



Call for Participants

“Seminar Building from within”

***A seminar for youth leaders of the African
Diaspora living in Europe***

16 -23 September 2012, CEULAJ - Mollina, Spain

***Organised by the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe –
ADYNE and supported by the European Youth Foundation of the
Council of Europe***

***in the framework of the 13th University on Youth and
Development***



1. 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. 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.

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.

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2. Background of the Seminar

ADYNE has grown as results of its continued engagement of European and African youngsters towards creating a sense of citizenship and responsibility. One of our main tasks has been to provide institutions and policy makers with information about the realities and challenges faced by African Diaspora¹ youth² living in Europe, in order to work its way towards stronger influence on policies at European level.

While working to accomplish this task, we have noticed that almost none of the existing national youth councils in Europe have represented African Diaspora youth organisations in their structures. Therefore, in our biennial Work Plan for 2012-2013 elaborated in September 2011, we decided to prioritise the development of informal and formal networks at national level, working on mapping the existing African diaspora youth organisations and provide them support for their establishment.



Working at a grass root level, we believe we can contribute to strengthening the presence of the African diaspora youth living in Europe in order to have their voices, needs and aspirations are reflected and represented in all decision making at various levels.

¹ 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 ...".

² 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.

ADYNE is working in partnership with the several National Youth Councils (NYCs) in supporting the development of networks of African diaspora youth organisations on national levels. We aim to work together with the participants of the seminar to develop diverse and efficient approaches to enhance the participation and recognition of the African Diaspora youth on our societies across Europe. We recognize that youth organisations and youth groups from the African Diaspora living in Europe are fundamental actors for the development of our communities, and this reality to be recognized and enhanced.

The seminar will be a residential programme of 6 days, and will be held in CEULAJ – Euro Latin American Youth Centre in Mollina - Spain , from the 16th (arrival day) to the 23th September (departure day). The pedagogical team of the course will be composed of experienced trainers and facilitators in Euro-African cooperation and will include trainers of the African Diaspora living in Europe.

The seminar “Building from Within” will be held at the 13th University on Youth and Development, which will be the most pertinent framework for ADYNE and also for the University which this year will be focused on Youth Rights.

During the seminar participants will acquire knowledge and tools to strengthen the role they play with regards to youth cooperation at European level and also regarding the Africa-Europe youth cooperation framework, attaining skills to develop the capacity of their organisations to act as civil society in these processes. Participants will exchange experiences and strategies to empower youth community of Africans living in Europe and to implement local actions that can achieve greater and better recognised representation on local, national and international level.

The seminar will also be an important tool to renew, enlarge and consolidate the network of youth leaders from the African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe – ADYNE.

The course will gather close to 20 youth leaders from the African Diaspora active in youth organisations or leading African Diaspora youth groups and movements and representatives from National Youth Councils and other relevant networks and platforms.

The Seminar is designed using a process of mutual learning, being the participants' experiences the starting point of the learning process. Active participation and in-depth reflection will be key methodologies used in the seminar. Participants will compare their approaches to youth work and youth participation, engaging in the implementation and evaluation of the programme with the team of facilitators.

The seminar will also provide an excellent space for strategic networking and finding partners; this dimension will be most strongly encouraged by the team of facilitators as well as for intercultural dialogue and intercultural learning.

Furthermore, the seminar is a unique moment of practical and political follow up and implementation of



some of the outcomes of the previous seminar about the Millennium Development Goals and of the Lisbon and Tripoli declarations and commitments resulted from the Africa Europe Summits in 2007 and 2010.

3. 13th Edition of the University on Youth and Development

The Seminar "Building from within" will be held in a particularly fitting context: the 13th Edition of the University on Youth and Development!



The University on Youth and Development is an activity jointly organised by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, 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.

Since its first edition in 2000, the University takes place once a year bringing together around 300 representatives of youth organisations and youth movements from all over the world who gather in the CEULAJ (Euro-Latin-American Youth Centre) to discuss, train and be trained as well as to take political action around the main issues on the global agenda.

In 2012 the University on Youth and Development will be gathering for the 13th time 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.

Main Goals

- To create a political space where youth can act upon and acknowledge the role they play in Global Development.
- To initiate and encourage debate aimed at defining the role youth play in elaborating development policies and in co-operation for development initiatives.
- To facilitate a process aimed at defining and implementing projects within the field of youth.

Joint Theme 2012 – Youth Rights

The situation of youth today presents us with unprecedented challenges and opportunities. We live in a youthful world, with young people between the ages of 15 and 25 representing 18 percent of the world's population. However, the evidence gathered tell us that young people suffer disproportionately in relation to poverty globally and that the limited access to resources, education, healthcare and employment, along with social discrimination and the lack of participation in decision-making, have hold them back from achieving their full potential.

In responding to these issues facing young people worldwide, the partners of the Network of the Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship decided that "Youth Rights" would be the Joint Theme for the 13th Edition of the University on Youth and Development, as well as for the sister Universities – the University of Participation and Citizenship, in Uruguay, and the African University on Youth and Development, in Cape Verde.

In doing so the partners set out their commitment to engage with youth organisations and other non-governmental organisations, national governments and international institutions to facilitate and support the debate and cooperation aimed to promote youth development through young people access to their rights, which are interlinked and mutually reinforcing.

Please visit <http://www.uyd.me/> - http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/Youth_en.asp

4. Aims of the Seminar

This seminar for youth leaders of the African Diaspora living in Europe aims to be the space inside the 13th University on Youth and Development to reflect and define strategies on ways to fulfil the current gap between youth Diasporas (African Diaspora in particular), their representation in existing youth organizations, and other structures involved in the decision making process and on the development of youth policies in Europe.

5. Objectives of the Seminar

The concrete objectives of the course are to enable participants:

- 1) Develop a better understanding of the economic, social and political situations and identify the main challenges faced by young people of the Africa Diaspora living in Europe today;
- 2) Empower young African migrants and young people with African migrant background to represent their interests and current challenges (such as integration, identity conflict, discrimination, employment, education, lack of youth policies and involvement in the decision-making process);
- 3) Create a space for dialogue between youth organizations representing local and regional Africa youth Diaspora and National Youth Councils;
- 4) Create the space to discuss ways that can maximize the engagement of Africa Diaspora youth living in Europe in the hosting and countries of residence, and define strategies to have them recognized as key development actors in the European societies;
- 5) To acquire know-how on concepts and challenges of youth work, youth policies, migration and integration policies and institutions relevant for the Africa Diaspora youth and for the Africa - Europe youth cooperation process;
- 6) Promote cooperation between Africa Diaspora youth organizations and organization working with Diasporas in general, in order to identify a common agendas and reduce duplication of efforts;
- 7) Promote the participation of African youth Diaspora in the development of European youth policies.



6. Expected Results

- Building capacity of multipliers from youth leaders from the African Diaspora in youth organisations and youth group in Europe with the necessary skills to develop their networks and strengthen youth participation;
- Increase the awareness of the importance of involving African Diaspora youth and other minority groups in the decision making processes and in the development of youth policies;
- Share strategies to increase the representation of African Diaspora youth in mainstream youth organisations and on National Youth Councils;
- Support the development of formal and informal networks of youth leaders from the African Diaspora and organisations actively committed to the strengthening of civil society in the European context;
- An increased engagement of the youth from African Diaspora in the Africa Europe Youth Cooperation.
- An increase in the understanding of the cultural, social, economical and political context of African Diaspora youth living in Europe.

7. Working Languages

The different sessions of the Seminar will be in English. Candidates should be fluent in English and are also requested to indicate all their working languages and language level in the application form.

8. Profile of Participants

The participants in this course are representatives of youth organisations and youth groups of African Origin Living in Europe and representatives of National Youth Councils based in the Council of Europe member-states and other youth leaders from mainstream international youth organisations:

Concerning participants and their profile:

- Youth leaders and youth workers from youth organizations working with young African migrants and migrants with African background;
- Youth leaders representatives of National Youth Councils that have the interest to involve diaspora youth organisations in their platforms;
- Representatives from national and international migrants organisations that also develop work with young African migrants and migrants with African background;
- Age between 18 and 35 years old.
- Be able to work and communicate in English.



The participants will be selected by the organizers based on the expected participant profile and the profile of the nominating organisation.

The organizers will insure that gender balance is guaranteed.
The participants will also be selected aiming to diversity in terms of geographical distribution of the participants.

9. Support for Travel Expenses

The Seminar is supported by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

Being selected for this course, accommodation will be covered by ADYNE.

Participants will have to pay for their own travel and visa expenses. After agreement with the organizers, ADYNE will support to a maximum of 50% of the travel costs.

10. Seminar Fee

The Seminar will have a participation fee of 25 € (Twenty five euros), which will be collected at CEULAJ, Mollina, during the Seminar.

11. Deadline for Applications

Those participants fulfilling the criteria and interested to participate should fill the online application form at the following link

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFFicktWQUEyM0dGTVBBU19BOWk2UVE6MQ#gid=0>

at the latest by **27th of July 2012 Midnight CET time.**

For any further questions,
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