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#Fortheculture of Human Rights and the Rule of Law



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The African University on Youth and Development

The [African University on Youth and Development \(AUYD\)](#) is a biannual event organised by the [North-South Centre of the Council of Europe \(NSC\)](#), part of the [Summer Universities](#), organised with the collaboration of the NSC's Network on Youth and Global Citizenship. It consists of a week-long programme integrating capacity building activities, multilateral meetings and plenary sessions that address a topical annual theme relevant to youth stakeholders in Africa and Europe.

Each University gathers around a hundred of young people, youth workers, field experts, and decision makers, providing them all with a space to meet, debate, build their capacities and cooperate on youth policy issues having as a reference the standards of the Council of Europe and other international organisations.

The activities taking place within the AUYD allow for the sharing of knowledge and good practices, the planning of future actions to empower young people and the designing of common messages advocating for a youth perspective that is transversal to common priorities.

The AUYD is organised in the framework of [iLEGEND III: Intercultural Learning Exchange through Global Education, Networking and Dialogue](#), a Joint programme of the European Union and the Council of Europe: co-funded by the European Union and the Council of Europe and implemented by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. The overall objective of the project is to increase the active engagement of EU member States, candidates, and potential candidate countries' citizens (in particular young people) in safeguarding sustainable development and confronting global challenges and inequalities at local and global level.

The 2024 edition relies on the support of the hosting authorities of Cabo Verde: the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, and [Cabo Verde's Institute of Sports and Youth \(IDJ\)](#).

The annual theme: #Fortheculture¹ of Human Rights and the Rule of Law

Today we witness alarming signs of erosion of the rules-based global order that was established 75 years ago, and that placed human rights at the heart of international relations.

While governments implement regulatory frameworks to combat corruption, violence, and crime, these issues often transcend national borders and are increasingly interconnected worldwide. To ensure the safety, dignity, and human rights of all individuals, many governments are enhancing efforts to uphold the rule of law through public institutions nationally, but also internationally.

International conventions for instance, play a pivotal role in promoting the Rule of Law at the national level and among young people. They set standards, drive legal reforms, strengthen judicial systems, and ensure accountability. Countries that ratify these conventions commit to adhering to these standards, helping to harmonize legal systems globally. This can lead to significant legal reforms and the modernization of legal systems. Furthermore, many international conventions include mechanisms for

¹ "For the Culture" is a term commonly used on social media platforms like Twitter and Instagram. Someone is said to be "doing it for the culture" when they "carry out a specific action for benefit of their shared culture" or when they do something they might not normally do, but "because the added value of doing it is high, [they] do it anyway." Urban Dictionary available at <https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=For%20the%20Culture> Accessed 24 May 2024.

monitoring and reporting, ensuring that countries are held accountable for their commitments. This fosters transparency and adherence to the Rule of Law.

Taking the example of the Council of Europe, as a European regional organisation for the protection of human rights in Europe, with the European Convention on Human Rights as its main reference, the Council has adopted more than 220 conventions to protect fundamental rights, many of which are open to accession by non-European countries. Instruments such as the Convention on Prevention of Corruption, the Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest), the Convention on Data Protection or the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul) help to promote human rights in Europe and beyond. Likewise, on the side of the African Union, there are over 70 treaties, conventions, protocols, and charters covering a variety of critical issues for the continent and worldwide.

International conventions can also inspire and support youth-led advocacy and activism. Young people are often at the forefront of movements for social justice and legal reform, driven by the principles enshrined in these conventions. Movements for climate justice, gender equality, and human rights in general, frequently draw on the frameworks provided by international conventions to advance their causes.

It is in this context that education plays a critical role in promoting a culture of human rights and Rule of Law and there is a growing international consensus on the need that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote human rights, or global citizenship, which is also at the core of education for rule of law². The [Council of Europe's Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education \(the Charter\)](#) or the [African Union's Youth Charter](#), highlight the relevance of this education approach.

In line with the [African Union's Year of Education](#), the 2024 African University on Youth and Development will focus on the importance of education for human rights and the Rule of Law among young people. This initiative aims to raise awareness among representatives of youth organizations about leveraging international conventions to promote a global culture of human rights and the Rule of Law, especially among young people.

The North-South Centre and the Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation

Key instrument of the external dimension of the [Council of Europe](#), the [North-South Centre](#) serves as a vector for transmitting its values, standards, and tools beyond the European continent through political dialogue, networking, and the implementation of cooperation projects. As an Enlarged Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe, it brings together several European, Middle East and African countries to exchange ideas and take action on shared issues. With decades of expertise in the fields of global education, intercultural dialogue, and youth sector cooperation in Europe and beyond, and a broad geographical mandate with a focus on the Southern Neighbourhood and Sub-Saharan Africa, the NSC, through its institutionalised “quadrilogue” approach, engages high-level representatives from governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities, as well as civil society from different regions of the world to work together on issues of common interest. The forefront role played by civil society, thanks to a robust network of youth organisations, ensures a structured, inclusive, and sustainable participation with a multiplier effect.

² UNESCO and UNODC (2019) “Strengthening the rule of law through education: a guide for policymakers”. Available at <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000366771> Accessed 25 April 2024.

The NSC is an actor in the Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation since 2007, when it organised in Lisbon the first Africa-Europe Youth Summit. Following this milestone, the NSC developed an “[Africa-Europe Youth Cooperation Programme](#)” (AEYC), a multiannual programmatic framework supported by both the European Union and the African Union which allowed for the implementation of a vast range of activities: training courses, funding schemes, monitoring groups and online resource centres, etc.

With this experience and expertise, the NSC is well placed to contribute to the implementation of the [Reykjavik Declaration](#) to enhance the external dimension of the Council of Europe by disseminating the values and standards of the Council of Europe among the youth, a cornerstone to i) ensure the sustainability of reforms ii) develop further and gradually cooperation with Sub-Saharan African countries that demonstrate an interest in the standards of the Council of Europe, and iii) act as a facilitating platform for dialogue between Europe and other regions of the world on the priorities of the Council of Europe.

DEAR: European Commission's Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme

The [European Commission's Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme \(DEAR\)](#), supports projects that engage the EU public in worldwide issues of social, economic, and environmental development. The DEAR programme works with civil society organisations and local authorities to promote universal values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law and enables the European public to make positive contributions to global development.

Since the 1970s, the EU has supported educators and civil society actors in introducing development themes in curricula and public awareness. Through its programme for Development Education and Awareness Raising Programme (DEAR) and other EU-funded Programmes (e.g. Erasmus, Horizon Europe and cohesion funds), the EU continues to support campaigns, advocacy actions and more focused Global Citizenship Education projects like iLEGEND.

2024 AUYP activities

2nd Training course – Rule of Law Youth Network

Organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

The [Rule of Law Youth Network \(RoLYN\)](#) aims to equip youth organisations with knowledge, tools, and a platform to delve deeper into Rule of Law issues based on Council of Europe and other international standards, instilling a sense of ownership and responsibility among youth, and encouraging youth action leading to positive change in their communities. Launched in January 2024, the first edition of the RoLYN focuses on linkages between corruption and environmental degradation.

The objectives of the training are to:

- Delve deeper on the definitions of corruption and the environment.
- Reinforce participants’ knowledge on the Council of Europe and its corruption and environment standards.
- Acquire knowledge about other international standards in the fight against corruption and the protection of the environment.
- Gain tools to better analyse the causes of corruption in environmental sectors.
- Gain tools to design advocacy strategies based on the knowledge gained.

Participants: this training is closed to the 20 selected organisations of the Rule of Law Youth Network.

Workshop – Advocacy and Awareness-raising for Abolition of the Death Penalty in Africa

Organised in partnership with Together against the death penalty (ECPM) and the Council of Europe’s Directorate of Human Rights – through its coordinator for the abolition of death penalty – in collaboration with the North-South Centre

In line with the Reykjavik Declaration, where the Heads of State and Government of the Council of Europe emphasized the Council's role “in the fight against the death penalty and in Favor of its universal abolition, in all places and in all circumstances,” this seminar is organised with the objective of training and supporting future ambassadors for the abolition of the death penalty in Africa.

The workshop will offer participants a unique opportunity to:

- Strengthen their theoretical knowledge on the subject, including abolitionist arguments and the global situation.
- Discover and deepen their mastery of advocacy and action methods.
- Collaborate with engaged and creative students and youth workers in Africa.
- Understand collaborative project construction techniques.
- Engage in a meaningful, supportive, and intercultural human experience within the framework of the AUYP.

Participants: This workshop is open to students in law, journalism, political science, communication, arts, education, and humanities, as well as active members of civil society passionate about Human Rights and eager to contribute to the process of universal abolition of the death penalty. Eligible participants must be citizens of an African country, aged 18 to 30 years, and proficient in French (as it is the working language of the workshop).

Meeting of Europe-Africa stakeholders active in the field of youth (Stakeholders’ meeting)

Facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

The stakeholders meeting is a recurrent meeting gathering relevant players of the youth sector to share their work, identify common priorities and explore synergies for a greater coordination in the youth field in the EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa) region.

The activity is part of the NSC’s project “Peace YP - promoting Euro-Africa cooperation to enhance youth participation for peace”. The project explores the interdependence between the Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda (YPS) and the SDG16 that addresses key questions around the Rule of Law.

This year’s stakeholders’ meetings will reflect about factors of human rights and rule of law education from the perspective of institutions and organisations in Europe and Africa.

Participants: representatives of national and international institutions and organisations active in the field of Europe-Africa youth cooperation.

Workshop "Social Entrepreneurship: Promoting Human Rights through Business"

Organized by Cabo Verde's Institute of Sports and Youth (IDJ)

With the growing global awareness of the role that businesses and entrepreneurs can play as agents in promoting fair and sustainable practices that respect and promote human rights, as well as the increasing demand for products and services that adhere to high ethical standards, IDJ aims to provide young people from Cabo Verde with a space for learning and debate on the development of business models that promote human rights. Through a combination of theoretical learning and interactive methodologies, the workshop aims to contribute to a new generation of socially responsible entrepreneurs dedicated to ethical and impactful business operations.

The workshop will offer participants the opportunity to:

- Acquire knowledge and practical tools to boost the social impact of businesses.
- Strengthen intercontinental collaboration through sharing best practices and experiences, and fostering a global network of entrepreneurs committed to social inclusion and economic justice.
- Learn and debate how to promote more resilient and sustainable business models in the long term.
- Challenge participants to think outside the box, encouraging innovation.

Participants: 20 young aspiring entrepreneurs and owners of small and medium-sized enterprises from Cabo Verde seeking to integrate human rights practices into their business models.

Overview of the AUYD programme

The AUYD 2024 takes place from Monday 24 to Sunday 30 June 2024.

The schedule of the week enables various organisations to run their own activities (training, workshop, seminars, etc.) while ensuring enough time for everyone to get together around the "Joint Programme". Therefore, the programme of the week is divided in two main moments:

- **Plenary activities**: moments gathering all the people involved in the AUYD. It consists of series of initiatives of different nature: from informal and playful evening activities to more formal debates exploring the annual theme with representatives from governments and experts. Plenary activities are also designed to encourage networking and intercultural dialogue whilst simultaneously addressing the challenges young people face today.

The development of these activities is supported by a Joint Pedagogical Team composed of experienced trainers, youth animators, musicians, graphic artists, and media professionals in charge of building up community spirit throughout the event and of ensuring a fruitful learning experience for everyone.

- **Parallel Activities**: activities that under the umbrella of the annual theme, cover a specific angle of the university's motto. Each activity takes place in an independent room, with their own trainers, participants, and resource persons, following their own programme and counting on their own financial and human resources.

The educational model implemented in the AUYD is largely inspired by the North-South Centre's [Global Education Guidelines](#), contributing to raise awareness of Sustainable Development Goal 4.7. on Global Citizenship education.

General overview:

| | Mond 24* | Tuesd 25 | Wed 26 | Thurs 27 | Frid 28 | Sat 29 | Sun 30 |
|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| 9:30-11:00 | Activities | Opening | Roundtable | Activities | Activities | Activities | Departures |
| 11:00-11:30 | C. Break | | | C. Break | C. Break | C. Break | |
| 11:30-13:00 | Activities | Activities | Activities | F Plenary | Activities | | |
| 13:00-14:30 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | | |
| 14:30-16:00 | Activities | Activities | Activities | Activities | Activities | | |
| 16:00-16:30 | C. Break | C. Break | C. Break | Plenary | C. Break | C. Break | |
| 16:30-18:00 | Activities | Activities | Activities | | Field visit and Mexe Mexe | Free | |
| 18:00-19:30 | Free | Movie Pirinha | Batuque | Visit Pílorinho Association | | Dinner | |
| 19:30-21:00 | Dinner | Dinner | Dinner | | | Free | |
| 21:00-22:30 | Free | Int Program | Int Program | | | | |

Monday 24 June

Start of the Workshop: Advocacy and Awareness-raising for Abolition of the Death Penalty in Africa.

Tuesday 25 June

PLENARY ACTIVITY - Sala de Conferências

9:30 Registration

10:00 Welcome by the President of the Ribeira Grande City Council, Nelson Moreira

10:05 Institutional Opening of the 9th African University on Youth and Development

- Rocio Cervera, Deputy Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
- Jorge Orlando Queiros, Chair of the Steering Committee on Youth of the Council of Europe.
- Carla Grijó, Ambassador to the European Union Delegation in Cabo Verde
- Carlos Monteiro, Deputy to the Prime Minister, responsible for Youth and Sports, Government of Cabo Verde

11:00 **Group photo**

11:10 *Coffee Break*

11:30 **Introduction to the 9th edition of the African University on Youth and Development**
Presentation by the facilitators of the Joint Programme introducing the AUJD, its activities and the teams behind it.

PARALELL ACTIVITIES

12:00-13:00

| PARALELL ACTIVITIES | | | |
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| Participants split in groups and go to different rooms according to the specific activity they take part in with its own programme. | | | |
| Training Rule of Law Youth Network | Workshop Abolition of Death Penalty | Meeting Africa-Europe Stakeholders | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship |
| CoE NSC | CoE-NSC-ECPM | NSC | IDJ |

13:00-14:30

Lunch break

14:30-16:00

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| Training Rule of Law Youth Network | Workshop Abolition of Death Penalty | Meeting Africa-Europe Stakeholders | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship |
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16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-18:00

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PLENARY ACTIVITY

18:00-19:30

Screening of the film "Pirinha" by Natasha Craveiro, followed by a presentation by a youth orchestra and concluded with a debate.

19:30-21:00

Dinner

Wednesday 26 June

PLENARY ACTIVITY - Sala de Conferências

9:30-13:00

Roundtable #Fortheculture of Human Rights and the Rule of Law

Address by H.E. Ms Joana Gomes Rosa Amado, Minister of Justice of Cabo Verde

Facilitator: Richard Apeh, lead facilitator of the AUJD programme

Panellists

- Mounir Bensalah, Secretary General of the Human Rights Council of Morocco
- Keagetswe Alex Kgotlaetsile, Education Lead, Youth Division, Women Gender, and Youth Directorate
- Roberta Bojang, Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, Youth Organisation for the European and African Union.
- Commissioner Jose Avelino Monteiro Carvalho, Ministry of Justice, Cabo Verde
- Rocio Cervera, Deputy Executive Director of the NSC of the Council of Europe

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 **Presentation of the 1 million Next Level Initiative**
Youth Division, Women Gender, and Youth Directorate, African Union Commission

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

PARALELL ACTIVITIES

14:30-16:00

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| CoE NSC | CoE-NSC-ECPM | NSC | IDJ |

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-18:00

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PLENARY ACTIVITY - Sala de Conferências

18:00-19:30 Presentation of "Roda de Batuku," a traditional expression of music and dance from the island of Santiago, where participants will learn about its history, experience the dance, followed by "Lanche Terra Terra."

19:30-21:00 Dinner

Thursday 27 June

PARALELL ACTIVITIES

9:30-11:00

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| Training Rule of Law Youth Network | Workshop Abolition of Death Penalty | Meeting Africa-Europe Stakeholders | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship |
| CoE NSC | CoE-NSC-ECPM | NSC | IDJ |

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00

| PARALELL ACTIVITIES | | | |
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| Training Rule of Law Youth Network | Workshop Abolition of Death Penalty | Meeting Africa-Europe Stakeholders | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship |
| CoE NSC | CoE-NSC-ECPM | NSC | IDJ |

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:30

| PARALELL ACTIVITIES | | | |
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| Training Rule of Law Youth Network | Workshop Abolition of Death Penalty | Meeting Africa-Europe Stakeholders | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship |
| CoE NSC | CoE-NSC-ECPM | NSC | IDJ |

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

PLENARY ACTIVITY - Sala de Conferências

15:30-16:30 **Presentation of the youth engagement and global gateway strategy of the European Union**

Maria Ángeles de Ramón Ferrando, DG International Partnerships, European Commission

16:30-21:00 **Visit to Associacao Pelourinho followed by visit to EU Xalabas project and dinner**

Friday 28 June

PARALELL ACTIVITIES

9:30-11:00

| PARALELL ACTIVITIES | | |
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| Training Rule of Law Youth Network | Workshop Abolition of Death Penalty | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship |
| CoE NSC | CoE-NSC-ECPM | NSC |

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

PLENARY ACTIVITY - Sala de Conferências

11:30-13:00 **Wrap-up plenary**

Plenary moment providing each group with the opportunity to present the main focus and immediate outcomes per activity.

Presentation of the youth engagement strategy of the African Union Commission

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

PARALELL ACTIVITIES

14:30-16:00

| PARALELL ACTIVITIES | |
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| Training Rule of Law Youth Network | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship |
| CoE NSC | NSC |

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

PLENARY ACTIVITY

16:30-18:00 **Field Visit**

Participants are invited by IDJ to take a historical tour of Cidade Velha, accompanied by tour guides, to discover its patrimony. Afterwards, a "Mexemexê" class, a traditional sporting activity that is part of the National Physical Activity and Health Program of Cabo Verde is offered.

19:30-21:00 Dinner

Saturday 29 June

PARALELL ACTIVITIES

9:30-11:00

| PARALELL ACTIVITIES | |
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| Training Rule of Law Youth Network CoE NSC | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship NSC |

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00

| PARALELL ACTIVITIES | |
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| Training Rule of Law Youth Network CoE NSC | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship NSC |

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:00

| PARALELL ACTIVITIES | |
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| Training Rule of Law Youth Network CoE NSC | Workshop Social Entrepreneurship NSC |

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

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