

Training Course for Youth Leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe

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DECLARATION OF THE AFRICAN YOUTH DIASPORA LIVING IN EUROPE

We, the Leaders of African Youth Diaspora living in Europe had the chance and the opportunity to be selected to attend the training course for youth leaders of the African Diaspora Living in Europe held, at the the school of equality and development, from December 6th to December 13th 2009 in Almada.

During this week, the participants learned about the existence of different youth organizations involving African Diaspora in their strategies in different countries.

While we shared our different experiences, we came to realize that we have similar issues and challenges such as integration, identity conflict, cultural clash, stereotypes, discrimination, equality of opportunities, employment, lack of youth policies and non-involvement in the decision-making process, and the importance of education.

According to our analysis, we realized that there is a lack of information of different programs available for immigrants at national and international levels.

We want to take this as our responsibilities to use this network to disseminate information to different African communities in Europe.

We decided to connect ourselves in our different youth projects to benefit from each other.

We agreed to present this network to a more committed official platform (African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe: **A.D.Y.N.E.**)

We recommend arranging a **General Assembly** to invite African Youth Diaspora in 2010 to come up with an official structure that is going to represent us at different levels (from local to global).

We suggest that the next steps of this General Assembly is to implement the ideas and projects that shall be presented by the participants.

We therefore address this message to the main actors engaged in activities geared to empower youth.