

African Union Youth Volunteers Corps (AU-YVC) Is launched



**A Continental Youth Volunteer's Programme (AU-YVC) was officially launched on the 3rd of December 2010 followed by a 2 weeks pre deployment training of the first batch of volunteers in Obudu Cattle Ranch, Cross River, Nigeria
By the Youth Division of the African Union Commission**



Background

African Union Youth Volunteers Corps (AU-YVC) is a continental development program that recruits and works with youth volunteers, to work in all 53 countries in Africa. 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, creativity and learning to build a more integrated Continent and by implication strengthen Africa's relevance in the globalized world.

The concept is in line with the African Youth Charter as well as the Decision of AU Heads of State and Government in Assembly/AU/Dec.274 (XVI) January 2010, Decision EX.CL/Dec. 566 (XVII), February 2009 and Decision EX.CL 292 (IX), July 2006 by the Assembly and Executive Council.



- 75% of Africa's population is 35 years old and younger
- 40% of Africa's population is youth (15-35)
- July 2011 AU Summit focuses on Youth Empowerment

Promoting Youth Volunteerism in Africa!



December 2010 Launch & Training

- **AU-YVC** was officially launched on the 3rd of December 2010 in Abuja, Nigeria, in the presence Youth Ministry Officials, high level AU and UN Agency representatives, Ambassadors, Volunteer Organisations, Partners and Africa's Youth at large.



- The Launched was followed by a 2 weeks pre deployment training of the first batch of volunteers to enhance volunteer's professional, social and life skills



- In the first round **57 Volunteers** representing **16 different countries** from across the **Continent** participated in the

first pre deployment training

- As of December 2010, 23 AU Member States have ratified the African Youth Charter
- 37 Member States have signed the Charter
- 11 Member States are yet to sign and ratify



How to request an AU-YV

Member states, private and public organisations, AU Divisions, UN Agencies and the private sector are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to deploy youth from all over the continent and the Diaspora. All volunteers have a minimum qualification of a Bachelor's degree and are to be deployed in a country other than their own. To request for a volunteer visit: www.africa-youth.org/auyvc



The AU-YVC Team would assist by:

- Sorting and matching of volunteer applications to organisation's requests based on required qualification



- Producing of a qualifications' based scales matrix which is then sent to the requesting organisation for final selection
- Provide crucial pre-deployment training for selected volunteers on basic academic, social and life skills
- A tri-partite agreement between the volunteer, the hosting organisation and the AU-YVC governs the terms of volunteerism

Possibility for Partner Interventions

Organisations are welcome to take part in this historically unique continental programme by absorbing volunteers, sponsoring volunteers, financing activities and taking a lead role in providing capacity building.

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