount. Please do not proceed with any booking until confirmation of selection and agreement regarding travel arrangements. Transfers from and to the airport in Nairobi will be assured by organisers.

It is expected that **participants/background organisation support the expenses related with local transport in the home country, as well as visa and necessary vaccination costs**. Please look for information regarding health and visa needs that you might have to attend the activity.

The **board and lodging for the full duration of the training course is covered** by the North-South Centre (accommodation and meals). Participants will be accommodated in double/triple rooms.

There is **no participation fee** for this training course.

## **11. Deadline for Applications**

All candidates fulfilling the criteria and wanting to participate should send the [enclosed application form](#) to [nsc.africaeurope-youthsummit@coe.int](mailto:nsc.africaeurope-youthsummit@coe.int) by **the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 23.59pm (GMT+1) 2014.**

A **recommendation letter** from the organisation clearly stating the added value and possible follow-up of the participation of the applicant in the training course should be sent (scan version) in the same email of the application form. This letter should be signed and stamped.

The application form and recommendation letter are necessary to consider the application eligible. All applicants should receive a **confirmation email of reception of documents** within 5 working days after the submission of the application. If you do not receive this confirmation, please contact us.

The **selection results will be announced by 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

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**Applications sent after deadline will not be considered.**



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