



North-South Centre of the Council of Europe



In partnership with:

FIRST AFRICAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Tarrafal, 12 to 19 de June, 2009



MAIN OUTCOMES

The First African University on Youth and Development aimed at creating a space for debate and reflection, affirmative youth action and promotion of youth policies, training and non-formal education, as well as intercultural and inter-regional dialogue within the context of Euro-African youth cooperation and the follow-up of the Africa Europe Youth Summit

This activity was organized by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in partnership with the National Youth Council of Portugal, Cape Verde Federation of Youth, the European Youth Forum and the Pan-African Youth Union, with the support of the European Commission, the Government of Cape Verde and the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP).



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From June 12-19 2009, 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, the Pan-African Youth Union and the Youth Forum of the Portuguese Speaking Countries, implemented the **First Edition of the African University of Youth and Development in Tarrafal, Cape Verde.**

This activity brought approximately 100 youth leaders from Africa and Europe to Tarrafal. Over the course of a week, they lived and learned together to co-develop training activities and political participation of youth in the context of Euro-African cooperation

The First Edition of the African University was inspired by and modeled after the University of Youth and Development (in its 10th edition this year), organised by the North-South Centre and its partners in Spain (since 2000) and at the University of Participation and Citizenship in Latin America (since 2004).

The activity was supported by the Partnership on Youth between the Council of Europe and the European Union, and the Joint management Agreement between the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and Europe Aid.

Main objectives of the University where:

- To create a political space where youth can affirm and receive recognition for their role in Euro-African cooperation, particularly in implementing the Strategic Partnership EU -Africa.
- To facilitate the process of defining and implementing youth projects within the Euro-African cooperation, as well as promoting youth policies.
- To provide a space for training, non-formal education and intercultural dialogue for youth leaders.

The Programme of the University

The programme of the University of African Youth and Development for 2009 was composed by the **6th edition of the Africa-Europe Training Course for youth organisations**, implemented by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe under the Youth Partnership Council of Europe and European Union; **Project for Cooperation in the field of training among National Youth Councils - Strengthening partnerships for youth participation through the development of training strategies for Europe - Africa**, coordinated by the National Youth Council of Portugal; the **West Africa Sub-regional Seminar on youth policies and the African Youth Charter**, part of the Joint Management Agreement on Cooperation between the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and Europe Aid; An **Activity of the Cape Verde Federation of Youth with the youth Leagues**, implemented by the Cape Verde Federation of Youth; the **Coordination Meeting of the Youth Forum of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries** - United Nations General Assembly and the **First Phase of Political and Cultural Exchange Brazil - Africa**

Throughout the week, participants were also engaged in a joint program that consists of: cultural activities, comprehensive debates, educational visits, methodologies for learning and non-formal education, and institutional and cultural contacts.

During the University participants had the opportunity to exchange and be intensively exposed to the Cape Verdian Political context. The opening was done by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Ms. Janira Almada and the Closing was done by the Prime Minister Mr. José Maria Neves. They were also received in the Presidential Palace by the President of the Republic, Mr. Pedro Pires. The youngest member of Parliament of Cape Verde, Ms. Vanusa Cardoso integrated the pedagogical team during the full duration of the Course.

The main outcomes of the University where:

- A Final declaration by Participants (attached and available on-line)
- The commitment of the Partners and of the Government of Cape Verde to hold the Second African University on Youth and Development also in Tarrafal.
- The recommendation by participants to the stakeholders of the Africa Europe Youth Summit to start preparations for a second Africa Europe Youth Summit in connection with the 3rd EU-Africa Summit of heads of State to be held in the second half of 2010 in Syrte.
- The announcement by Cape Verdian authorities that Cape Verde will ratify the African Youth Charter in the soonest delay.

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