



# North-South Centre of the Council of Europe



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## FIRST AFRICAN UNIVERSITY ON YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

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**YouthPartnership**



*The First African University on Youth and Development aims 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 is 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 and the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (CPLP).*



**GOVERNO DE CABO VERDE**



**UMOJA**



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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 and the Pan-African Youth Union, will hold the **First Edition of the African University of Youth and Development in Tarrafal, Cape Verde.**

This activity will bring approximately 100 youth leaders from Africa and Europe to Tarrafal. Over the course of a week, they will live and learn 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 has been inspired by and is 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).

This activity is 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 Aida and also supported by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP).

### **Main objectives of the University**

- 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.

### **Programme of the University**

The programme of the University of African Youth and Development for 2009 is 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 in the University will also engage in a joint program that consists of: comprehensive discussions, educational visits, methodologies for learning and non-formal education, and institutional and cultural contacts.

## **6th edition of the Africa-Europe Training Course for youth organisations**

Organised under the Youth Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Union, this course is implemented by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, in partnership with the European Youth Forum. Based on the success of previous editions, this course has been created for 30 participants, leaders of youth organisations from across Africa and Europe, with a team of trainers experienced in European and African Youth Cooperation.

The course focuses on the youth participation in the Strategic Partnership EU-Africa and the framework established by the 2nd Summit of Heads of State and the EU-Africa Youth Summit Africa-EU.

During the course, participants will acquire the knowledge and tools to develop their organisations' capacities as actors of civil society in processes of develop, and learn ways to strengthen their political participation in Euro-African cooperation. The course is also a excellent space for networking and developing partnerships

### **Cooperation Project in the filed of training between National Youth Councils - Strengthening partnerships for youth participation through developing Europe - Africa training strategies.**

Developed under the Youth in Action Program and incorporating twelve Europeans and Africans National Youth Councils, this project has been launched under the challenge of strengthening dialogue and cooperation between youth organisations from Europe and Africa. With the fundamental objective to develop strategies for non-formal education training , this project aims to promote youth participation, to improve the quality of youth work and to develop better policies for youth.

Following the meeting in Guine Bissau, the 2nd phase of this project will be implemented in Cape Verde, from 12 to 20 June. A training Course for Trainers in Non-Formal Education will be carried out to improve knowledge on the role of training and trainers in the work of National Youth Councils. The training course will give participants the skills necessary to develop training activities through non-informal education and support the creation of pools of Trainers.

### **West Africa Sub regional seminar on policies for youth and African Youth Charter**

This seminar is part the of the follow up program that resulted from Africa Europe Youth Summit, which was held in December 2007. This will be the first of five sub-regional workshops that will be held in 5 different sub regions of the African Union. It is organised under the Joint Management Agreement on Cooperation between the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and EuropeAid.

The seminar is aimed towards National Youth Council leaders and national representatives of International Youth Organizations in the countries of West Africa. Its main objectives are to discuss the implementation and dissemination of the African Youth Charter, to collect contributions for major challenges of youth policies, and to assess the situation of youth policies in the sub region. This seminar will involve approximately 25 youth leaders.

### **Coordination Meeting of the Youth Forum of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries - United Nations General Assembly**

In preparation for the forthcoming UN General Assembly, which will be discussed and approved a resolution on Youth, the Youth Forum of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP-FJ) will promote a meeting with the following objectives to: deepen the reflection of and debate on global policies and global programs for youth, ensure that the National Youth Councils of the CPLP contribute to the resolution; strengthen the multilateral work of the Youth Forum of CPLP, and consolidate the dialogue and consultation of the Youth Forum with the Executive Secretary of CPLP and the governments of its Member States in the field of youth issues.

## **The first phase of Political and Cultural Exchange Brazil - Africa - UMOJA**

An initiative of UJIMA, structure of Afro American youth from Brazil. This activity aims to create political and cultural exchange among five black Brazilian youth leaders, involved in youth work in Brazil with young African leaders from African countries of the CPLP present in the 1st African University of Youth and Development. This activity will also be an opportunity to disseminate black culture and forms of political organization of the black-Brazilian youth among organisations and associations working with the themes of human rights, gender, youth and culture.

To support the intellectual production on the situation of young black leaders in Africa and in the African Diaspora, this activity also intends to strengthen mediums for participation and discussion amongst youth and to strengthen cultural and political arguments within this context.

## **National Forum on Youth Participation, Cape Verdean Youth Federation**

As an opportunity for national debate on youth policies, this activity is to be attended by approximately 20 youth leaders from Cape Verde, particularly from the League of Youth. As a part of University of African Youth and Development, this activity is also an opportunity to promote exchange with the other activity participants from Africa, Europe and Brazil, as well as promote greater participation in the Africa-Europe Cooperation discussion on the concerns of youth. This activity will be implemented by Federation of Cape Verdean Youth with the support of the National Directorate for Youth of Cape Verde.

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