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INTRODUCTION

The Pan-African Forum "African Youth and the Challenge to Promote a Culture of Peace" was held from 11 to 13 December 2014 in Libreville, Gabon under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr. Ali Bongo Ondimba, President of Gabon. The Forum was organized jointly by the Omar to Bongo Ondimba Foundation for Peace, Science, Culture and the Environment and the Gabonese national Commission for UNESCO with the support of UNESCO.

As the Forum Concept Note indicates:

"The overall objective is to mobilize and unite the African youth, particularly through a number of field representative structures, to promote a culture of peace in Africa." Thus, the Forum was held for the creation of a Youth Network for Culture of Peace in Africa.

PREPARATION OF THE FORUM

In preparation for the Forum, and as a way to support the Youth Network for a Culture of Peace in Africa, an online platform was launched 3 months before the Forum. This platform allowed youth organizations to share experiences and projects, ideas and visions, exchange views and develop strategies and policies in a collaborative framework to promote a culture of peace together. In this context, the first task of the online platform for the Pan-African Forum in Libreville was to prepare the terms of reference and concrete cooperation methods of the Youth Network for Culture of Peace in Africa.

The first day of the Forum focused on preparing for the workshops. In the morning, a first introductory session allowed the young people to meet and introduce themselves.

During an informal libation ceremony, related to the foresight workshops, the youth were invited to reflect on Africa's past, as well as their own. They then discussed the major challenges of contemporary Africa.

The afternoon served to "break the ice" between the participants through an Informal and fun interactive session. The young people were invited to introduce themselves and mention what special skills they had or what was unique about them: for example dancers, singers, poets, negotiators, and so on. Through an interactive exchange during which each young person shared a talent, they were able to get to know one another and started to form a unified group. Following the ice-breaker, the 20 young leaders identified on the online platform were trained in foresight approaches to be able to facilitate the parallel groups.

Foresight Methodology The foresight methodology was incorporated into the agenda of the Pan-African Forum in order to address two of the five expected outcomes of the Forum: establishment of a youth network for a culture of peace in Africa, and sharing best practices relating to the culture of peace. The design and facilitation of the foresight approach helped

to ensure that the Forum focused on the future in ways that enabled a better understanding of the present. The exercise allowed for noteworthy adaptations of foresight tools to local cultures and the use of cultural intangibles, such as ritual and performance arts and storytelling.

In large part, the foresight methodology was integrated into the Pan-African Forum to sensitize youth participants on the relevance of anticipation and collective intelligence exercises to enhance the setting of priorities, the development of strategies and the preparation of key decision. The future was to be made part of the reflections on culture of peace, youth in Africa, networking, and building communities in ways that empower and reinforce capacity building. Note should be taken that foresight methodologies are not intended to predict the future or discover the latest mega-trend. Rather, the use of the future should be understood as a catalyst for re-thinking and appreciating actions and their context. The goal was thus to use the future more effectively than is often the case, aiming to design anticipatory conversations that encourage questioning and learning.

In order to use foresight tools effectively, a specific process was set in place. Firstly, UNESCO required the assistance of a leading expert in foresight participative methodology with a view to train the UNESCO team tasked to work directly with the youth in Libreville. Then, in Libreville, the group of 20 leaders was trained in turn in these methodologies in session lasting around 2h30 hours. The introductory session ended by having the young leaders put what they learned into practice, to show that they had fully grasped the essential principles of the foresight methodology. After this training session, the young leaders were divided into four working groups, each called "peace" in a different language of the continent. Two moderators and two rapporteurs were assigned to each group.

PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

The second day of the Forum, led by two youth delegates, was devoted to workshops. The day opened with a plenary session with a presentation of the results of the online consultation, including the proposed joint activities, the two hypotheses of what the network might look like, and of best practices identified in three existing networks. Participants were also given a presentation of the UNESCO operational strategy for Youth (2014-2021). The aim of the first plenary session was to give young people a basis and a policy framework to facilitate workshop discussions.

The first workshop session was devoted to the youth's definition of a long-term vision of Africa that they strive to achieve by 2030. Throughout the day, young people engaged in discussions, divided into four groups, each moderated by the young leaders that were trained on the previous day. At the end of this session, the youth presented in the plenary a vision to raise awareness among African youth that they are the key players and champions of peace in Africa and are essential to achieve the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda. They proposed to carry out activities for the promotion of culture of peace among youth, women, civil society, marginalized groups and other stakeholders. The objective was to create a synergy that would give birth to a new paradigm that draws on the power of using the future as an essential component of strategies to achieve crucial goals on the continent, such as

economic empowerment, sustainable development, and social and political stability.

The second workshop session was dedicated to the definition of joint activities that the Network will implement. The horizon of reflection was maintained at 2030 to remind young people that they must act on the long-term for culture of peace. The result of this workshop session and consolidation of findings from each of the four groups identified the joint activities that the Network will conduct. These activities are mostly in line with UNESCO's operational strategy for youth.

The third workshop session provided an opportunity for young people to define the structure of their network, and to present the type and nature of the network they wanted to have. After the consolidation presented in the plenary, young people opted for an institutionalized and decentralized network.

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NETWORK

The official launch of the Network “African Youth and Culture of Peace” was on 13 December 2014, in the presence of Ms. Irina Bakova, Director General of UNESCO, Ms. Pascaline Mferri Bongo Ondimba, Honorary Chair of the Omar Bongo Ondimba Foundation, Ms. Ida Reteno Assonouet, Minister of National Education and Professional and Vocational Training, President of the National Commission of Gabon for UNESCO, Mr. Anatole Collinet Makosso, Congolese Minister of Youth and Civic Instruction and President of the Technical Committee specialized in youth, culture and sports in the African Union, as well as Mr. Forest Whitaker UNESCO special envoy for peace and reconciliation. Whitaker declared to all youth, and to African youth in particular, “your generation is the one that will grow the seeds” of peace and prosperity, “the only limit that you will encounter is your imagination.”

In her opening speech, Ms. Bokova highlighted the idea that “peace has a face, and this face is youth.” She invited the youth to support and spread the culture of peace, conflict prevention and non-violence. She wished to assure them that UNESCO would support African youth, citing an example of the youth training partnership in ICT with Airtel Gabon as well as the Youth Med-Net Project that brought together youth organizations from North Africa and the Mediterranean. She praised the work that the young people began three months earlier on the online platform created by UNESCO with the support of the Omar Bongo Ondimba Foundation and the National Commission of Gabon for UNESCO.

The Omar Bongo Ondimba Foundation for Peace, Science, Culture and the Environment also announced the creation of an international youth prize for culture of peace that will award three youth organizations, who will equally divide the prize of 45 million CFA, or approximately 85,000 USD.

For his part, Mr. Anatole Collinet Makosso, in his role as President of the Technical Committee specialized in youth, culture, and sports in the African Union, put a particular importance on trainings and youth employment to avoid young people being consumed and enlisted in conflicts.

In the afternoon of this third day of work, the young people had the opportunity to present their projects to potential partners representing foundations, governments, and international

organizations. Several recommendations were given to them, notably the need of the members of the youth Network to work for the benefit of African youth, of which the majority has only a limited access to education, knowledge, culture??, a decent wage, etc.

During these exchanges, Gabon proposed to host a permanent secretariat meant to support the development and activity of the Network.

To promote youth volunteerism, African Artists Peace Initiative (AAPI) and its collaborator MandiMorry entertainment (Gambia), a youth led organization on culture of peace, produced a video and a set of photos covering the 3-day event alongside local and international media. The video is available on YouTube.

THE RESULTS OF THE FORUM

The Pan-African Forum organized by young people for young people achieved two main outcomes:

- A list of joint activities to put in place by the members of the network,
- Establishment of a permanent secretariat to jointly ensure the coordination of the network's activities.

Proposed joint activities:

1 – A Multimedia Campaign to Advocate in Favor of Peace

- Promote the pan-African initiative of artists for culture of peace;
- Renew the movement for peace through the nomination of peace ambassadors through music, arts, and culture;
- Implement a virtual platform: integrate social media, the FORA, blogs, mobile applications;
- Maintain a virtual platform of engagement and information sharing on peace;
- Pursue local-level engagement through community radio.

2 – Volunteerism for Peace

- Implement a partnership with the volunteer corps for peace;
- Establish training courses in peace education;
- Dispatch volunteers for peace in post conflict zones;
- Implement training courses on refugees, peace, reconciliation, trainings in entrepreneurship specifically for young people and women coming from conflict zones;

3 – Reinforcement of Political Involvement, Responsibility, and Advocacy for Peace

- Write an orientation guide for the implementation of regional political instruments on peace

- Organize an international simulation on the African Union around the theme “culture of peace in Africa”. The results will be presented to UNESCO and to the African Union;
- Train the youth of civil society, women on peace advocacy, notably by developing their capacities to follow the policy implementation (on the national level);
- Advocate for educational reform aiming to include peace education programs in the primary, secondary, and higher education curriculum;
- Organize an annual Forum on youth and culture of peace in Africa to share good practices;
- Reporting and follow-up evaluation of the results of the network, and proceed to activity planning;
- Develop the network and its partners.

The governance and coordination structure of the Pan-African Youth Network on Culture of Peace (RPAJCP)

The structure is as follows:

- **A General Coordinator on the continental level**
- **A Deputy-Coordinator on the continental level**
- **A permanent secretariat based in Libreville, headquarters of the Network**
- **2 Regional Coordinators coming from 6 regions, including the diaspora**
- **Country Representatives for the 54 African Union member states**
- **A Representative of the handicapped**
- **A Representative for Portuguese-speaking countries**

NEXT STEPS

To finalize the implementation of the network based on the achievements of the Forum held in Libreville, youth involvement is of the utmost importance, as well as the involvement of UNESCO, the Omar Bongo Ondimba Foundation, the National Commission of Gabon for UNESCO and their partners. The current recommendations will also be aimed at two categories of actors who are essential to the network’s success:

For young people, members of the network, they must:

- **Finalize the Structures of the Network:** the statutes should be developed in a way that allows the network to lead joint activities in a coherent, effective coordinated, and collaborative way, while respecting the principles of collegiality, pluralism, transparency and accountability;
- **Define a Strategic Action Plan:** the list of joint activities set out in Libreville should be made into project documents that could be given to potential partners;
- **Organize the Constitutive General Assembly,** during which they will adopt the statutes and officially launch their activities (expected in 2016 in Libreville, Gabon).

UNESCO, The African Union Commission, the Omar Bongo Ondimba Foundation, the National Commission of Gabon for UNESCO, and other African member states are encouraged to:

- **Support the Network in its Implementation:** It is important to support the members of the network in their organization and structuring, as well as in the implementation of communication, governance, and coordination tools. In real terms, this means:
 - ✓ Share with young people models of statutes in existing networks;
 - ✓ Continue to support the work of young people via the online platform;
 - ✓ Present examples of concrete projects and initiatives in the culture of peace in Africa sector that would be likely to inspire young people.
- **Help to Develop Strategic and Financial Partners:** on the basis of activity projects developed by the network:
 - ✓ Mobilize partners in the sectors relative to culture of peace on the local, regional and international level and create a Committee of Partners of the Network (CERs, Artists for Peace, Sports Champions, etc.);
 - ✓ Work in collaboration with National Commissions and UNESCO regional offices in the countries where the network intends to develop its projects;
 - ✓ Grow the visibility and reach of the projects brought forth by the Youth Network by involving them in activities relative to the movement for culture of peace in Africa.
- **Integrate the Youth Network with Institutional Mechanisms Relative to Culture of Peace:** It is imperative to create synergies between the Youth Network and other initiative relative to culture of peace on the continent, in particular:
 - ✓ Network of foundations and research institutions on culture of peace;
 - ✓ Youth Peace Network led by the Whitaker Foundation
 - ✓ Women's network on culture of peace;
 - ✓ Other existing networks.

It would be desirable that the Youth Network for Culture of Peace in Africa participate in the next **UNESCO Youth Forum in 2015**.

ANNEXES

Members of the Office of the Youth Network for Culture of Peace

<p>President of the Network and Coordinator for East Africa Lawrence NDAMBUKI MULI, 27 years old Kenya</p> 	<p>Lawrence Ndambuki MULI is a public policy analyst and environmental sustainability expert. He is the co-founder & Programs and Policy Advisor of the African Observatory for Policy Practice and Youth Studies. He has spoken for youth specific priority areas in plenaries of the Global Forum on Youth Policies and Peace Building in Azerbaijan, Peace and Security sessions at the World Conference on Youth in Sri Lanka, and is one of the representatives of Africa's youth within the United Nations Major Group of Children and Youth, which focuses on democracy, peace, and human rights within the post-2015 MDG agenda.</p> <p>Lawrence holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of London and a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of Kenyatta, Nairobi.</p>
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<p>Regional Coordinator for Southern Africa Billy LOMBE, 32 years old Zambia</p> 	<p>Billy Lombe MWANSA has been devoted to issues of international development and environmental sustainability in the context of youth empowerment and community development for the past 13 years.</p> <p>His academic background is largely based on social work and the promotion of environmental conservation and behavior change. Billy worked in various youth organizations, and conducted policy research in Zambia, Kenya, and the United States.</p> <p>In each position, he applied his skills to develop, implement and monitor programs focused on engagement and youth empowerment in the general community.</p> <p>Billy is currently pursuing a degree in Development Studies at the University of Business and Tourism in Livingstone.</p>

Regional Coordinator for Southern Africa

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Malaika MAHLATSI is the author of *Memoirs of a Born Free: Reflections on the Rainbow Nation*, a book published by Jacana Media. Malaika is currently working on her self-published journal, *Afrikan Voices of the Left*, which was launched in December 2012. The journal is published by her own company, Pen and Azanian Revolution (Pty) Ltd, and is a collection of critical essays written by Socialist youth within the continent and in the diaspora.

Malaika has been invited to a number of events across South Africa to deliver speeches and lectures. Malaika has facilitated numerous high profile events, including the post-graduate seminar of the South African Students Congress in November 2013. She is currently pursuing her BSS at Rhodes University.

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Marie Lasia KARIRE is a very active young woman in the labor sector. She is, the Administrative and Financial Assistant at a law firm and is the head of the Education and Training component for the Association for the Promotion of Girls in Burundi.

Marie Lasia has taken courses in accounting and financial management; trainings on business plan development and management of small and medium enterprises; and trainings in conflict management.

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Regional Coordinator for Central Africa

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Stanislas MAKANI is a young leader actively involved in union life and country policy. He was elected Councilor in the single constituency for Kayes, department of Bouenza

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Regional Coordinator for West Africa

Wendwaoga Oum Salamata MADRE, 27 years old



Wendwaoga Oum-Salamata MADRE holds a Master's degree in Applied Fiscal Policy, a Master's degree in Law and Fiscal Policy, and a training certificate in Social Entrepreneurship and Culture of Peace from the International Center for the education of Girls and Women in Africa, from UNESCO and the African Union.

A strong advocate and supporter of women's rights, she works as a legal consultant for the offices of Mogré Training and Action META.

She is in charge of advocacy for the Young Leaders Network for Social Responsibility of Mining Companies. In this network, the objective is to prevent conflicts between mining companies and the local population by putting in place mechanisms to regulate conflicts.

Regional Coordinator for West Africa
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Ekene Jean-Paul IKWELLE has over six years of experience working with youth-led organizations and institutions, UNESCO and the Model United Nations, capacity building workshops, youth participation and social inclusion.

He was the Nigeria Official Youth Delegate to the 8th UNESCO Youth Forum. He is the co-founder of the Nigerian UNESCO Youth Platform, a project going live soon and affiliated with the Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO. The program is designed to educate Nigerian youth through social projects and exchange programs.

Ekene holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from the Nnamdi Azikiwe University and has completed numerous trainings on subjects ranging from Information Technology to Foresight Generation.

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Mariam ALLAM is passionate about the environment and sustainable development, with a special focus on climate change issues and climate policy. She has been following the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiations for the past 3 years. She has also been following the Sustainable Development Goals both nationally and internationally. Mariam is a member of the Egyptian National Youth Consultants to the National Population Council, Cairo University representative at the World Environment Students Network, the National Coordinator of the Arab Youth Climate Movement as well as being the focal point for the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change.

Mariam is currently pursuing her undergraduate degree at Cairo University in Political Science, with a minor in Public Administration. She is set to graduate in 2015.

Regional Coordinator for North Africa
Youssef BLAIECH, 29 years old
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Youssef BLAIECH is a Member of the General Union of Tunisian Students and founder and member of the Association of Young Independent Democrats. Youssef has participated in several outreach projects, including information and education for a culture of peace in Africa.

Youssef is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Dentistry; he is set to graduate in 2015. Youssef also completed 18 months of training in the politics and methodology of democratic transitions at the Freidrich Ebert Foundation for Strategic Planning.

Regional Coordinator for the Diaspora
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Kamina DIALLO is a second-year student in International Public Management at Sciences Po Paris, with concentrations in Africa and Emerging Economies. She is currently President of the Sciences Po Association for Africa.

Originally from Guinea, Kamina grew up in a multi-cultural environment where Africa always played a central role. She recently finished an internship with UN Women in Côte d'Ivoire, during which she was able to conduct field research for her Master's thesis on the paths and economic re-integration of ex-combatants.

Kamina has always been passionate about Africa. She plans to continue to invest herself in the continent and become a force of change and evolution, to create a more beautiful and glorious Africa.

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Darice RUSAGARA volunteers at the Red Cross, and is trained in first aid. She is a member of AIESEC and participated in the 2012 London International Model United Nations.

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Executive Secretary
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Stéphane NZE NGUEMA is a young leader and volunteer from Gabon; he was a finalist in the Public Speaking Contest in June 2014 and the delegate for the Chantier Jeunesse International Sibiti in the Republic of the Congo.

He is the President of the Elite Youth Association, which promotes youth entrepreneurship, and a member of the Administration Council of Scouts and Catholic Guides of Gabon. He actively participated in the Forum for peace and contributes to a culture of peace in Africa. Stéphane took courses on optimal management of small and medium enterprises and small and medium Industries. He is currently pursuing a degree in Public Affairs and Administration from the Franco-American Academy of Management.

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Profiles of the Youth Organizations on Culture of Peace

PROFILES OF FOUNDING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS (CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA)	
<p>THE EU-AFRICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (EUACC) opened its offices in Brussels in October 2012. This initiative was launched by young professionals from the African diaspora active in the European private sector. The growing and positive business environment in many African countries is strengthening the African private sector whilst being an opportunity for the European private sector to extend its operating area and share its expertise. EUACC encourages more business relationships between Europe and Africa, but also promotes Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). EUACC considers various stakeholders within African governments and the private sector, the EU institutions and the EU private sector, and also international organizations and NGOs. EUACC's mission is to promote the development of the African private sector and encourage a win-win partnership between the European private sector and the African private sector. Represented by Ms. Darice Rusagara of Belgium.</p>	<p>THE ORGANIZATION FOR YOUTH AND ELECTIONS IN BOTSWANA (OYEBO) is an organization mandated to address youth voter apathy in the country by sensitizing youth on the importance and value of voting. OYEBO visits cities, towns, schools, churches and other community centers to conduct workshops, trainings, and academic discussions on democracy, the rule of law, respect for human rights, and electoral processes. By engaging civil society groups in its activities, OYEBO promotes inclusiveness and other key concepts of democracy. There is a strong link between the organization and culture of peace. Through OYEBO's outreach programs, Botswana will have increased political tolerance, respect for democracy, peace, and legal sanctions against those who are voted into power and then violate the principles of accountability at all levels of leadership. Represented by Mr. Bernard Bogosi of Botswana.</p>
<p>THE BOTSWANA YOUTH WATER ACTION TEAM (BYWAT) is a group engaged in water security issues on the local and national level in Botswana. It is a youth movement established more than a decade ago under the Botswana Kalahari Conservation Society. This is a youth-led and youth-focused initiative that is managed by young people in Botswana on a voluntary basis. It aims to promote peaceful co-existence of people and natural resources. BYWAT is particularly relevant in a world where violence continues to have adverse effects on the environment and threatens global stability. Drought and broader water insecurity has been linked to conflict and is often seen as an inhibitory factor for peace. Represented by Ms. Gogontlejang "GG" Phaladi of Botswana.</p>	<p>THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE EDUCATION OF GIRLS AND WOMEN IN AFRICA (CIEFFA) was created with the support of UNESCO and the government of Burkina Faso in 2008, and which was one of the organizations present at the UNESCO Pan-African Forum « Africa : Sources and Resources for a Culture of Peace » in March 2013. Its primary objective is to promote girl's and women's education so that they may be active participants in the elimination of poverty and be part of the advent of a peaceful world and sustainable human development. The center wishes to implement, at the regional level, modern educational capacities for girls and women, to educate them on particular questions on development that are priorities for the different regional countries, and to promote women's effective participation in community-based, national, regional, and international decisions. Represented by Ms. Wendwaoga Oum-Salamata Madre of Burkina Faso.</p>
<p>THE NETWORK OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS WHO ACT FOR PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND DEVELOPMENT (REJA) is a network made up of 164 youth organizations across Burundi that have local General Assemblies and Executive Committees in every province of the country. This explains both the national and community-based character of REJA. REJA allows youth organizations to pool their efforts to be more effective, reinforces youth organizational capacity and urges them to fundraise. REJA also advocates for the needs of young people in public politics, and reinforces the community's capacity in many different subjects. REJA is a network of diverse youth organizations that invest, alongside other partner organizations, to create a prosperous environment for the promotion of youth employment, and to reinforce youth participation to ensure good governance and consolidation mechanisms of social cohesion. Represented by Ms. Marie Lasia Karire of Burundi.</p>	<p>ACTION FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF WOMEN, THE POOR, AND YOUNG INMATES (AFJD) promotes education, training and advocacy for the respect of human rights and peace consolidation. In this regard, the organization is committed to fighting against violence against women, sexual abuse of children and youth discrimination; to lead social campaigns for the respect of human rights, peace building and engagement in governance by women and young people; initiate in prison systems projects which prepare women and young inmates to re-integrate into society; advocate for the implementation of a program to re-integrate young inmates into society; analyze conflicts to make peace; and educate peace-building strategies through inter-religious and ethnic dialogue. Represented by Ms. Eliane Paule Meubeukui of Cameroon.</p>

<p>THE ASSOCIATION CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CAMEROON (CRC) was founded to create a space for reflection and for the promotion of human rights and children's rights through cultural activities, sports, and education initiatives for young people. CRC will revise its objectives to put its priority on the promotion of the survival, development, and participation of the child. On the basis of a report of successful interactive activities put forth by CRC at Clubs of Friends of Children's Rights and at the Modern High School of Mbankomo, CRC is now affiliated with the National Human Rights and Freedoms Commission. Represented by Mr. Jean Luc Nkulu Atangana of Cameroon.</p>	<p>THE GLOBAL YOUTH ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC CITIZENSHIP AND CULTURE OF PEACE (YALDA) is a non-profit international organization that was established in order to create a resourceful networking database for those with a strong interest in Africa. The network is centered on YALDA branches, primarily at African universities, and serves to increase the capacity of African youth to develop positive leadership skills and to have an honest work ethic. Young people in Africa, who know best what their specific needs are, set the agenda. Energized by the confidence that people are listening, YALDA members propose creative and optimal solutions to the everyday obstacles they face. They determine what projects they want to pursue, how to implement them, and how to gain access to the tools and support that they will need to make their vision a reality. Represented by Mr. Antonio Palazuelos of Cape Verde.</p>
<p>THE NEW SPACE FOR THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL AFRICA (NEPADCA) is on a mission to educate, support, and reinforce youth capacities in order to involve them in the process of sustainable development. Active in the defense of civil rights, NEPADCA defends the environment and preserves its natural resources. Its actions are primarily oriented towards youth, but NEPADCA also plays an important role in the defense of vulnerable and marginalized groups in society, notably people in urban and rural centers, and young women. NEPADCA's efficiency is based on the dynamism of its volunteers, mostly young people, because of the fact that members must be multi-disciplinary and must collaborate with members of other organizations. NEPADCA also benefits from a large platform of exchange of knowledge and information to be able to attain the objectives that it shares with its technical partners. Represented by Mr. Philippe Junior Sibiro of the Central African Republic.</p>	<p>THE ASSOCIATION OF SCOUTS AND GUIDES OF CONGO (ASGC) is an educational movement in which young people take an active part in the construction of society by working hard to fulfill assigned projects and goals. Congolese scout life also incorporates the ideals of Baden Powell: to learn by doing, to work in small groups and to give children responsibilities, while remaining conscious of the fact that people learn in different ways, at different paces, and with different styles. The ASGC has not stopped being a dynamic actor in education and development of their country since its re-initiation in 1991. These past few years, marked by civil wars, have prevented the ASGC to actively pursue their current projects. The ASGC continues to be supported by the Scouts and Guides of France, and is now entering a consolidation phase of its activity by concentrating on the rejuvenation of its members, all while maintaining regional, familial, and cultural diversity. Represented by Ms. Baniakina Diabangouaya Jupsie Ashta Edna of Congo Brazzaville.</p>
<p>RENEWAL OF AFRICAN YOUTH INTELLIGENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT (RAYID – CORPORATION) works for the emergence of a conscious generation capable to be empowered and to contribute to Africa's development. RAYID enhances the aptitudes and skills of young Africans in the specific domains of intervention and development. RAYID positively influences the habits and attitudes of young people through personal development sessions, coaching, mentoring and other methods that reinforce moral and humanitarian values in Africa. RAYID's activities are centered on education and actions for sustainable development and peace; the promotion of peace, prevention of conflicts and youth resilience; and actions for solidarity and intergenerational dialogue. Represented by Mr. Wilfried Adringra of Côte d'Ivoire.</p>	<p>THE UNESCO CHAIR FOR CULTURE OF PEACE IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE offers itself as a dynamic platform for exchanges and knowledge sharing between diverse countries of the world and encourages developed countries to support developing countries to achieve sustainable development. The UNESCO Chair promotes education and international solidarity, as well as inter-cultural dialogue. The Chair's activities for culture of peace involve trainings, research, and on the ground actions for the promotion of Culture of Peace and sustainable development. The UNESCO Chair organizes diploma trainings and continuing education. Represented by Mr. Doumbia Aboubacar Babou of Côte d'Ivoire.</p>
<p>THE ARAB YOUTH CLIMATE MOVEMENT (AYCM) is building a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis in the MENA region and all over the world. AYCM does this by educating, empowering, inspiring, mobilizing, and engaging young climate activists in environmental and developmental activities across the Middle East and North Africa region. AYCM believes that climate change is one of the greatest threats facing humanity, and that young people –</p>	<p>THE AFRICAN UNION YOUTH VOLUNTEER CORPS is a continental development program that recruits and works with youth volunteers to work in all 54 countries across the African Union. AU-YVC promotes volunteering to deepen the status of young people in Africa as key participants in the delivery of Africa's human development targets and goals. It brings people together to share skills, knowledge, and creativity to build a more peaceful, integrated continent and</p>

<p>the inheritors of this planet – are the key stakeholders in humanity’s response to the climate crisis. AYCM believes that they will help bring about change by building healthy relationships to mobilize youth around the climate change issue. AYCM’s vision is to enjoy a stable climate similar to that which previous generations enjoyed. Represented by Ms. Mariam Allam of Egypt.</p>	<p>to strengthen Africa’s relevance in the globalized world. In the field, AU Youth Volunteers serve primarily in the following fields: education, health and HIV/AIDS, peace and security, information and communications technology, business and youth entrepreneurship, agriculture, and environment. The AU-YVC engages Africa’s youth in the development of the continent through meaningful youth participation. Represented by Ms. Annick-Laure Tchuendem of Ethiopia.</p>
<p>THE SCIENCES PO ASSOCIATION FOR AFRICA (ASPA) is an organization at Sciences Po Paris that brings together students and alumni of Sciences Po Paris, African or close to Africa, who share the will to represent Africa in all of its diversity, to promote and enrich the debate on economic, political, and culture questions related to Africa. ASPA mobilizes its members to be able to offer a quality framework for intervention to the most important experts and personalities who contribute to make the continent understood. Since its creation, ASPA has organized several conferences on the global economic challenges on the continent, on Rwanda, and independence movements in Africa; as well as numerous debates on different subjects, but also film projections, concerts, and fashion shows. Represented by Ms. Kamina Diallo of France.</p>	<p>THE AFRICAN ARTISTS PEACE INITIATIVE (AAPI) is a Pan-African movement of artists and peace-makers who champion a culture of peace and non-violence in Africa. The over-arching objective is to use the arts as a weapon and as a tool to nurture a culture of peace based on values, attitude, and ways of life conducive to the promotion of peace among individuals, groups, and society. The movement is inspired by the AU Constitutive Act, AU Year of Peace and Make Peace Happen Campaign, the AU 2063 Agenda and the UNESCO Culture of Peace and Non-Violence Campaign. AAPI intends to make a unique contribution to peace advocacy and education through the creative arts. AAPI will demonstrate how the arts can be applied to achieve importance social objectives in African society. Represented by Mr. Ibrahim Ceesay and Mr. Alhagie Manka of Gambia.</p>
<p>THE MANDINGMORRY FOUNDATION FOR PERFORMING ARTS (MANFOPA) is a non-profit and nonpartisan charitable organization founded to enhance professionalism, build capacity and create opportunities for livelihoods in the performing arts and encourages public participation in the arts. The primary objective and purpose of this foundation is to promote the performing arts and African cultural heritage and practices through training and capacity building for performing artists. Their mission is to revive, support and promote African culture, arts and history through performing arts and the preservation of African cultural heritages. Represented by Mr. Pedro Tome lala of Guinée Bisau.</p>	<p>THE AFRICAN OBSERVATORY FOR POLICY PRACTICE AND YOUTH STUDIES is a continental repository for youth statistical data and a source of policy analysis and capacity building in support of evidence-based policy making and programming in Africa. One of the Observatory’s objectives is to enable AU member states to apply age and gender disaggregated data in addressing pressing economic, social, and environmental and other development challenges; with a specific focus on democracy, governance, peace, and security. The Observatory’s activities focus on the promotion and support of the development and utilization of a National Youth Mainstreaming guideline/framework for engagement of youth in governance, democracy, and peace-building as equal stakeholders in decision-making. Represented by Mr. Lawrence Ndambuki Muli of Kenya.</p>
<p>THE YOUTH CONGRESS OF KENYA is a youth serving non-governmental organization (NGO) which provides young people in Kenya with a platform to articulate their issues, explore opportunities for youth participation and leadership to effectively address their interests and concerns and engage young people in social, economic and political processes. It serves as a reliable youth agent, especially for young people in deprived communities who bear the brunt of exclusion and impoverishment. The organization addresses the diverse political, social, economic and cultural concerns of youth through passion, intellectualism, professionalism and role modeling. The Youth Congress is rooted in communities and relies on community-based mobilisers to build its membership and to access communities. It is a member of a number of national and international progressive initiatives, including the United Network of Young Peace builders and has trained youth group leaders across the Nairobi region on non-violent means of action. Represented by Mr. Raphael Obonyo of Kenya.</p>	<p>THE GUIDANCE, COUNSELING AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR AFRICA (GCYDCA) envisions that African youth attain a high quality of life, free from poverty, disease, abuse or violence, through guidance, counseling and youth development services. The GCYDCA promotes, protects, and supports Africa’s number one resource: young people. The GCYDCA is an inter-governmental, non-profit organization established by the African Ministers of Education in 1994. The African Ministers of Education established the GCYDCA as a regional center to coordinate and manage the guidance, counseling, and development programs in Africa. The GCYDCA has 54 member countries, including French, English, and Portuguese speaking countries. The GCYDCA has been granted full diplomatic status by the government of Malawi and all legal capacities, comparable to UN agencies and other international organizations. Represented by Mme. Roselyn Hamisi of Malawi.</p>
<p>THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE fosters</p>	<p>THE VOLUNTARY WORK-CAMPS ASSOCIATION OF</p>

<p>youth civic engagement and participation in the political process. The Youth Parliament adheres to the following principles: impartiality of political parties, evidence-based advocacy, volunteerism, impartiality, unity in diversity, courage, and transparency. The Youth Parliament serves to influence and encourage a community of vibrant, dynamic and creative young people youth who proactively participate in social justice and decision-making. The Youth Parliament hopes to inspire young people to become transformative young leaders and effectuate positive change and promote peace in their country. Represented by Ms. Quitéria Guirengane of Mozambique.</p>	<p>NIGERIA (VWAN) was founded in 1963 to reach out to rural Nigerian communities to help alleviate their challenges. Various government efforts to meet the basic needs of the people have not been sufficient, hence the need for VWAN to bring young people together with the community to ensure these basic standards of living. Many rural areas in Nigeria lack basic infrastructure and essential facilities. In addition, the level of illiteracy in the rural areas is very high as a result of an inadequate education system. VWAN appreciates these complex problems and mobilizes well-meaning young people from various continents to collaborate with the community to carry out these development projects. VWAN sends its volunteers to assist on various projects; for example, in Nigeria, VWAN sends young volunteers to the Ijamido Children's Home in Ogun State to help take care of infants, help young children with their homework and give extra lessons, and organize sports and other forms of entertainment. Represented by Mr. Ekene John-Paul Ikwelle of Nigeria.</p>
<p>O.S.E.R l'AFRIQUE is an African youth initiative by African youth for African youth. It is an associative network born from the desire to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the 17 African countries that launched the wave of independence that changed the course of history of the continent. O.S.E.R l'Afrique affirms the determination of African youth to actively take part in the development of the continent. Knowing that young people are Africa's most precious resource, O.S.E.R l'Afrique wishes to make their voices heard on the issues that concern and engage them. Throughout this adventure, O.S.E.R l'Afrique is committed to favoring intercultural exchange between young Africans and young people around the world. The prime motivation of the organization is to mobilize and inform young people to be activists. O.S.E.R l'Afrique is convinced that anyone, no matter where they are or what they do, has a responsibility and a duty to help support the development of their country, of their continent. Represented by Mr. Alain Sambou of Senegal.</p>	<p>SOUTH AFRICANS FOR PEACE IN AFRICA INITIATIVE (SAPAI) is a civil society platform dedicated to the peaceful resolution of conflicts in Africa. It aims to advance the African agenda by mobilizing Africa's collective energy to address peace, security, governance, and development on the continent. SAPAI strives to mobilize South Africans, the continent, the diaspora and the peoples of the world to campaign for the construction of a fair and just world order, and for the reform of the UN Security Council more specifically. SAPAI actively disseminates critical information about the root causes of conflicts and conflict resolution initiatives on the continent through publications, seminars, conferences and other programs and promotes dialogue between the social support bases of parties in conflict, especially women and youth, to promote people affected by conflict to act as agents for peace. Represented by Ms. Malaika Mahlatsi of South Africa.</p>
<p>THE WHITAKER PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE was founded by Mr. Forest Whitaker, UNESCO Special Envoy for Peace and Reconciliation. WPDI launched a 5-year commitment in 2012 in South Sudan to create the Youth Peacemaker Network (YPN), with a view to harness youth potential to foster peace and development in their communities through participation in a network with local, national and international platforms. The main objective and strategy for the YPN in South Sudan is to empower a selected group of young leaders - through trainings, to become peace builders and community builders who initiate common community projects designed by them. The trainings include a wide range of topics including conflict resolution and peace building. Additionally, WPDI has initiated a Cinema for Peace program that screens educational films that focus on peace building themes. Focus-group discussions are then conducted after every screening to highlight the film's messages. WPDI is using cinema for IDPs as a tool to help create a common consciousness and mutual respect among a diverse audience. Represented by Mr. Dagu David Justin Ngamunde of South Sudan.</p>	<p>L'ASSOCIATION AUREORE is a youth organization that benefits from the support of the National Togolese Commission for UNESCO to organize an education-based game called "SPELL ME." SPELL ME is a civil culture game that promotes human rights for young students. Represented by Mr. Yannick A. Koffi Agboka of Togo.</p>
<p>THE YOUNG INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS (JID), formed the morning after the Tunisian Revolution, is made up of young Tunisians living in Tunisia, students for the most part,</p>	<p>CHALLENGE YOUTH SOCIETY FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (AJDEDD) was created in late 2011 for the advancement of a small town that was</p>

having chosen different paths (law, medicine, film, languages, science), but who all share democratic values, as well as a certain implication in civil society. Members are active in university associations and clubs, which allow them to maintain a certain visibility in civil society. The JIDs have the following objectives: to inform young people about what is happening in their country, not only in terms of politics, but also the socio-economic situation; complete young people's political education; educate young people about the issues of Middle East revolution, the role that they can play and the political scene at the heart of civil society; and to play the intermediary role between young people and political figures to bring the voices of young people to those who owe it to them to listen. Represented by **Mr. Youssef Blaiech** of Tunisia.

neglected by former Tunisian regimes and is still neglected today. The association was founded and is run by youth volunteers in the area. Young volunteers actively support its creation and development. It is primarily an environmental association, but it also focuses on social and cultural issues. AJDEDD objectives are to contribute to development plans, particularly those with an environmental nature; raise environmental awareness among young people through advocacy campaigns; organize youth activities to develop decision-making capacities in young people; and to improve living conditions, especially for those living in rural areas. Represented by **Mr. Montassar Landoulsi** of Tunisia.

THE KIRINDA YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAM UGANDA (KYEMPAPU) is a non-profit, community based organization that operates in Bukomansimbi, Uganda. KYEMPAPU promotes environmental education in schools and communities; promotes youth talents through sports, especially soccer; empowers girls and women to be self-reliant and encourages gender mainstreaming; and promotes peace and human rights education among youth groups and schools. KYEMPAPU partners with the Uganda National Commission for UNESCO, which provides them with literature and access to radio shows and public debates on all aspects of peace. The organization is also in close contact with fellow trainees on peace issues, from gender and armed conflict to early warning and early response mechanisms. Represented by **Ms. Sylvia Namukasa** of Uganda.

AFRICA YOUTH INITIATIVE NETWORK (AYINET) is committed to making peace and justice a reality for victims and survivors of war. AYINET works directly with victims of brutalities suffered during the rebel Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and Government of Uganda (GoU) hostilities. They focus their work in three critical areas: health and psychosocial rehabilitation for those who have suffered from grave injuries and crimes, engaging people and communities in the transitional justice process, and empowering and training youth in leadership skills. With these areas in mind, AYINET creates and implements programs that are victim-centered and designed to empower communities to promote a healthy, peaceful and just society. AYINET implements a number of programs focused on youth advocacy, and builds leaders and change-makers among the youth population. Represented by **Mr. Victor Ochen** of Uganda.

THE AFRICAN YOUTH INITIATIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (AYICC) is an umbrella initiative of all youth organizations in Africa working on climate change. It was launched during the International Conference of Youth prior to the UNFCCC COP 12 in 2006. It comprises and continues to welcome all youth organizations who share the AYICC vision of "an African continent with an empowered and united youth movement, proactively involved in the decision-making process and the adoptions of sustainable options towards a better climate and social equity." In 2010 and beyond, AYICC reaches out to African youth and continues to engage governments, CSOs and the local communities in real work on the ground to save the continent. They believe it is in their hands, the hands of the youth, to take real and relevant action to find a solution for climate change. Represented by **Mr. Billy Lombe** of Zambia.