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### GREED AND CLIMATE CHANGE

In the West we are being told that the worst of the recession is over. This analysis is apparently based on the fact that the banking 'whizzkids' are being promised a return to their obscene financial bonus packages at the year end. These are the same people who took the world to the brink of financial collapse just a few months ago, their reckless gambling in financial derivatives resulting in the near collapse of the global economy. Whilst millions of the newly unemployed struggle to make a living and whilst charities and aid organisations find themselves increasingly strapped for cash, these so called 'whizzkids' rub their hands in glee in anticipation of the hundreds of thousands in cash they will receive through supplying bonds which governments need to fund the deficits caused through supporting banks which these traders brought to the edge of collapse in the first place! Thats right – these traders are to benefit from their own recklessness!! One of the effects of the financial crisis is that governments have become distracted from climate change talks and more geared to supporting their own economies. With very little time to go before the Copenhagen meeting in December it is absolutely imperative that we apply as much pressure as possible to all those involved in these talks to reach an agreement that will safeguard the planet for our future generations. Organise a march, write a letter to your MP, or maybe join one of the many e-campaigns that organisations like Christian Aid or avaaaz are running as they fight for justice. Its important to make your voice heard LOUD and CLEAR and NOW.

On a more cheerful note, the INSPIRE team use this opportunity to commend the hilarious victory of Ghana over Brazil in the just ended and highly competitive junior world cup in Egypt. They make Africans proud. This is to show that Africa is ready for the 2010 in South Africa, its surely time for an African country to uplift it.

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## NAYD MEMBERS

### BAPELU Fight's Against Sexual Violence "Don't Keep Silent, Denounce the Rapist"

**C**ONTEXT and DESCRIPTION: Youths (young girls) of Tubah Division in the North West Region of Cameroon like many in other African countries and worldwide suffer from serious sexual violence and rape. The



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incidence of this has increased recently. These often fragile or vulnerable victims of violence experience physical injury; mental health consequences that include depression, low self-esteem, and suicide attempts; and more health consequences like gastrointestinal disorders, substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, and gynecological or pregnancy complications. Violent or forced sex can increase the risk of transmitting HIV.

This completely youth-led project had as aim to produce a publication titled "DON'T KEEP SILENT, DENOUNCE THE RAPIST" to help in defending the youths of our community from sexual violence. It was to empower the youths with knowledge of sexual violence with focus on rape, prevention and how to manage such cases when confronted with. Eight hundred and fifty copies of the publication "Don't keep Silent, Denounce the Rapist" was produced and distributed without a fee in exchange to 850 youth's especially young girls due to their high degree of vulnerability. The project ran for a



period of two weeks precisely from 3rd to 15th August 2009. This period entail these activities:

production of publication, free distribution of the publication and evaluation. On day one, two and three of

the project a publication team headed by Miss Zie Mirabel Atanga (*the project's brain child*) and comprised of members of BAPESU and youths from Tubah Division especially past victims of rape and sexual violence brought out the concise content of the publication in simplified English to be well understood by the target population. During day four and five the publication was produced and in the following week was the distribution.

**Results/Outcomes:** A youth NGO in the Netherlands Called *Alert Fund for Youth Activities* financial support permitted BAPESU to carryout the production and distribution of the publication (*850 copies*) to vulnerable youth's majority young

girls. Miss Zie Mirabel Atanga (*The Project coordinator*) with young BAPESU members and community volunteers distributed the publications from door-to-door and in youth gatherings. We reach out to the target group through open gathering distribution particularly during the Bambui village (*Tubah Head Quarters*) weekly market day which is a day where many young girls come to the market for various reasons including sale of farm produces (fresh groundnuts, pears, yams, corn etc), to meet close relatives



and friends and it is also an occasion where many fall victims to rape and sexual violence, so it was an appropriate occasion to reach the targeted groups. We went door-to-door and to youth clubs, social gatherings and in an open presentation to reach out targeted population. A total of 23 volunteer youths including some young males backed the education

campaign. The project has enjoyed interests locally, and one such example is in a local newspapers whereby it carry's the strong message of the publication "DON'T KEEP SILENT, DENOUNCE THE RAPIST" with prints of BAPESU and Alert logo's on them. The objective of this program has been attained mainly because of financing support from Alert and strong commitment and active involvement youths especially past victims of sexual violence and rape. Recommendations gathered from the field clearly calls for the need for continuity and more production of the publication so as to continuously fight against sexual violence and rape through education and knowledge building. The bottom-line here is that 850 females have been educated on the characteristics of rape, how to prevent rape and things to do to manage rape cases.

#### LET'S PONDER OVER THIS:

"Men can stop rape. Let's build young men's capacity to challenge harmful aspects of traditional masculinity, to value alternative visions of male strength, and to embrace their vital role as allies with women and girls in fostering healthy relationships and gender equity". ■



Zie Mirabel Atanga (Project Coordinator, BAPESU)

### African's Climate Change Fever?

**D**ear NAYDIANS, there are times when one falls sick and can't tell what could be wrong with him/her? You may have malaria fever; kidney problems eye irritations skins problems etc all these sum part of what one can ail from in his or her lifetime. So when you visits a doctor and gives a lot of descriptive symptoms that not only baffles the doctor but also make the doctor more confused which sometimes causes the doctor to give wrong medicine towards the sickness. Why should I bring out this when issue is about looking for ways to mitigate if not solve climate change debacles. In December all roads will be going to Copenhagen including government's representatives, lobbyists, media houses and youth not forgetting young ones too. I have been asking myself actual what should be done Copenhagen Meeting in December. Will the meeting that become an entertainment and theatrical scene or we shall have some serious resolutions passed and endorsed as soon as possible or we shall just talk and talk and argue and argue then after days are over we board plane and go back to our respective countries.

I will nicely leave the jury out there to make a final analysis. Let me talk about Africa and Kenya in particular. There have been a lot of talks about Climate Change and its debacles in Kenya. We have all witnessed how water catchments areas like Mau Forests are getting destroyed hence spreading risks of water scarcity and hunger. Also we have witnessed bad weather conditions that have left Kenya meteorological department scientists scratching their heads wondering how fast climatic conditions are quite shifting.

There have been a lot of talks on how we can mitigate Climate Change by planting of trees and failing to determine the various tree species that will be suitable for this venture. A poor description on some tree-species called eucalyptus that were hurriedly introduced to Kenya are sending mixed signals in they are assumed to consume more water thus destroying ecosystem and wetlands which now will cause more problems than solutions that are being sought.

Hence is like giving a wrong medicine to a fever or a disease. The major issues that Copenhagen Meeting must resolve is develop a watertight mechanism that will ensure a speed mechanism on how to manage Climate Change is followed and obeyed by all for all. There have been cases whereby very nice resolutions have been developed passed only for some countries who are great polluters to backtrack and hence throwing back the noble progress. In simple let us prescribe correct medicine for Climate Change fever. Let us move from talking to Action programs. ■ **Gibson Amenity (Kenya)**

**Government Won't be Pressured  
into Implementing Youth Policy**

**D**ear friends the Deputy Employment Minister for Ghana made a comment on the National Youth Policy. My rejoinder is as follows: I hope you'll support me. I read with keen interest the above story on [www.myjoyonline.com](http://www.myjoyonline.com) and I think that as a lead advocate for the implementation of a national youth policy I should put certain issues in perspective.

The Deputy Employment Minister may be right by saying that government won't be pressured into implementing the National Youth Policy.

There are many people, including myself, who share the view that for a government that came to power with a different ideology and for that matter a manifesto which will serve as a basis of holding it (government) accountable for the promises they made to the people of Ghana, it needs reconcile it vision and promises for the youth with what is contained in the current youth policy. There are others that argue that government should be considered as an entity and that there should be perpetual succession irrespective of which party is in power. However, that is not our main concern as those who are advocating for the implementation of the youth policy.

The deputy minister indicated that the NDC was not involved in the review process of drafting the current policy but that is not true. It was the National Youth organizers of the respective political parties, including leaders of youth organizations, who actually drove the process of the review at the National level after district and regional consultations. Bernard Mornah and Wilson of the PNC, Prince Adams of the NDC, James Kwabena Bomfeh Jnr of the CPP, Prince Derrick Adjei of the DFP, John Boadu of the NPP among other party youth leaders participated actively in the process and that was the level of consultation available to all parties. At this point, I think the National Youth Council will help us a lot if it breaks its silence on the various processes the current policy had undergone.

Again, that is not the gravamen of our concern. The issue of the national youth policy should not be reduced to mere 'politicking'. In any case, both the NPP and the NDC have failed the youth of Ghana in terms of policy. They have both ruled without any clear direction for youth development in Ghana. Since independence, there has not been any clear policy on youth development in Ghana. All we see are a piece-meal approaches and knee-jerk responses to challenges facing the young people of Ghana. Since Ghana's return to constitutional democracy in 1992, the NDC had the opportunity to rule for eight (8) years. Throughout these years there was no clear policy on youth development. It was in 1999 that a youth policy was launched. Then as fate had it, they lost power in 2009. Consequently, the policy was virtually suspended by the NPP government with the similar excuses as we are

hearing today from the NDC government. They want to make it 'more dynamic, pro-youth, multi-partisan' and that the policy lacked an action plan.

It took the NPP government too its entire tenure in office (8 years) just to review the youth policy and add an action plan. God being on the side of the young people of Ghana, the policy received cabinet's blessing in December, 2008. (There is a controversy over this fact but I say it with confidence because I have evidence to support my claim). As it turned out, the people of Ghana changed the baton of leadership again in the 2008 elections and returned NDC to power. Here we are again with the issue of a review of the national youth policy.

The young people of Ghana have a legitimate cause to complain about this situation of lack of political commitment to their development. What is so special about the National Youth Policy that it is the only policy that has become a "football" to pass on from one government to the other while the youth remain victims of this phenomenon? Throughout the tenure of both governments numerous policies were formulated, laws have been passed even under certificates of emergency but how come we do not have just a youth policy? - Political commitment.

In spite of the commitment of our government to the Commonwealth of Nations to implement a national youth policy we remain where we are.

Review according to the Oxford English Dictionary means 'a formal assessment of something with the intention of instituting change *if necessary*' emphasis mine. If this definition is anything to go by then how long will it take government to examine the policy to find out if it is necessary to make changes or not? Meanwhile, we have a Ministry responsible for youth and sports as well as the National Youth Council. In any case, government has not told the people of Ghana whose taxes have been invested in producing and refining the youth policy time and again what defects they have seen in the document. More so, this issue should not be difficult to resolve. Neither should it take much time since young people across the country were heavily involved in the process of developing the policy. It goes without saying that what government intends to do for the young people of Ghana should not be so different from what the young people themselves wish hence these differences can always be reconciled within the shortest time possible.

Dear reader, while the struggle for the implementation of a national youth policy continues, I wish to reiterate that the destiny of our dear country cannot be disengaged from the quality of investment we make in the young people of Ghana who constitute majority of the country's population and are the much trumpeted future leaders. Is it a concern to us that the youth remain vulnerable to diseases such as HIV/AIDS where statistics indicate that the youth are the worst affected? Are we worried that more young people are uneducated, unskilled and

unemployed which figures we cannot clearly tell? Are we concerned that more young people are involved in criminal and other anti-social activities majority of who are in jail? Are we concerned that many young people are susceptible to manipulation to engage in conflict? If the situation remains this way because we keep doing the same old things and getting the same old results then where are we heading to as a nation?

The time to act is now. I wish appeal to government to act as matter urgency. It is not about any political party. It is about the future of our dear country.

To you my fellow youth, I encourage to join the advocacy for the implementation of a national youth policy irrespective of your political and social standing because we cannot fail ourselves and posterity. ■

**Prosper Hoetu (Youth Network for Human Rights & Democracy)**

#### Cameroon's agric policy, a barrier to youths' involvement in the activity.

In our society today many people believe that any thing that happens was already arranged and nothing can be done about the outcome. Here I mean those who will sit and say for everything it was already destined. On the other hand, there are some who prefer to rather fold their arms and watch at every event and see their mates 'huzzle' and 'buzzle' or lay blames on others for being the cause of their failure on others. This reporter has one message for this group of people; there is no food for a lazy man.

In Cameroon if these groups of people exist it means they will certainly die of hunger given that the agricultural policies do not favour the youths who are the working class to get fully involved in agriculture. In Africa agriculture is considered as the backbone of the continent with youths between 16-25 years old involving themselves in the activity that contributes about 50 per cent of GDPs. The 13th ordinary summit of the AU that held in July 2009 recently underlined the need for investing in agriculture and thus had as theme; "investing in agriculture for economic growth and food security". This is real significant that there is no life without agriculture.

Yet, youths in Cameroon are not in any way encouraged to practice agriculture in spite of the high demand for food stuff by families and households. In some rural areas of the country youths have various potentials but opportunities remain very few for them to maximize these potentials given that the government is doing nothing or less to encourage these youths to be involved in the practice. Even those who are interested in the practice do not still have the training facilities readily available. As a consequence, rarely do succeed in the activity given that

some factors of production like land may be easily acquired but others like entrepreneur (skills) remain very rudimentary. Capital on one hand is what is needed to enhance agricultural production but in Cameroon youths who are very enthusiastic in taking agriculture as their means of living do not have the capital meanwhile the country has a large national budget. To this effect, the youths are bound to remain poor or tend to move to towns in search of greener pastures. While in town they do not find for one reason or the other and thus resort to ill practices. They rather contribute to increased urban poverty since the cities are themselves not prosperous. In Cameroon



high rural-urban migration will soon be problem than was estimated by Thomas Malthus (Malthusian theory of population). Is some African countries with less national budget than that of Cameroon, a high percentage is directed towards agricultural

development but in Cameroon it is the contrary. If the Cameroon can invest in agriculture as it was at the centre of discussions between African heads of states during their 13th ordinary summit last July, it will intend lead to economic growth and hence eradicate poverty. ■

**NDI Eugene NDI (Projects and cooperation officer YOFADEG)**

### How I Spent My Summer

**X**ylecia Taylor (in middle), a third-grade teacher at Dobbs Elementary. Taylor used her Fund for Teachers grant (through the Atlanta Education Fund) for a trip to Ghana, where she was involved in a range of activities including learning how to harvest bio-diesel fuel. Here's her story, in her own words ...

From the moment I stepped off of the plane, I knew that my life had been blessed and privileged in a most powerful way. On July 6, as I exited the airport in Accra, the capital city of Ghana, I was awe struck by the sights, people, scents, sounds and energy. I vividly remember riding to the Hansonic Hotel feeling a sense of nostalgia for a place to which I had never been. Not only had I received a grant from Fund for Teachers to complete a service learning project and to volunteer my services at an elementary school, but I had the opportunity to discover Ghana, Africa, for myself.



For the four weeks that I stayed in Ghana I was impressed by the compassion of Ghanaians coupled with their sense of community. One of my colleagues at the Youth Institute



of Science and Technology (YIST) simply wanted me to feel "as if I had returned home." In many ways I did feel as if I had returned to a place with which I held some meaningful connections. My awakening

began with my service learning project at YIST. Daily I traveled from my hotel in Konongo to the hills of Agogo. Upon its inception, this school was designed to provide a science- and math- based education for Ghanaian female students. School founders were most eager to combat the illiteracy rates among Ghanaian women. However, due to parent demands, the school now services both male and female students. I was compelled to visit this school because of my growing interest in environmental protection and conservation, as well as alternative and renewable energy. The faculty and students, along with a team of scientists and engineers, had successfully constructed a bio-diesel generator to harvest fuel using palm kernel. Not only did I witness how this project benefited the students of YIST, I also considered how this type of initiative and engagement would enhance the learning of my third grade students.

The Youth Institute of Science and Technology is housed in a modest building. Daily the students are attired in purple and yellow uniforms. The faculty and staff are stern and diligent. Students are jovial and confident in their quests for academic excellence. Despite not having contemporary technological devices, or extensive classroom resources and materials, the students at YIST were tenacious and ardent learners. Even as they sat crowded in their classrooms, the students demonstrated a profound capacity for creativity, resourcefulness and critical analysis. I spent a great deal of time doing teacher observations and analyzing student-teacher interactions. Many of the classes that I taught were designed to assist the students in developing reflective journals and critical analysis of their individual learning processes.

Students began their arrivals to school by 6:00a.m. for morning cleanup. Chapel and prayer were scheduled for 7:00a.m. A breakfast of porridge and bread was served around 8:00a.m. While I enjoyed the cuisine in the many restaurants that I frequented, I most enjoyed the meals prepared in the school "cafeteria." Each day, Auntie Maggie and Auntie Naomi prepared rice or yam and a local stew or sauce. The food was fresh, robust, and energizing. My experiences with the students and

colleagues at YIST were invaluable to me as a professional and as a life-long learner.

The town of Cape Coast proved to be a highlight of my journey. As I hiked through Kakum National Park, I experienced the mesmerizing effects of the African rainforests. However, it wasn't until I visited the Cape Coast Castle that I reflected deeply on my life in its broader context. My visit to the Cape Coast Castle resulted in feelings of grief, gratitude, and determination. It is all so true that as you enter the slave dungeons, the holding cells, you can still smell the stench of deplorable and dehumanizing conditions. You can hear the echoes of dying voices. As I stood in a dark dungeon, I caught a glimpse of the miniscule hole that served as the drainpipe for the bodily excretions and fluids of ancestors sold into slavery. I entered into the suffocating cell designed to incarcerate the disobedient and rebellious captive. I closed my eyes and walked through the "Door of No Return" to stand at the port on which slave ships lodged. As I walked back through, I did so with an increased sense of determination, faith, and gratitude.

On July 21, I traveled to Garden City College in Kenyase, Kumasi. Faculty members and students from YIST participated in a college-bound program modeled after the Upward Bound Program. Students in grades 3 through 6 took classes in science, math, and computer technology. Students were exposed to college and campus life. During this initiative, I taught alongside a team of Ghanaian and American instructors. Throughout this experience, I continued to be inspired by the seriousness and vigilance of students and faculty.

Thank you to Fund for Teachers for making this life-changing experience a reality. I am a better educator, student, parent and human being because of my awakening. I am enthusiastic about sharing my new understandings with students and colleagues. My students will have the opportunity to have pen pals with Ghanaian students from YIST. Furthermore, I am developing a learning unit designed to encourage students to be more responsible in their uses of energy and their interactions with our environment.

Article by Mrs. Shannan Akosua Boateng Magee, the Co-founder of Girls Institute of Science and Technology in other words known as the Youth Institute of Science and Technology.

The Youth Institute of Science & Technology is an international school based in Agogo Ghana. With the mission to

ensure that students learn necessary skills to become productive and thinking individuals who strive to do their best. Youth Institute of Science and Technology develops the leadership and communal power of students through the integration and



application of a science, mathematics, health and technology based curriculum. Y.I.S.T. enables students to



explore technology, science, mathematics and leadership with confidence through a variety of educational formats including after-school programs, Saturday camps, summer camps and E-Learning. ■ **Xylecia Taylor**

## \* \* WHY I JOINED NAYD \* \*



### Name: Ibekwe Alexander

Organisation: Health Link Organization

Country: Nigeria

Development Interests: As part of youth activist, my interest in youth development in Africa. I want to join the Organization. We specialise on HIV/AIDS and environment.

### Name: Grace Mwaura

Organisation: African Youth Initiative on Climate Change

Country: Kenya

Development Interests: Environmental issues (climate change) and Youth leadership

### Name: Adegoke, Adeolu Oyemade

Organisation: Young for Health Foundation

Country: Nigeria

Development Interests: I want to network myself with other African youths to create an enabling environment for the future generations and national development.

### Name: Vincent Azumah

Organisation: Individual (Resource Person)

Country: Ghana

Development Interests: The zeal to share ideas on development processes and impact assessment processes with development al values and behaviours. Love to work with other youth from other parts of the world. I have over 10 years of development and media work experience to share.

### Name: Rim Marghli

Organisation: Issht, University

Country: Tunisia

Development Interests: I am interested to work on the improvement of education in Africa, I am 4th year English student and I chose Academic Purposes as a major because I think that education is the most important issue in the world.

### Name: Butera Laurent

Organisation: PGD

Country: Rwanda

Development Interests: Inspire and be inspired by the youths who have joined hands towards the development of Africa

### Name: Alice Norah Zahura

Organisation: MOTHERHOOD CHILDCARE PROJECT

Country: Uganda

Development Interests: To provide maximum comfort, discipline welfare, child rights, and improve on the livelihood of vulnerable children. And our vision is to advocate, and promote the lives of vulnerable children, through provision of social services, care & support.

**Name: Frank Emmanuel Duncan**

Organisation: New Ghana Youth Development Association

Country: Accra Ghana

Development Interests: youth development in Education, environment and we are one of the accredited UNCCD ONG in Ghana

**Name: Eugène Ahondjo**

Organisation: Universal Peace Federation-CI

Country: Ivory Coast

Development Interests: Contributing for the appearance of youth with great sense of morality and integrity

**Nom: Rajae Dokkali**

Organisation: AESVT

Pays: Le Maroc

Intérêt au développement: Membre de du centre de sensibilisation environnementale de l'association des enseignants des sciences de la vie et la terre à Mohammedia

**Name: Adetola**

Organisation: West African Youth Network

Country: Nigeria

Development Interests: the love I have for youth and the unborn generation drives me on a part to join organisation as your to see the development in the and to make sue that there future is secured.

**Name: Waleed Mohammed Abdelaziz**

Organisation: Egyptian federation for scouts and girl guides

Country: Egypt

Development Interests: to be part of the team, to share my dreams experience with my brothers from Africa and the entire world

**Name: Tedla Mulatu**

Organisation: African Medical and Research Foundation

Country: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Development Interests: To share my experience on African youth development

**Name: Dennis Kimambo**

Organisation: REPACTED KENYA

Country: Kenya

Development Interests: Youth Development health wise

**Name: Kevin Odhiambo Ochieng**

Organisation: Africa Youth Initiative on Climate Change

Country: Kenya

Development Interests: Sustainable development

**Name: Alieu Sowe**

Organisation: Youth Parliament

Country: Gambia

Development Interests: to help in the advocate for justice to all especially the poor and the youths and children

**Name: Christopher Mnkhone Melele**

Organisation: Youth Net and Advocacy

Country: Malawi

Development Interests: I want to be exposed and widen my knowledge in different areas.

**Name: Amadou Djibril**

Organisation: Passerelles

Country: Niger

Development Interests: I hope to join NAYD. Thank you

**Name: Ediola Pashollari**

Organisation: World Assembly of Youth

Country: Malaysia

Development Interests: Youth issues for Africa

**Name: Jessy Samuel Ejah**

Organisation: Jessy Samuel Worldwide, a training and development

Country: Nigeria

Development Interests: Youth developer, training and development expert. I've been involve youth training and their development for several years now as speaker and workshop facilitator.

**Name: Abeer Rabei Youness**

Organisations: Faculty of Economic and Political Science- Cairo

Country: Egypt

Development Interests: Foreign Aid and development in Africa and youth clubs in and out of schools. The project is in line with the (MDG) Millennium Development Goal 7, target 10 which aims to reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water by 2025.

**Name: Kambaiz Wali**

Organisation: American University of Afghanistan

Country: Kabul, Afghanistan

Development Interests: I have many solid reasons for joining NAYD. Most importantly, I belong to a war effected country, Afghanistan, where there are many forces trying to take the lead from afghans. I know very well about cultural, social, economical, environmental changes introduced by war. Therefore, I consider myself as a great asset for this conference. I assure you of providing excellent techniques about dealing with such unbearable changes.

**Name: Abeer Rabei Youness**

Organisation: Faculty of Economic and political sciences

Country: Egypt

Development Interests: Foreign Aid and development in Africa

**Name: Amr Abd el-Gayed**

Organisation: Ofok NGO

Country: Egypt

Development Interests: Information technology, Leadership and Governance and Youth and Culture

**Name: Joseph Mngongonda**

Organisation: Namwera AIDS Coordinating Committee  
Country: Malawi  
Development Interests: Membership

**Name: Ahmed Fahmy Hussien**

Organisation: AB & Associates  
Country: Cairo  
Development Interests: Together We Better

**Name: Kula Aatoz Zodua**

Organisation: Network of African Youth for Development (NAYD-Libria)  
Country: Monrovia  
Development Interests: To promote youth-led and developmental activities

**Name: Chukwuneta Chioma**

Organisation: Youths Making Change  
Country: Nigeria  
Development Interests: I love to see positive changes in my environment and I believe my membership will help me mix up with likeminded youths.

**Name: Ramy Yassen Zakaria**

Organisation: Y-PEER Network, NAYA Network, GYCA  
Country: Sudan  
Development Interests: my development interests in NAYD are HIV/AIDS, ASRH, reasons to joining NAYD to representing NAYD in my country Sudan.

**Name: Nihal Tawfik El-Shenawy**

Organisation: Zedny  
Country: Egypt  
Development Interests: I wanted to work in development projects and organization because I love my country very much and I'd like participate in such projects to see my country grow, I knew development field is very interesting, need active and insisting people to do something and never give up. and It's a dream for me to work in development field especially Corruption its one of the steps for development I believe so much that the difference between anyone and other is the situation he/she passed by which called experience but that does not mean that there is one better than other, I mean that if someone did something anyone else can do it better or less depending on the ability to do it.

**Name: David Kakhaberi**

Organisation: Student  
Country: Georgia, Tbilisi  
Development Interests: culture studies and anthropology

**Name: Adefisoye Adeola**

Organisation: Nigerian Model United Nations, Igbinedion Uni  
Country: Nigeria  
Development Interests: To join the youth to make an impact in my generation.

**Name: Arome Salifu**

Organisation: Africa Youth Growth Foundation  
Country: Nigeria  
Development Interests: We are a non-profit organisation with a bias for the development of the Africa youth to assist in all areas like agriculture, peace building, health etc.

**Name: KONAN MARC KONAN**

Organization: United Nations Associations  
Country: Ivory Coast  
Development Interests: Just try to see how together we can help our poor continent (Africa).

**Name: Aweis Nor Abokar**

Organisation: Banadiri development organization  
Country: Somalia  
Development Interests: to have cooperation and collaboration for the ongoing conflict and war in somalia

**Name: Eben Iliassou Yaya Daniel**

Organisation: Association des jeunes du fin gouron omnisports  
Country: Cameroon  
Development Interests: collaboration with our plan

**Name: Lala Oluwatobi**

Organisation: Blood Drive Initiative  
Country: Nigeria  
Development Interests: Achieving 100% VNRD in Nigeria/ Networking

**Name: Peter Stephen**

Organisation: AIESEC international student organization  
Country: Tanzania  
Development Interests: To be ambassador in Tanzania

**Name: Agasokoa samuel**

Organisation: Bnsa  
Country: Nigeria  
Development Interests: youth leadership and voluntarism

**Name: Atuhairé**

Organisation: Makerere University, Kampala  
Country: Uganda

**Name: Ramy Yassen Zakria**

Organisation: Y-PEER network Sudan, NAYA network Sudan  
Country: Sudan  
Development Interests: Human Right, and HIV/AIDS, MY reasons for joining NAYD to get and share experience, skills and to represent NAYD in Sudan.

**Name: Simon Mutinda**

Organisation: Krewnzi Theater Production  
Country: Kenya  
Development Interests: Development interests: Youth Programme development & policy making.  
Reasons for joining, being an active player in youth development and I do feel this is an organization that can give the youth a forefront in advocacy.

**Name: Samuel Azubuiké Duru**

Organisation: Vision Bearers Youth Organization  
Country: Nigeria  
Development Interests: To join forces with other young people in the development front and to contribute my quota in the fight against environmental degradation and climate change. I believe in the efficacy of synergy. There is a process that lets us work together with other people to make a big and lasting difference. That process can be used by groups of people to change the issues they care about. You can learn about that process from

years of study and work in the field of community working and volunteering. If we can fit these small steps into the big picture, we would see how things move forward and shift little by little until a positive change is accomplished. Then we can look back and affirm that we helped change our world! Though some will argue that the government should simply funnel money into our cities. But given the track record that the government has in managing its assets, it is not realistic to think that solving the problems of our cities is as simple as writing out a cheque. “The best economy of a city is the care and culture of men,” says Lewis Mumford in *The City in History*. Big Brother will not take care of it all for us. There are some people who believe that the government will do all that we need to do. That means leaving the course of our future to politicians—to special interest groups—and to government workers. Have you noticed any one of these groups taking a stand for what you want to have happen in your country or in the world? Do they care about the things you care about? Do they want the same solutions that you want? Government workers want their jobs to go smoothly and to get their pay and their benefits. Some care about the issues and support specific efforts—but most get into trouble when they speak out.

**Name: Iniobong**

Organisation: Women United for Economic Empowerment

Country: Nigeria

Development Interests: We are working/networking with youth in our state and we want to gain adequate capacity building mechanism and other tools to implement our programs in Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria for our marginalised youth.

**Name: Emem Friday Ekpo**

Organisation: Women's Initiative for Self-Actualisation

Country: Nigeria

Development Interests: our development interest is working with the less privileged in the society helping them to achieve their potentials.

**Name: Jewel Ackom**

Organisation: Youth involvement Foundation

Country: Ghana

Development Interests: partnership/networking/sharing information experiences, linkage to donor partners and learning

**Name: Ojongmboh Enow-Takala**

Organisation: GRIN Cameroon

Country: Cameroon

Development Interests: Community Development

**Name: Allan Hinga Munyua**

Organisation: Cura Digital Youth Empowerment Initiative. C.B.O

Country: Kenya

Development Interests: to learn more about poverty eradication programmers, HIV/AIDS information technology etc

**Name: Abiodun Ajayi**

Organisation: Youth Volunteers Network

Country: Nigeria

Development Interests: Education, Environment, Governance, Health, Accident Rescue and so on.

**Name: Adede Ochieng' Simon**

Organisation: Red Cross

Country: Kenya

Development Interests: Zeal to serve humanity

**Name: Ugwu Rose**

Organisation: Adolescent Aid International Foundation

Country: Paiko - Nigeria

Development Interests: I believe that joining NAYD will empower me to influence and shape adolescents especially girls who come for sessions in my organisation, towards challenging issues that keep them silent.

**Name: Gab Rudricks**

Organisation: Galc

Country: USA

Development Interests: connecting with people

**Name: Shopeju Zaid Abiodun**

Organisation: Youth Vision Alliance Network (YVAN)

Country: Nigeria

Development Interests: Youth leadership, sustainable development, entrepreneurship and climate change awareness.

**Name: Kwasi Asiedu Abrokwah**

Organisation: Student.

Country: Ghana

Development Interests: to know about sustainable development in Africa and in issues that Africa as whole face in the view of child moral issues and the youth.

**Name: Bolika Lokumbo Jean Marie**

Organisation: Initiative Locale pour le Développement Intégré

Country: Democratic Republic of Congo

Development Interests: youth, climate change, environment, peace, justice, education and health

**Name: Osman Nasreldin Osman Hamid**

Organisation: Youth for Children Organization within SD Scout

Country: Sudan

Development Interests: My interests in Development issues that related to HIV&AIDS and Human rights. My reasons make me join to NAYD to represent and work through NAYD in my country.

**Name: Mohamed Babiker Abo Alrahman**

Organisation: Youth for Children Organisation

Country: Sudan

Development Interests: Children Protection, HIV/AIDS, Human Rights. I like youth works because I think I can do something for people.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### **19th International Children's Painting Competition**

#### **Theme: Biodiversity: connecting with Nature**

*The International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment is organized every year by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Japan-based Foundation for Global Peace and Environment (FGPE), Bayer and Nikon Corporation. It has been held since 1991 and has received more than 2.4 million entries from children in over 100 countries. The theme for this year's competition is Biodiversity and it will*

*focus on our beautiful earth, full of different life forms and what can we do to protect it.*

*The children's paintings will focus on concrete actions to preserve biodiversity such as tree planting, marine and animal conservation, restoration of coral reefs etc*

*The competition was launched on 20 August 2009. The organizers are inviting children all over the world to submit their paintings to the UNEP office in their regions. Addresses of these offices are indicated on page 3.*

#### **Entry Rules and Conditions:**

*Children between the age of 6 and 14 years.*

- 1) Paintings must be done on A4 OR A3 papers.
- 2) Full name, age (day, month, and year) and full address including phone and e-mail (in English) must be on the back of the painting.
- 3) Style of painting is free: crayons, colored pencils, watercolors, etc.
- 4) Paintings that have been shown or accepted elsewhere will not be accepted in this competition.
- 5) Paintings that show a particular person, an organization or a brand name will not be accepted.
- 6) Do not include any words or descriptions in the paintings.
- 7) Only hard copies of paintings will be accepted. **(E-mail entries will only be accepted after by hard copies is received).**
- 8) You can submit more than one entry.

#### **Prizes:**

##### **Global winners:**

##### **The 1st Prize:**

One entrant - US\$ 2,000 with a fully paid trip for the winner and a chaperone to the Tunza International Childrens Conference (date and venue to be confirmed later). The winner will also receive a plaque and supplementary prizes.

##### **The 2nd Prize:**

One entrant - US\$ 1,000 and a fully paid trip for winners and chaperones to the Tunza International Children's Conference (date and venue to be confirmed later). Each winner will also receive a plaque and supplementary prizes.

##### **The 3rd Prize:**

Five entrants – A diploma for each winner **(No cash)**

##### **The 4th Prize:**

Ten entrants – A diploma for each winner **(No cash)**

##### **The 5th Prize:**

Forty five entrants – A diploma for each winner **(No cash)**

#### **Regional winners:**

One winner only from each region: Africa; Asia and the Pacific; West Asia; Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; and North America.

US\$ 1,000 and fully paid trip for each winner and chaperones to the Tunza International Children's Conference (venue and date to be confirmed later).

*(Note that by entering the Competition, you have assigned copyright of your painting(s) to the organizers. The painting (s) will not be returned and will be used to raise environmental awareness through exhibition, websites, posters, publications etc)*

*and -to raise funds to further promote environmental activities by children.*

#### **Selection of winners:**

Winners will be selected through a fair and impartial selection by the organizers.

#### **Announcement of winners:**

- (1) Regional winners will be announced on 30 April 2010
- (2) Global winners will be announced at the venue of the next Tunza International Children's Conference (venue and dates to be confirmed later)

#### **Regional Office for Africa**

P.O. Box 30552 00100  
Room A-120  
Nairobi-Kenya  
Tel: (254 20) 762 4292, Fax: (254 20) 762 3928  
Email: Angele.Luh@unep.org

#### **UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, United Nations Building  
Rajdamnern Avenue, Bangkok 10200 Thailand  
Tel : (66-2) 288-2314, Fax: (66-2) 280- 3829  
Email: sarabuddhi@un.org

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#### **UNEP Regional Office for North America**

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Washington, DC 20006, USA  
Tel: 1 (202) 974.13.09, Fax: 1 (202) 785-2096  
E-mail: tcieux@rona.unep.org

#### **UNEP Regional Office for West Asia**

Marie Daher Corthay  
Information and Outreach Officer,  
UNEP/ROWA  
00973 36 955 988  
E-mail: marie.daher@unep.org

#### **Deadline:**

Entries must reach the relevant UNEP regional office by **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2010** at the latest. ■

#### **Fighting Climate Change with Jatropha**

Jatropha seeds available for Biofuel Projects - Forest & AgroForestry Promoters Cameroon wishes to announce that Jatropha seeds are available to those who wish to fight climate change through tree planting. Jatropha is a biofuel plant and its different uses are many. For more information, contact Jaff Francis Agiamntebom, the Project coordinator, Forest and

Agroforestry Promoters (FAP), Cameroon.  
Email:forestagrofor@yahoo.com

## Job Opening

### Director Fundraising and Communication

*Deadline for application: October 26, 2009*

*Interviews will take place in Amsterdam in beginning of November 2009*

Mama Cash is seeking to appoint a Director Fundraising and Communication, based in Amsterdam, who will provide leadership, strategic direction, oversight, coordination and priority setting for the Fundraising and Marketing team in order to sustain and expand funding for Mama Cash as well as increase the visibility of the organization.

The vision of Mama Cash is that every woman and girl around the globe will have the power and resources to make her own choices, have control over her body and participate fully and equally in creating a peaceful, just and sustainable world. It provides funds to and forges partnerships with pioneering and innovative women's groups and initiatives around the world and engages with donors who provide the financial resources to defend and advance women's and girls' rights globally.

For a full job description, please visit:

<http://www.mamacash.org/page.php?id=2289>

## Scholarships - European Union

PhD Researcher Pharmaceutical Development

Utrecht University, Netherlands

Scholarship / Financial aid: € 2,042 per month

Date: full-time position for 4 years

Deadline: 31 December 2009

Open to: see Qualifications please

Website:

[http://www.eastchance.com/news.asp?q=452,eu.sch&issue=20090913&utm\\_source=eastchanceMailing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20090913](http://www.eastchance.com/news.asp?q=452,eu.sch&issue=20090913&utm_source=eastchanceMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20090913)

### Call for Applications: Canon Collins Trust Scholarship

Canon Collins Trust provides scholarships to students from South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Angola and Mozambique, who wish to pursue a Masters degree of either one year in the UK, or two years in South Africa.

The key aim of the Scholarships Programme is to help build the human resources necessary for economic, social and cultural development in the southern African region and to develop an educated and skilled workforce that can benefit the wider community. Canon Collins Trust scholarship holders are thus expected to use the knowledge, training and skills acquired through their studies to contribute positively to the development of their home country. Canon Collins Trust's Graça Machel Scholarship Programme aims to provide female students with scholarships that will equip them to take up leadership roles for the benefit of their community, nation and region.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.canoncollins.org.uk/scholarships/index.php>

### Call for Nominations: Human Rights Heroes, Global Exchange

Global Exchange will honour one human rights hero from different categories (Peace, Economic Justice, Green Alternatives), who will receive \$1,000 toward their work, and join the esteemed legacy of their Human Rights Awardees, including Harry Belafonte, Alice Walker, Dr. Paul Farmer and others. Global Exchange is seeking nominations of individuals or organizations that have made a substantial contribution to the advancement of human rights and justice. Nominees may be from any country and of any age. To nominate your Human Rights Hero or to find more information, please visit: [http://myhumanrightsheroes.org/?page\\_id=17#1](http://myhumanrightsheroes.org/?page_id=17#1)

## Conferences

### IADIS International Conference e-Society 2010

Porto, Portugal

Scholarship / Financial aid: none

Date: 18 - 21 March 2010

Deadline: 30 October 2009

Open to: all interested

Website:

[http://www.eastchance.com/news.asp?q=132,nfe,int&issue=20090913&utm\\_source=eastchanceMailing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20090913](http://www.eastchance.com/news.asp?q=132,nfe,int&issue=20090913&utm_source=eastchanceMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20090913)

### 14th IRSPM Conference

Berne, Switzerland

Scholarship / Financial aid: none

Date: April 2010

Deadline: 20th October 2009

Open to: all interested

Website:

[http://www.eastchance.com/news.asp?q=133,nfe,int&issue=20090913&utm\\_source=eastchanceMailing&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20090913](http://www.eastchance.com/news.asp?q=133,nfe,int&issue=20090913&utm_source=eastchanceMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20090913)

## Resources

**Rethinking Conflict Transformation from a Human Rights Perspective:** The question at hand seems relatively simple and straightforward: whether and to what extent the protection and promotion of human rights is necessary for efforts to address conflict and build peace.

In this paper, Michelle Parlevliet argues that considering human rights and conflict transformation in conjunction deepens one's analysis of what is involved in moving from violence to sustainable peace. It is informed by the idea that the two fill 'gaps' in one another, in that each contributes to a better understanding of the other by highlighting elements that are relatively under-explored in the theory and practice of each separate field. This paper suggests that conflict transformation, because of its explicit grounding in social justice and hence inherently normative foundation, may provide a more nuanced and fruitful conceptual space for thinking about human rights, conflict and peace than conflict resolution and conflict management.

To read the report, please visit:

<http://www.humansecuritygateway.com/documents/BERGHOF>

[RethinkingConflictTransformation\\_HumanRightsPerspective.pdf](#)

**Strategies for policymakers: bringing women into government:**

Women bring important skills, attributes, and perspectives to the governance process. Few times offer policymakers as good an opportunity to increase the number of women participating in government as those windows immediately after conflicts. Those women who have successfully entered government have tended to build governance systems that are more stable and transparent, and more often accepted as legitimate by society. They have demonstrated the ability to bridge political divides, highlight women's concerns, facilitate a consultative and participatory approach to policymaking, and press for government accountability. Despite their documented contributions, they are largely excluded.

In October 2000, the UN Security Council mandated women's full participation in peace building in Resolution 1325. Few policymakers, however, know how to fulfil this obligation. This guide intends to provide the international community with concrete strategies to successfully bring women into government.

To read this publication from the Institute for Inclusive Security, please visit:

[http://www.huntalternatives.org/download/1648\\_bringing\\_women\\_into\\_government\\_mar\\_09\\_final.pdf](http://www.huntalternatives.org/download/1648_bringing_women_into_government_mar_09_final.pdf)

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