



## North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

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### **Call for Participants** **Deadline 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe**

**21 -28 September 2014 – Molina, Spain**

In the framework of the 15<sup>th</sup> University on Youth and  
Development

**Organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in the  
framework of the Joint Management Agreement between the  
European Commission – EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the  
North-South Centre**



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## 1. Background of North-South Centre's Youth Co-operation Programme

The objective of the Youth Co-operation Programme of the Centre in terms of youth is to provide **training and capacity building for young people and youth organisations** as well as to facilitate their participation in decision and policy making, in the framework of **quadrilogue initiatives**. The Youth Co-operation Programme is composed by **3 main dimensions**:

1. A **Euro Arab and Mediterranean dimension** that includes a new capacity-building programme that it is being developed in 2014 focused on "Structured Participation in Democratic Processes". A first pilot training activity will take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship.
2. The **Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship** that gathers the different Universities in a coherent and articulated system and brings together relevant youth organisations and institutions working in regional co-operation processes, global education and global youth work. A 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the University on Youth and Development will be organised in Molina, Spain (21-28 September 2014).
3. The **Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation** activities in the framework of the "Joint Management Agreement" signed with the European Commission in November 2008 and renewed until 2015. This agreement includes the organisation of training activities, an Online Resource Centre ([www.aeyco.com](http://www.aeyco.com)) a Seed Funding grant and the meetings of the Africa-Europe Youth Platform.

## 2. Background on ADYNE - African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe

The African Diaspora Youth Network – ADYNE is a platform of organisations, led and driven by young Africans and young people with African backgrounds living in Europe<sup>1</sup>. It **aims and endeavours to serve the interests of young people from all over Europe, promoting their active participation in a constructive dialogue between African and European societies**.



*4<sup>th</sup> Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe – Hammamet, Tunisia (June, 2013)*

<sup>1</sup> ADYNE refers to the term "youth" and "young people" according to the definition given by the African Youth Charter. These terms shall refer to every person between the ages of 15 and 35 years. Similarly, ADYNE refers to the term "African Diaspora" according to the definition provided by the African Union Charter: "people of African origin living outside the continent, irrespective of their citizenship and nationality and who are willing to contribute to the development of the continent ...".

For the past years, a growing number of young African leaders from the Diaspora have felt the need to create a network to connect with each other and express their needs, interests and aspirations. They strongly believe that, as Africans from the Diaspora, they can be key actors and be the bridge between African and European societies. Therefore, they joined their efforts to make this vision a reality and launched a process that resulted in the establishment of the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe - ADYNE.

ADYNE is a continuous process that aims to become the face of the African Diaspora young people in Europe, actively participating and contributing, for the sustainable development of our societies.

Please visit: [www.adyne.eu](http://www.adyne.eu)

### 3. Background of the 15<sup>th</sup> University on Youth and Development and the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship

#### The **University on Youth and Development** (UYD)

UYD is an activity organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (NSC) in partnership with the Spanish Government (INJUVE), the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the Spanish Youth Council (CJE), the Latin-American Youth Forum (FLAJ) and other international youth organisations and youth serving organisations.<sup>2</sup>

Since its first edition in 2000, the University takes place once a year bringing together representatives of youth organisations and youth movements from all over the world who gather in CEULAJ (Euro-Latin-American Youth Centre)<sup>3</sup> to discuss, train and be trained as well as to take political action around the main issues on the global agenda.



*12<sup>th</sup> University on Youth and Development (2011)*

The University is the oldest University of the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship (together with the 3 others that have been organised in Tunisia, Cape Verde and Uruguay) that is facilitated by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. The Network has identified "**Youth Opportunities**" as the joint theme for all the Universities in 2014.

<sup>2</sup> For more information: <http://www.uyd.me/> [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth_en.asp)

<sup>3</sup> For more information: <http://www.ceulaj.injuve.es>

In 2014, the University on Youth and Development will be gathering for the 15<sup>th</sup> edition and therefore renewed hopes and aspirations, objectives and challenges are launched to the partners to reinforce this as the space and home of Global Youth Work and of the Global Youth Movement.

The overall **objectives of the University** are to promote youth work development and youth participation as well as political mainstreaming of the youth related issues and youth policy development; to reinforce capacity-building of civil society organisations; to foster youth co-operation and Global Youth Work; and to promote human rights, intercultural dialogue and democratic citizenship as essential dimensions of global education.

### **The Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship**

This Network, created in 2011 includes the *University on Youth and Development*; the *University of Participation and Citizenship* (Latin America); the *African University on Youth and Development*; and the Mediterranean University on Youth and Global Citizenship.

The Network provides an exceptional space for young people and youth organisations around the world to meet, debate, **build their capacity and cooperate on youth policy related issues**.

The educational model developed in these Universities has been enhanced by its various partners and largely inspired by the Global Education Guidelines<sup>4</sup>, systematised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and by the new framework provided by Council of Europe Recommendation on education for global interdependence and solidarity<sup>5</sup> (CM/Rec(2011)4, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 5 May 2011).

Committed to further **strengthen the interregional and global youth co-operation** and the impacts of its activities, the partners engaged in this network decided to develop a coherent and coordinated system for the Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship.

The establishment of this Network is expected to bring added value to the political support and funding of the Universities as well as to strengthen the impact of the work of the Universities and its partners in youth development.



*Meeting of the Network of Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship – 13<sup>th</sup> University on Youth and Development (2012)*

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/GE-Guidelines/GEguidelines-web.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/GE\\_recommendation2011.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/GE_recommendation2011.pdf)



#### 4. Background of the 5<sup>th</sup> Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe

The **Africa-EU Strategic Partnership**, a framework created by the 2<sup>nd</sup> EU-Africa Heads of States Summit, and the Africa-Europe Youth Summits recognise youth as a key actor in development in Africa and in Europe. The empowerment of youth organisations and youth movements, as well as the strengthening of co-operation between African and European youth, is decisive for a sustained youth contribution to policy-making.

As a follow-up of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits in 2007 and 2010, the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe has been **developing and implementing a programme** in partnership with key governmental and non-governmental actors in Africa and Europe, including the **African Union Commission**, the **European Commission**, the **European Youth Forum** and the African Youth Platforms such as the **African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe**, the **Pan African Youth Union** and the **Network of International Youth Organisations in Africa**.

The North-South Centre co-operates with the European Commission (Europe Aid, DG DevCo) in order to secure a sustainable process for collaboration which will provide important support of various (youth) structures, quality reassurance and funding for Africa-Europe youth work.

In November 2008, the North-South Centre and the European Commission (EuropeAid) signed a **Joint Management Agreement (JMA)** for the period of three years (2009-2011) that aimed at strengthening global education in the new Member States of the European Union and supporting Africa-Europe youth co-operation. This agreement was prolonged until 2012 in November 2011. A new JMA was signed in September 2012 for the period 2013-2015.<sup>6</sup>

Apart from the Joint Management Agreement, a **series of Euro-African training activities have been implemented between 2009-2012** in the framework of the EU-CoE youth partnership (DGEAC).

Moreover, as a follow-up of the Africa-Europe Youth Summits and in order to answer to the priorities of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership, this Africa-Europe Youth Programme aims to:

- Promote the **empowerment of Europe's and Africa's youth**;<sup>7</sup>
- Strengthen young people's capacity to share information and to get involved in the **implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Joint Strategy**;<sup>8</sup>
- Facilitate **encounters and exchange between young Africans and Europeans**;<sup>9</sup>
- Help **mapping the existing African youth networks**.<sup>10</sup>

This Programme implemented by the North-South Centre includes activities such as:

- **Five sub-regional seminars** on youth policies and African youth charter (finalised in December 2012);
- **Africa-Europe training courses** for youth organisations (nine editions until 2013), and training opportunities for **African Diaspora in Europe**;

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/JMA/JMA\\_Intro\\_EN.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE/JMA/JMA_Intro_EN.asp)

<sup>7</sup> As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and social development

<sup>8</sup> As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and social development

<sup>9</sup> As in 108, under civil society + 108. under the heading Monitoring, evaluation and review mechanisms

<sup>10</sup> As in the action plan of the joint strategy under the heading Making it work: institutional architecture and implementation

- Mapping exercise of Africa-Europe youth co-operation/work, leading to the creation of an **Africa Europe Youth Co-operation on-line resource centre** (AEYCO – [www.aeyco.com](http://www.aeyco.com));
- Providing **Seed Funding** for pilot youth NGO exchanges (5<sup>th</sup> round in 2014);
- Establishment of the **Africa-Europe Youth Platform** and institutional follow-up, monitoring and implementation with key youth actors from Africa and Europe, and representatives of implementing agencies and institutions of the Africa-Europe youth strategy (1<sup>st</sup> meeting of AEYP was held in November 2012, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in November 2013, Brussels, Belgium);
- **African University on Youth and Development** (5<sup>th</sup> edition in 2013).

Between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, it took place the **3<sup>rd</sup> Africa-Europe Youth Leaders' Summit** in Brussels, Belgium. "To ensure that the future Africa-EU partnership will include a stronger focus on youth and youth organisations, the youth of Africa and Europe call upon the heads of state and government at the 4th Africa-EU Summit to build on success of the Africa-Europe Youth work and address the common youth challenges through establishment of an Africa-EU Youth Facility targeting joint actions on:

1. Leadership development,
2. Strengthened Africa-EU youth entrepreneurship and
3. Promotion of the role of youth for peace."<sup>11</sup>

Within the framework mentioned above and encouraged by the success and demand of the previous training courses (Almada- Portugal- in 2009, in Praia/São Francisco - Cape Verde in 2010, Braga/Portugal in 2012, Hammamet, Tunisia in 2013) and of the thematic Seminar on the African Youth Diaspora and the Millennium Development Goals (held in Spain in 2011), the North- South Centre of the Council of Europe will continue to invest in organising a capacity-building activity for youth organisations from the African Youth Diaspora living in Europe.

The fifth Training Course will be organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in **co-operation with the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe** (ADYNE). The Course will be organised in the framework of the 15<sup>th</sup> University on Youth and Development, from the **21<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014**.



*3<sup>rd</sup> Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe – Braga, Portugal (May, 2012)*

At the political level the Diaspora is **considered by the African Union as the 6<sup>th</sup> region of Africa** and the 6<sup>th</sup> building block of the African Union. These groups are also important actors for youth co-operation and represent for the hosting societies an immense richness in terms of human resources, intercultural opportunities and

<sup>11</sup> 3rd Africa-Europe Youth Leaders' Summit – Summit Paper: [http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/sites/default/files/userfiles/3rd\\_africa\\_europe\\_youth\\_leaders\\_summit\\_-\\_summit\\_paper\\_.pdf](http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/sites/default/files/userfiles/3rd_africa_europe_youth_leaders_summit_-_summit_paper_.pdf)

possibilities for relationship with the origin societies. The Youth organisations and youth groups from the African Diaspora living in Europe are fundamental actors for the Youth Co-operation.

During the course participants will develop competences to strengthen the role they play with regard to Euro-African Co-operation and to develop the capacity of their organisations as civil society actors. Participants will exchange experiences and strategies to empower the youth community of Africans Living in Europe and to empower also actions developed from a local level to achieve the global goals involved within the Euro-African co-operation framework.

The focus of this edition will be on the development of competences of youth leaders and capacity-building of their organisations on project and organisational management, to contribute for the fulfilment of their role as actors of change in their communities.

The course will also be an important tool to renew, enlarge and consolidate the network of youth leaders from the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe, initiated by the participants of the first training course. The course will provide an excellent **space for strategic networking** and finding partners; this dimension will be most strongly encouraged by the team of trainers as well as for intercultural dialogue and intercultural learning.

Furthermore, the course is a unique moment of **practical and political follow-up of the Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation** and the outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Africa-Europe Youth Platform and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Africa-Europe Youth Leaders' Meeting.



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## 5. Aims of the Training Course

The training course aims to:

- **Strengthen the role of young people**, particularly youth leaders and youth workers **from the African Diaspora**, active in youth organisations in the hosting societies or leading African Diaspora youth groups/movements.
- **Empower and promote the capacity to organise, take action and foster their political participation** in their communities, in the Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation and Global Youth Work, through the development of competences related with project and organisational management.

## 6. Objectives of the Training Course

The concrete objectives of the training are to enable participants:

- to develop a **common understanding** of the situations and challenges faced by young people from the African Diaspora Living in Europe;
- to strengthen **individual and organisational competences** for project and organisational management;
- to get acquainted with different **tools for designing, implementing and evaluating quality projects**;
- to reflect about organisational management and **identify strategies and instruments for a more efficient, sustainable and inclusive work**;
- to co-operate in a **network** with other participants and their projects;
- to get acquainted with the action framework provided by the **Africa-EU Strategic Partnership and the Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation process**;
- to live through an **intercultural experience** with the opportunity to develop expertise and know-how on intercultural learning.

## 7. Training Methodology

The training course will be a **residential programme of 6 days**, and it will be held in Mollina (Spain), from the 21<sup>st</sup> (arrival day) to the 28<sup>th</sup> September (departure day). The pedagogical team of the course will be composed of **3/4 experienced trainers in Euro-African co-operation and project/organisational management**.

The pedagogical team will be responsible to further design and implement the methodology of the course. Invited guests and experts will provide proposals for reflection in a process based on **global education and participant-centred methodologies**. The training methodology is based on a number of successful experiences of training for youth workers and youth leaders developed by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe.



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The programme will include a variety of **educational methods** such as: thematic and political inputs and discussions, new technologies, reference documents, simulation exercises, group dynamics, interactive role plays, good practices sharing, etc..

**The course will gather close to 20 youth leaders from, working with or interested to work with the African Diaspora** active in youth organisations in the hosting societies or leading African Diaspora youth groups and movements.



## 8. Expected results

- **Building capacity of multipliers** from youth leaders (or working with) the African Diaspora in youth/civil society organisations in Europe with the necessary competences to better manage their projects and organisations, develop their network and strengthen youth participation.
- An **informal network** of youth leaders from the African Diaspora and organisations actively committed to the strengthening of Civil Society;
- An **increased engagement** of the youth from African Diaspora in the Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation.
- An increase in the **understanding of the instruments and opportunities to follow-up and implement** the new framework of the Africa –EU Strategic Partnership, the Africa-Europe Youth Summits' final declarations and 2012-2015 Action Plan.

## 9. Working Languages

The different sessions of the **training course will be in English**. Candidates must be fluent in English and are requested to indicate their language level in the application form.

## 10. Profile of Participants

The participants in this course are representatives of **youth organisations and youth groups of African origin living in Europe and/or working/interested to work directly with African Diaspora youth**. The course is open for residents of all member-states of the Council of Europe.

Concerning participants and their profile:

- Should be from African origin or working/interested to work directly with the African diaspora youth community, playing an active role within a youth organisation, network or service at local, national or regional level, and plan to continue this work in the near future;
- Aged between 18 and 30;
- Have already some qualification or experience in terms of international youth work and project management;
- Be committed to attend the full duration of the course and be supported by a youth organisation or service;
- Be able to present the context of their work, their way of tackling problems, the challenges they meet and identify;
- Be able to work and communicate in English.

The selection process will take into consideration organisational, gender and geographical balance.

## 11. Logistics

The North-South Centre will **do its best to fully cover the international travel** costs 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.

**Local transfers** between Malaga Airport and Antequera-Santa Ana/Bobadilla train stations will be organised by the partners of the 15<sup>th</sup> University on Youth and Development.

**Board and lodging** will be assured in CEULAJ by the organisers for the entire duration of the course (including breakfast, lunch, dinner and two daily coffee-breaks). Participants will be accommodated in double/triple rooms.

It is expected that participants/background organisation support the **expenses related with local transports in the home country and transit.**

## 12. Course Fee

The Course will have a participation fee of **25€ (twenty-five euros)**, which will be paid during the Course.

## 13. Deadline for Applications

All candidates fulfilling the criteria and interested to participate should send the [enclosed application](#) form to [nsc.africaeurope-youthsummit@coe.int](mailto:nsc.africaeurope-youthsummit@coe.int) by **the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014.**

A **recommendation letter** from the organisation clearly stating the added value and possible follow-up of the participation of the applicant in the training course should be sent (scan version) in the same email of the application form. This letter should be signed and stamped.

The application form and recommendation letter are necessary to consider the application eligible.

All applicants should receive a **confirmation email of reception of documents** within 5 working days after the deadline. If you do not receive it please contact us.

The **selection results will be announced by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014.**

**Deadline for submission: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014**  
**Applications sent after deadline will not be considered**



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