



## North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

### Call for Participants Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### 6<sup>th</sup> Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe - Training of Trainers -

8 - 15 November 2015 – Nairobi, Kenya

In the framework of the 7<sup>th</sup> African 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



In partnership with:



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

The objective of the Youth Co-operation Programme of the Centre 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 of **3 main dimensions**:

1. A **Euro Arab and Mediterranean dimension** that includes a new capacity-building programme focused on "Structured Participation in Democratic Processes" with training activities developed in the context 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 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the University on Youth and Development was organised in Mollina, Spain (20-27 September 2015).
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 the end of 2015. This agreement includes the organisation of training activities, an Online Resource Centre ([www.aeyco.com](http://www.aeyco.com)) a Seed Funding programme and the meetings of the Africa-Europe Youth Platform.

## 2. The Africa-Europe Dimension of the Youth-Co-operation Programme

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 strengthening of youth organisations and youth movements is critical for development in general and in particular for developing youth policies that will allow sustainable co-operation among African and European youth.

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**, the **African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe**, and the African Youth Platforms, such as 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 a period of three years (2009-2011) with a view to 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 and a new JMA was signed in September 2012 for the period 2013-2015.<sup>1</sup>

Apart from the Joint Management Agreement, a **series of Euro-African activities were implemented between 2009 and 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 respond to the priorities of the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership, this Africa-Europe Youth Programme seeks to:

- Promote the **empowerment of youth of Europe and Africa**;<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth/AfricaEuropeCooperation/JMA/JMA\\_en.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth/AfricaEuropeCooperation/JMA/JMA_en.asp#TopOfPage)

<sup>2</sup> As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and social development

- Strengthen young people's capacity to disseminate information and to get involved in the **implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Joint Strategy**,<sup>3</sup>
- Facilitate **encounters and exchange between young Africans and Europeans**,<sup>4</sup>
- Help **mapping the existing African youth networks**.<sup>5</sup>

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

- **Five sub-regional seminars** on youth policies and the African Youth Charter (finalised in December 2012);
- **Africa-Europe training courses** for youth organisations (ten editions until 2015), and training opportunities for **African Diaspora in Europe** (sixth edition in 2015);
- 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, launched in May 2013);
- Providing **Seed Funding** for pilot youth NGO exchanges (6<sup>th</sup> round in 2015);
- 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of AEYP will take place in parallel with the 10<sup>th</sup> Africa-Europe Training Course);

Between 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014, the **3<sup>rd</sup> Africa-Europe Youth Leaders' Summit** took place 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>6</sup>

### 3. 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>7</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.**



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

<sup>3</sup> As in 56. of the joint strategy, under the heading Human and social development

<sup>4</sup> As in 108, under civil society + 118. under the heading Monitoring, evaluation and review mechanisms

<sup>5</sup> As in the action plan of the joint strategy under the heading Making it work: institutional architecture and implementation

<sup>6</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)

<sup>7</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, based on the strong believe that Africans from the Diaspora are Key actors and serve as a bridge between the African and European societies, a growing number of young African leaders from the Diaspora have felt the need to create a network that facilitates the sharing of interests and aspiration while working on a common goal. 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 has grown as results of its continued engagement towards European and African youngsters to create a sense of common citizenship and responsibility. One of their main tasks has been to provide institutions and policy makers with information about the realities and challenges faced by African Diaspora youth living in Europe, in order to work its way towards stronger influence on policies at European level and beyond. One of its priority is the development of formal networks at local, national and international level, working on mapping the existing African diaspora youth organisations and providing them support and capacity building training for their establishment and activities.

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)

#### 4. The 6<sup>th</sup> Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe Training of Trainers -

Within the framework of the Africa-Europe Youth Co-operation above mentioned 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 Mollina in 2014) 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 sixth 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 7<sup>th</sup> African University on Youth and Development, from the **8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**.



*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 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.

In this occasion the training course for the African Diaspora Youth living in Europe will be "Training of Trainers". As such, the training course has two main aims:

- To empower young people to further support the practice of Global Education (GE) based on NSC GE methodology and programme (Global Education Guidelines and online training courses), as well as;
- To develop competences of participants that are actively involved in organizations of African Diaspora Youth Living in Europe and contribute to a **network of qualified trainers** in this field.

The specific objectives of the course are:

- To identify and map the trainers from African Diaspora living in Europe and/or working on its strengthening;
- To build the capacity of the trainers to act as **multipliers** to empower, motivate and coach African Youth Diaspora living in Europe;
- To facilitate the development of competences and transfer of innovation in **educational strategies** with a collaborative learning approach;
- To enable the trainers to advise on educational matters and produce educational materials to the benefit of African Diaspora living in Europe;
- To strengthen **individual and organisational competences** for providing training and capacity building;
- To understand the different contexts of implementation of **global education**;
- To empower the youth community of Africans Living in Europe;
- 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.

Additionally, 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

The final objectives and programme elements will be defined by the pedagogical team, having into consideration the overall aims and the profile, needs and expectations of participants. The programme will tackle issues such as the conceptual and methodological approach of Global Education, systematisation of experiences, and the different dimensions (pedagogical, logistical, political and financial aspects) that should be considered in the time of design, organise, implement, empower and sustain training experiences for African Diaspora Youth Living in Europe. .

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.**



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

## 5. Training Methodology

The training course will be a **residential programme of 6 days**, and it will be held in Nairobi (Kenya), from the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015<sup>t</sup> (arrival day) to the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (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.



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

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 youth 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.

## 6. Expected results

- **Building capacity of multipliers** from youth trainers from (or working with) the African Diaspora in youth/civil society organisations in Europe with the necessary competences to better design trainings and capacity building activities, develop their network and strengthen youth participation.
- The **nucleus of the network** of youth trainers from the African Diaspora and organisations actively committed to the strengthening of Civil Society by engaging with African Youth Diaspora living in Europe;
- 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.

## 7. 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.

## 8. Profile of Participants

The participants in this course are trainers 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 proving training;
- 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.

## 9. 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** from Nairobi International Airport will be organised by the partners of the 7<sup>th</sup> African University on Youth and Development.

**Board and lodging** will be assured 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 and visa charges**.

## 10. 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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015**.

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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015**.

**Deadline for submission: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**Applications sent after deadline will not be considered**

