



Third African University on Youth and Development Cape Verde, 15-22 May 2011

The Third African University on Youth and Development aims at creating a space for debate and reflection; affirmative youth action and the promotion of youth policies; global education and awareness raising for development; training and non-formal education; as well as intercultural and inter-regional dialogue in the context of Euro-African and Global youth co-operation. It is also a space for the follow-up of the Africa Europe Youth Summits and for coordination of the Global Youth Work.

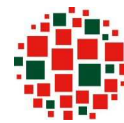
This activity is organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, under the Joint Management Agreement between the European Commission – EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, in partnership with the Cape Verde Federation of Youth, the Portuguese National Youth Council, the Pan-African Youth Union, the European Youth Forum and the Youth Forum of Portuguese Speaking Countries. The Cape Verdean Government, the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP), the Portuguese Cooperation (IPAD) and the Angolan Government support this initiative.



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From 14th to 21st May 2011, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, in partnership with the Cape Verde Federation of Youth, the Portuguese National Youth Council, the Pan-African Youth Union, the European Youth Forum and the Youth Forum of Portuguese Speaking Countries, will hold the **Third Edition of the African University on Youth and Development in Cape Verde**.

This University is a space created in the follow-up of the Africa Europe Youth Summits, held in 2007 and 2010, to provide a youth contribution to the implementation of the Strategic Partnership EU-Africa. This year the University will also act as an important moment for the Global Youth Work and the reflection on the International Year on Youth and on the Decade of African Youth.

Following a very successful and inspiring first two editions of the University, a third edition will be held, this time, gathering approximately 100 youth leaders from Africa and Europe to Cape Verde. Over the course of a week, the youth leaders will live together and learn to co-develop training activities; awareness of development issues and political participation of youth in the context of Euro-African co-operation.

The African University has been inspired by and modelled after the University of Youth and Development <http://www.universityonyouthanddevelopment.org/>, (in its 12th edition this year) organised by the North-South Centre and its partners in Spain (since 2000) and the University of Participation and Citizenship held in Uruguay (since 2004) <http://www.upc.org.uy/convocatoria-7ma-edicion/> .

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Main objectives of the University

- To create a political space where youth can affirm and receive recognition for their role in Euro-African co-operation, particularly in implementing the Strategic Partnership EU-Africa.
- To provide a space for raising awareness on development issues and global education, training, non-formal education and intercultural dialogue for youth leaders.
- To facilitate the process of defining and implementing youth projects within the Euro-African co-operation and Global Youth cooperation and promoting youth policies.



Programme of the University

The programme of the 2011 African University on Youth and Development is composed of:

Global Youth Work Training Course, over the course of seven days 25 to 30 participants from all over the world will be trained in different skills and knowledge areas relevant to support them in successfully managing international projects, establishing partnerships and carrying out advocacy work on behalf of their organisations. Additionally, we aim that the participants will develop concrete actions for the furtherance of a common global youth work agenda. This course aims to The course is organised under the framework of the joint Management Agreement between the European Commission – EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and will be implemented in co-operation with ICMYO and the Portuguese National Youth Council.

The aim of this training course is to strengthen the capacities of youth organisations and the ICMYO network by training active volunteers in the fields of advocacy, project management and international partnership.

The courses objectives are:

- To increase participants' understanding of each other and stimulate dialogue among them in order to reinforce cooperation among youth organisations with an interest in developing co-operation and actively strengthening global civil society,
- To foster participants connection with Global Education and its methodologies.
- To explore the role of advocacy at inter-regional, international and global levels by youth organisations and support participants to increase their competencies in this field
- To discuss the potential of international partnership and share successful strategies adopted by international youth organisations.
- To introduce ICMYO and ensure a common level of understanding of ICMYO's role and status.
- To increase participants' capacity as multipliers in youth organisations.
- To explore possibilities of co-operation initiatives between youth organisations, particularly focussed on advocacy, partnership and project management.
- To share expectations and achievements of the International Year of Volunteering +10, the International Year of Youth and explore possible approaches of ICMYO towards the High Level Segment on Youth.



Crossing Euro-African with Global Youth Work": Training for Trainers on Global Education, developed by the Portuguese Youth Council in partnership with the Youth Forum of the Portuguese Speaking Countries and the Southern Youth Councils of Europe under the Project "Crossing Euro-African with Global Youth Work". In 2009, ten National Youth Councils from Southern Europe and Africa came together for the first time for a long term cooperation project: "Africa-Europe National Youth Councils Training Cooperation – Strengthening Partnerships for Youth Participation through Training Strategies Development". Partners are Portugal, Angola, Spain, Cape-Verde, Italy, Guinea-Bissau, Catalonia, Mozambique, Cyprus and Slovenia.

In 2010, within the framework of the 2nd African University on Youth and Development, most of these partners came together in the second edition of the "School of Youth Leaders

of the CPLP”, as a way to follow-up the 2009 project, by reinforcing the partnership and agreeing on 2011’s project – Crossing Euro-African with Global Youth Work. During 2011, partners are developing the Project “Crossing Euro-African with Global Youth Work”, focusing on Global Education and Cooperation, which were identified as common priority and need.

The objectives of this cooperation project are to:

- develop intercultural dialogue and cooperation;
- empower NYCs, youth organizations and youth leaders envisaging the development of a long term strategic vision of Europe-Africa youth cooperation;
- bring Global Education to NYCs’ educational strategies as an important tool for youth work, youth participation and youth policy development, as well as youth organizations capacity-building and leadership empowerment;
- create a space for sharing good practices;
- empower young educators, (competences related with Non-Formal Education, Global Education and Global Youth Cooperation);
- strengthen NYCs’ role as organisations of local, national and global youth activism and participation in decision making concerning issues relevant to youth and its contribution to cooperation and development;
- bring together several youth cooperation regional processes and build bridges to identify common challenges, interests, to build a global agenda and define a common strategic vision.

The Training for Trainers in Global Education and Global Youth Work represents the 3rd phase of the project and the event will gather educators involved in NYCs to reflect on the practices of Global Education and to gain more competences regarding Global Issues and Cooperation, so that they can prepare trainings/consultations to be run in each partner country. Participants will have the chance to reflect together about their national projects and to share practices and knowledge.

Monitoring Group on Euro-African Youth Cooperation Meeting organised by North-South Centre in the framework of the joint Management Agreement between the European Commission – EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. This group was set up in February 2009 to observe and monitor the implementation of the Africa Europe Youth Activities inscribed in the Joint Management Agreement as well as the Euro African training Activities inscribed in the partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth, to act as a think tank on Euro African youth Co-operation, and to guide the efforts on Africa Europe Youth Cooperation. Since then, the group holds bi-annual meetings which are facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. It consists of representatives of the Pan African Youth Union, the European Youth Forum, the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, the Steering Committee on Youth of the Council of Europe, the African Union Commission, and the European Commission, to this meeting a representative of ADYNE and a representative from ICMYO will also be invited. This will be the 4th Meeting of the Monitoring group.

Joint Programme of the University

Throughout the week, participants in the University will also engage in a joint programme that consists of comprehensive discussions, educational visits, learning methodologies learning and non-formal education, institutional and cultural contacts, and multimedia coverage. In particular the following are foreseen:

- The institutional opening and closing ceremonies;
- Various cultural activities and a thematic evenings devoted to specific themes that will be developed with the help of participants and using their initiative and enjoyment as the driving force.
- Organised by the Cape Verdean Federation of youth, the 19th May will be fully devoted to interactions with the youth and local community from Sal. Devoted to the them of Volunteering, Citizenship and Social action during this day participants will take part in visits to local projects and the local civil society organisations a will engage in volunteering an awareness raising activities with the community of Sal

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