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in co-operation with the International Coordination Meeting of
Youth Organisations (ICMYO)
and the Portuguese National Youth Council (CNJ)

Global Youth Work Training Course

*In the framework of the 3rd African University on Youth and
Development*

Sal, Cape Verde
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(Arrival and departure dates)

**Presentation of the course
& Application form**



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About the Training Course

The Training Course on Global Youth Work is a week long training course for a maximum of 30 representatives of youth organisations from the different regions of the world. 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.

Over the course of seven days the participants 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 year's edition of the Training Course will be organised in the framework of the *3rd African University on Youth and Development*, an initiative of the North South Centre in cooperation 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 and with the support of the Cape Verdean Government.

Background to the Training Course on Global Youth Work

There are millions of young people in the world who have one thing in common: they are in the process of preparing for adult life, seeking to ensure economic independence and become autonomous members of their societies. For that to succeed, young people require the support and help of their families; the conditions to live in peace; access to educational and health facilities; and productive, enjoyable leisure time. These are basic necessities for young people all over the world, irrespective of their race, sex, colour or religion.

The problems of young people, like the problems of the rest of society, need to be approached from a global and interdependent perspective. Despite differences, admitted by all, some problems and their causes are the same both in the North and in the South. In other words, there is a close link between the development of young people and society itself. Therefore, beyond the existence of a global reality lies a youth reality, which should be taken into account in development policies.

Young people, who constitute the majority of the world's population, are an important force and partner in the field of global interdependence and development. It follows, therefore, that youth organisations are social actors who should be recognised as having a role to play in development and who are capable of carrying out projects and programmes in the field of development co-operation. Direct co-operation and exchange of ideas between young people in the North and South is a key instrument of intercultural understanding and global interdependence.

Institutional Framework

The North-South Centre has identified youth and their organisations as a priority target for their activities. In doing so, the Council of Europe aims at raising awareness and increasing solidarity among young people and at promoting and facilitating their active participation in the field of global interdependence, solidarity and co-operation. The Council of Europe is also working towards the inclusion of a youth perspective in the development policies of its member states. Hence, through both the North South Centre and the Directorate on Youth and Sports, the Council of Europe strives to support and enhance capacity building for youth organisations in global co-operation and education at national and regional levels.

This project is a natural progression of the training programme for youth organisations developed by the North-South Centre and the Directorate of Youth and Sport over the last two decades. The training programme includes this annual training course on global youth work, which was traditionally organised in the University on Youth and Development; an Africa-Europe Programme of Training for Youth Organisations; several training activities for the promotion of Human Rights Education; Euro-

Asian and Euro-Latin American Cooperation activities; and a programme on Euro-Mediterranean Youth Training implemented in co-operation with the European Commission through their partnership agreement.

This year's edition of the Course will be held the framework of the 3rd African University on Youth and Development, a space created in the follow-up of the Africa Europe Youth Summit, held in Lisbon in 2007 and to provide a youth contribution to the implementation of the Strategic Partnership EU-Africa.

Following the inspiring early editions of this University, a third edition will be held in 2011 gathering approximately 120 youth leaders from Africa, Europe and other regions in Cape Verde. The African University has been inspired by and modelled after the University on 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/>.

Aims and Objectives of the Course

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.

Educational Principles of the Course

The course is designed as a process of mutual learning, one that takes the participants' experiences as the starting point of the learning process. Active participation and in-depth reflection are the keys to the success of this course. Participants will have the opportunity to compare their approaches to youth work and to challenge each other's ways of working.

In methodological terms, the team aims to make the course:

- a safe and respectful environment
- a multicultural environment , with diversity being present in all its senses
- an opportunity to learn from everything which is different (intercultural learning)
- an experience of non-formal education
- a non-hierarchical space
- learner and learning centred
- an opportunity for learning to learn together
- a co-operative learning environment

- an occasion to learn for change and to participate actively in one's own learning process
- an action oriented learning experience
- an intercultural experience

This training methodology is based on a number of successful experiences of training for youth organisations organised by the North-South Centre and the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe, such as for example: 15 years of North-South Training Courses for Youth Organisations, Euro-Asian and Euro-African Training Courses, the Partnership on Euro-Med Youth Training and over 30 years of Youth Work Training of the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe.

This course is a week-long training programme using a variety of educational methodologies and methods, such as: thematic inputs from key experts in the field and the team, in depth debates and challenging discussions with key actors and each other, individual and group research, simulation exercises, experiential learning exercises, examples of good practices, and more. The participants of the Course will also have the opportunity of participating in the joint programme of the *3rd African University on Youth and Development* involving close to 120 youth representatives.

Educational Team of the Course

The educational team for this course will be composed by 4 trainers recruited by the North-South Centre and by ICMYO member organisations. The trainers have specific and complementary experience in youth work and co-operation and will be recruited specifically to further design and implement this course. The team of trainers will also reflect gender balance and cultural, political and geographical diversity.

Working Languages

The working languages for this course are English and French. Candidates need to be able to work in one of the working languages and should preferably have a passive knowledge of the other. Please also note that the working languages of the African University on Youth and Development include English and Portuguese.

Profile of Participants

Participants selected to attend this course shall be:

- Actively involved as volunteers in youth organisations engaged with international youth work; priority will be given to applicants active in and nominated by an ICMYO member.
- Experienced in youth work and/ or advocacy work at regional or international level
- In a position to develop and run international projects within their organisation as a volunteer
- Motivated to enhance their capacities to manage international activities in their organisations at various levels, such as, but not limited to, local, national, regional, inter-regional, international, world-wide
- Interested in global and inter-regional co-operation between youth organisations
- Aged 18 – 30 and exceptionally up to 35 years of age
- Effectively communicate in the working languages of the course: English or French
- Knowledgeable about her/his youth organisation locally, regionally, and internationally
- Committed to prompt a full and active participation in all the activities

By submitting this application, all participants understand that their participation is not under a personal capacity as it also leaves an impression of the organisation in which they are active.

The selection shall consider, in particular, issues of balance: geographical, regional, gender, personal profile/background, minority status, indigenous communities.

Financial and Practical information:

Travel Expenses

Due to the limited funding to cover travel costs to Sal (Cape Verde), preference in travel support will be given to participants coming from the South or less privileged regions of the North. The North-South Centre will do its best to fully cover the travel cost of all the participants. Selected participants will receive an invitation to participate from the North South Centre in which the conditions for travel reimbursement will be outlined.

Accommodation

The organisers will provide board and lodging for the participants at the site of the 3rd African University on Youth and development.

Participation Fee

A symbolic participation fee of 50 Euros for participants coming from European Union member countries, Australia, New Zealand, and North America; and 25 Euros for those coming from other countries will be charged to participants in cash at the course.

How to apply?

You should complete the enclosed application form. Application and endorsement forms should be sent to the North-South Centre by email (nsc.youthandglobalisation@coe.int). Incomplete applications will not be considered. A maximum of 25 Participants will be selected on the basis of the profile outlined above. Candidates will be informed about whether their application was accepted by the 4th of May. Please note that a final selection of the participants will be made on the basis of the applications received.

N.B. Sending in an application does not guarantee a place in the course.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS

The enclosed application forms should be sent **no later than the 25th April 2011 by email to:**

nsc.youthandglobalisation@coe.int

In order to facilitate the process of selection, please indicate your name in the subject of the e-mail and save attachments (your application and endorsement by your organisation) under your own name. Please note that only applications that are signed/stamped by the nominating organisation will be considered.

Visas

The North-South Centre and the local hosts of the 3rd African University on Youth and Development will support the selected participants in obtaining a visa to enter Cape Verde. In case you need a visa to enter Cape-Verde, please include a copy of your passport with your application (in electronic format).