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7th AFRICA-EUROPE Training Course for Youth Organisations

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Organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in the framework of the Youth-Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in co-operation with the Africa Institute of South Africa, the European Youth Forum and the Pan African Youth Union



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1. Background of the Training Course

In 2010, and for second consecutive year, the **Youth-Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission** includes a Euro-African dimension implemented by the **North-South Centre**. This partnership envelop come up as a result and follow-up of the previous Euro-African training courses organised by the North-South Centre and of the **Africa Europe Youth Summit**, held in Lisbon in 2007.

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 Summit, the North-South Centre will run the 7th edition of this programme. The course is organised in cooperation with the African Institute of South Africa (AISA), the European Youth Forum and the Pan African Youth Union.

After lasts editons of the course holds in Tarrafal, Cape Verde (2002, 2009); Mollina, Spain (2004); Coimbra, Portugal (2005, 2008) and Almada, Portugal (2006), this 7th AFRICA-EUROPE Training Course is going to be held from 23 to 30 2010 in South-Africa.



During the course participants will acquire knowledge and tools to strengthen their political participation in the context of the EU-Africa Strategic Partnership and with regard to poverty eradication and social cohesion on the Euro-African context, acquiring also skills to develop the capacity of their organisations as civil society actors in the development process.

Furthermore, the course is a unique moment of practical and political follow up and implementation of some of the outcomes of the Africa Europe Youth Summit held in parallel to the 2nd EU-Africa Summit of heads of State in December 2007, and for the preparations of the 2nd Africa Europe Youth Summit to be held in November 2010, also in the framework of the EU- Africa Summit of heads of State.

The course will also provide an excellent space for strategic networking and finding partners; this dimension will be most strongly encouraged by the team of trainers as well as for intercultural dialogue and intercultural learning.

The week-long course will gather close to 30 participants. It is designed using a process of mutual learning, being the participants' experiences the starting point of the training process. Active participation and in-depth reflection are key methodologies used in 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 settled at the international level and better contribute to their achievement. Some of these objectives, 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 in cooperation projects:

1. Promoting the empowerment of Europe's and Africa's youth¹
2. Strengthening young people's capacity to disseminate information and to get involved in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Joint Strategy²
3. Facilitate moments of encounter and exchange between young Africans and Europeans³
4. Mapping the existing African youth networks⁴.

2. Aims of the Training Course

The training course aims to strengthen the role of young organisations as civil society actors and youth ability to organise and take action as well as strengthen its political participation, as well as identify educational principles to promote the global citizenship of young people in Europe and Africa.

3. Objectives of the Training Course

The concrete objectives of the training are to enable participants:

- to strengthen individual and organisational capacities and skills 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;
- to act as a preparatory moment and consultation towards the 2nd Africa Europe Youth Summit;
- to reinforce the and possibilities for co-operation and dialogue between societies in Europe and Africa;
- to acquire know-how on concepts and challenges of youth work, youth policies and institutions in the two regions;

¹ As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and social development

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

³ As in 108, under civil society + 108. under the heading Monitoring, evaluation and review mechanisms

⁴ As in the action plan of the joint strategy under the heading Making it work: institutional architecture and implementation

- to reflect upon topics of importance to strengthen active citizenship (e.g. culture and identity, human rights, democracy, participation, exclusion and integration, development, education, globalisation, MDG's);
- to co-operate in a network with other participants and their projects;
- to create operational tools and act as multipliers by passing on the training and knowledge acquired;
- to live through an intercultural experience with the opportunity to develop expertise and know-how on intercultural learning in the specific Euro-African context.

4. Training Methodology

The course is designed as a process of mutual learning, with the participants' experiences and realities as the starting point of the training process. Active participation and in-depth reflection are the keys to the success of this course. Participants will compare their approaches to youth work and participate in the implementation and evaluation of the programme with the team of trainers.

The training methodology is based on a number of successful experiences of training for youth workers and youth leaders developed by the North-South Centre, and the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe. The North-South Centre, together with its partners, has developed and tested training methods and tools for this type of activities; it also benefited 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 non-formal education and participant-centred methodologies. Thus, the course will be also a mutual learning situation, where participants can compare their approaches and concerns in a dialogical intercultural approach and environment. 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 methodologies such as: thematic, methodological and political inputs and discussions, new technologies, guides and reference documents, simulation exercises, groups dynamics, interactive role plays, examples of good practices, etc.



5. Educational 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 among the pool of trainers of the European Youth Forum and the African trainers

as result of consultations with the Pan African Youth Union. The trainers have specific and complementary experience and will be recruited specifically to further design and implement this course. It should be expected that the trainers' team also reflect gender balance and the cultural, political and geographical diversity of the regions.

6. 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.

7. 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 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, economical 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 Summit final declaration.

8. 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 been nominated by member organisations of the European Youth Forum. For African, national and international youth organisations will be invited to propose candidates for this course the selection will be carried out by the North-South Centre and the Pan African Youth Union.



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 local, 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 and project 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 and identify;
- be able to work and communicate in English and/or French.

9. Support for Travel Expenses

Priority will be given to participants from Africa in terms of full support for the travel cost. For European participants, according to the price of the Ticket the North-South Centre will support participants travel costs fully or in an agreed amount.

10. Course Fee

The Course has a participation fee of 25€ for African participants and of 50€ for European participants, this fee will be paid during the Course.