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## EDITORIAL

### How rich are you?

If I ask you to give me a quick answer to that, you are likely to start pondering over the amount of wealth you have (property, cars, money, etc). But in this edition of INSPIRE, with its very new layout, give it a new thought. **We are only as rich as the poorest guy next to us.** Does that make any sense to you? Hope it does. I will leave you to think it out for a while. Am positive that you will soon join us to think that our lives will be collectively much better if we sincerely commit ourselves to positive changes around us. I have tried to understand why African nations are so tilted towards conflicts and wars.

Paul Collier, a professor at Oxford who has been profoundly interested in the subject says economy plays a major role in the outbreak of conflicts in Africa. In an essay on "Natural resources and conflicts in Africa" he says in the economy, one outstanding factor is natural resources, which is a fertile ground for corruption and secessionist tendencies. In the first instance, some minority grab for themselves what should trickle down to every other member of the community and in the second case, the neglected are encouraged to think life will be better if they break off. The end result is that a bunch become richer, the majority poorer and we are not far from general dissatisfaction and conflict.

More than three decades ago, Botswana and Sierra Leone had the same level of per capita income. Then they both received huge diamond income. The government of Botswana succeeded to harness the revenues for the good of the nation. In Sierra Leone, the revenues fomented violent political and egocentric conflicts that brought the economy to its knees. Today the differences lie in terms of per capita income. The government officials of Botswana were thinking all along of how to make every national benefit from the resource rents, instead of individuals. They were seeing riches as a community thing, not an individual's issue. It's like in chemistry. The stronger solution draws on the weaker one. Help make your environment richer, not necessarily in money, but in values too. And believe me that your riches will be more valuable. ■  
*Pochi Tamba*

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The editors have taken every care to make sure that the contents of this newsletter are as accurate as possible. The authors have ultimate responsibility, however, for the content of individual articles.

## NAYD Liberia Raises Awareness on MDGS

On the 16th of November 2007 in accordance with our spelt out programs, NAYD-Liberia conducted a program at the Seven Day Adventist High School (SDA) in Paynesville City. This had as aim to introduce the UN Millennium Development Goals (UN MDGs). This witnessed the participation of over 50 students. In respect of gender balance, female students



NAYD Liberia & SDA Students

participated as well. At the end of this awareness program, on behalf of the school administration and students, the Vice Principal Mr. Peter Doetin expressed his school interest and students desire to become part of this global initiative. ■

## Climate Change a Call for Concern

Climate change is real and happening right now.



Its reality can be seen in melting ice, dying coral reefs, rising sea levels, changing eco-systems and prolonged and more severe droughts. According to the World Health Organisation 150,000 people are already dying every year from climate change. It is for this reason that the world needs to take action now before our planet becomes damaged beyond repair' - This is a quote from Greenpeace International and printed in the new Taking IT Global (TIG) youth action document just published on climate change which can be downloaded from the 'news' page on our own website. The document describes why Global Warming is happening, how youths can become activists in tackling this very serious issue, and quotes from those already involved around the world to give inspiration. One such person is Rachel Nampinga, a Ugandan Environment and Community activist. Through the organisation she founded

'EcoWatch Africa', based in Kampala, she tries to help youth understand the issues and at the same time harness their energies towards positive change. Rachel sees renewable energy as essential to eradicating poverty in Africa and says it is important to look at the energy options being chosen by a government and evaluate whether they are good for communities. This year her organisation is chairing the steering committee of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change, further details at [www.ayicc.org](http://www.ayicc.org)

From my own perspective, I've been on a couple of marches, written emails/letters to papers and magazines but also, most importantly, to my own Member of Parliament (MP). I copy below part of a recent email I sent to her for your interest and reference. A local MP is supposed to represent the views of their constituents, and since there is an election in Kenya December 27 this is a great opportunity for Kenyan youth to ask prospective candidates their views on tackling climate change and poverty. Use the TIG guide in advance to make sure you know the facts and can put forward a strong argument. 'I was at the Christian Aid 'Cut the Carbon' march through London to support the core marchers who had just completed 1000 miles of marching in 80 days to raise awareness of the threat of climate change. The core marchers included a representative from Kenya, Mohammed, who described the distress global climate uncertainty was causing to his people – years of drought followed by devastating floods this summer. In the service in St Pauls Cathedral were representatives from the Jewish and Islamic communities as well as Christian supporters. All religions believe that damage done to the environment is damage done to ourselves and it was a wonderful feeling to worship together and share our belief that we have to do something NOW to make sure future generations do not suffer. The British government is introducing a climate change bill and we believe that emissions have to be cut by 80% by 2050 in order to ensure a maximum 2 degree rise in global temperatures, not 60% as presently stated. Can you please make every effort with your contacts in government and elsewhere to ensure that the 80% level becomes low? By setting tough emission levels now we are showing the world we mean business. ■ *Paul Shaw*



**Focus Wins Annual Theatre Competition 2007**

The thought of FOCUS group bagging almost all of the coveted Kiambu district drama festival trophies might just have been the expected nightmare for some of the upcoming drama groups within and without the locality; and to many *the hurting truth*.

Once again, Kiambu district hosted the 2007 annual theatre competitions sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Social Works having paid homage to the same event twice in the recent past. The relatively large region in the small country Kenya witnessed another one of its sensational and exhilarating yet educative event of the year as both experienced and amateur drama team, drawn from all over the expanse, intensely battled it out just to prove who is who in the theatrical world of art.

In line with the general theme of the year, all the staged productions revolved around ‘positive change’ in the society of course with an overriding interest in reproductive health— particularly HIV/AIDS.

Drained themes like drug abuse and social injustices like rape, however, did not escape the keen brains of the innovative scriptwriters and producers in the same event. *‘I will not perform’*, a solo-verse produced by Hillary Mabubi and ironically performed by Nancy Juma, both of FOCUS, was one such production worth the mention. The recitation painstakingly sought to highlight the trials and tribulations of a young girl violently hurt and defiled by a ruthless monster with a lustful brain of an ape carefully concealed from scrutiny -in sheepskin-away from the unsuspecting society. One other creation that cautiously took an investigative journey through the thoughtless action more often than not done by men was *‘The Tour’* presented by Martin Muhinja.

The rest of the dramatizations, nevertheless, cautioned the youth as regards the dangers of engaging in early sex before marriage. This involved a side-splitting oral narration by a FOCUS comedy duo of Mike and George that captured an adolescent girl named *‘Atoti’* who had to literally break her knee before quitting the dangerous village-night dancing with virtually any body she came across.

At last the showstopper of the entire event came, the award winning play written and acted by FOCUS group, *‘The Hurting Truth’*. This play cleverly

displayed an array of actions and reactions of billionaire and a father of one supposedly responsible for his mistress’s pregnancy. Not only was the audience plainly saddened but also rudely shocked as they were led to discover that the said billionaire was in reality impotent right from delivery!

The play, among FOCUS other presentations, scooped top accolades; but the experienced drama team shows no sighs of being through yet. “Africa here we come,” I heard them say! ■ Okoth Odera.

**African leaders’ Role in embezzlement and Capital Flight. Are Europeans/Western nations Pro or Opposing Parties?**

One can simply define embezzlement as the use of money placed under one’s care in a wrong way to benefit oneself. Embezzlement is an issue that exists



in every nation of the world but of varying degrees and gravity. Its very much reduced or non existent in nations where there is

the rule of law. Embezzlement and power usually go together. In fact the two are inextricably intertwined. In a country where embezzlement and corruption is rife, poverty, poor health standards, illiteracy, diseases, misery, crime and death tolls keep the ceiling levels. When a country is corrupt and indeed highly soaked in corrupt waters its future stands nothing short of murky.

The leaders of Africa play vital roles in the proliferation of this jinx of a practice that is putting thousands of families at their knees. Many African leaders who came to power after independence have refused to cede it via democratic elections. These leaders keep misappropriating state funds for personal, selfish and vested interests.

With *Free Africa Foundation* publication at <http://www.freeafrica.org/looting.html> and of Global Policy Forum, at <http://globalpolicy.igc.org/nations/laundry/general.htm> we can get just an iota of some of the disheartening issues of these illicit practices.

Today’s African Heads of states manipulate the constitutions and make changes to gain a permanent

hold in power. In fact they want to die ruling. We call them 'Eternal Presidents'. They have transformed states into kingdoms or royal palaces. In a country like mine the youths are fed up with the same person ruling for more than 2 decades and still courageously want to alter the constitution. But we the youths promise that time will be the solution. African governments (majority) excluding few cases in the likes of South Africa, Ghana, and Liberia of recent appoint ministers that immediately they enter office start swelling their family accounts. We sit and watch. Western powers and institutions have important roles to play. My question here is: are they playing a positive role to stamp out embezzlement and capital flight? Many question marks exist. Swiss banks are renowned for good banking systems in the world (safety, security and all that a good banking entails). Corrupt African leaders of undemocratic regimes salt huge sums of funds into their accounts in Switzerland with no upper limit of remittance and they aren't being questioned. These funds unavoidably assist the economy of this nation. The moment these leaders experience a shaky position in power the same banks freeze the said accounts. For sure these funds are not returned to the country of origin immediately. Instead 'we' pretend to make investigations that never end up fruitfully or quickly enough meanwhile the funds help in economic growth of the western nations. It's really difficult for an African to transfer a considerable sum of money from Europe or America to Africa in liquid form. He/she is compelled to buy goods worth the value of what he/she has. What an unjust situation. I personally feel that the G8 Powers and western institutions are falling short of expunging or stamping embezzlement and capital flight. It's high time we need real democracies in Africa. I choose writing on this issue in order to call the attention of our leaders to do something towards breaking embezzlement and capital flight and in helping promoting real democracies. We the African Youths are tired and afraid of hearing of the same names in power till our old ages. Allow the youths to experience their potentials. This topic cannot be exhausted in a single article like this, but it's just an avenue to call for cogitation on burring issue that needs a solution. ■ *Christian Phuebong, Tabifor*



### Street Paper Project soon to begin in Cameroon

The 'street paper project in Cameroon' was conceived by a group of common initiatives, known as "Issue CUS" and members of NAYD Cameroon.; against the backdrop of the high and disturbing rate of youth unemployment and the low representation which is the concerns of youths. The project therefore seeks to provide a platform for social interaction of young people, while offering them some basic life-transforming skills and employment opportunities through the production and marketing of a magazine. The immediate objectives of the project are:

- To create a media space able to carry the opinion of the young people
- To nurture and engender a social dialogue amongst young peoples
- To reduce the rate of unemployment among young people
- To create a network of fruitful exchanges and solidarity
- To train young people on life skills.

For the effective realization and sustainability of the project, the following activities are envisaged:

- Acquisition of working space (location)
- Ordering and reception of the equipments and other materials, and installations.
- Recruitment of the salesmen and other temporary personnel
- Publication of the magazine
- Training of the salesmen.
- Marketing of the magazine.

The 'Street Paper' concept is an international project initiated by International Network of Street Paper. In Cameroon, the project is expected to kick-off in early 2008 and will be attached to the Ministry of Small and Medium Size Enterprises. The project installations for a start will be based in Cameroon's administrative capital, Yaoundé from where it will be spread to other major cities. In addition to the training to be obtained by participating organizations/salespersons, they will obtain at least 40% of the sales from the magazine. ■

### Immersing in New Experiences with NAYD International.

Nearly two months have passed since I arrived into Douala, the main gateway into Cameroon. I

arrived in the early days of October to work on youth development initiatives with Pochi Tamba who heads Maya Initiatives (M.I.) as well as Co-founding the Networks of African Youths for Development (NAYD). While I have had many experiences working and living in Africa (specifically West Africa), I have not had the experience of working directly with a locally based organization. The prospects of acquiring insight into the approach and function of a local organization was highly motivating for me, as well as having the opportunity to apply my skills and time to such endeavours. The mission and intercontinental characteristics of NAYD Cameroon presented this opportunity to participate on a local level.

Soon after my arrival into Douala and a bit of rest, I headed off to be based in Yaoundé, the political capital of Cameroon, where I was to begin working on a variant of projects organized by Pochi Tamba for NAYD. The first weeks of my stay in Cameroon consisted more with navigating the features of daily life, such as finding your way around, understanding how to get around, and locating helpful resources. Helpful in getting my bearings was taking on tasks to fulfil for NAYD, such as acquainting myself with other local organizations and working on a rough draft of the coming volunteer section of the NAYD website, which I built the HTML rough draft and sent off to NAYD's webmaster. Simultaneously I was acquainting myself with the dynamic of Cameroonian life to gain a broader picture into the obstacles and dilemmas the general populace here faces. My first impression of Cameroon was seeing the richness of natural resource riddled throughout this diverse and fertile country and then wondering how is it possible many Cameroonians are dealing with the torments of near poverty and lack of government spending towards genuine development initiatives. This dynamic alone still looms in my head and further frustrates development efforts at local and international levels. However the officially and nationally bilingually francophone and Anglophone nation, which in addition host upwards of 250 indigenous tongues has a powerfully bold culture of colour and beauty. Cameroonian life, quite different from my cultural experiences in West Africa, draws much of its culture from specific regions of village traditions and life, whereas West African culture nurtures much of its traditional roots in its urban environments. The effect is Cameroonians return to their village of origin as a location of culture and tradition leaving the cities as places central to function and commerce. Unfortunately at the time of this writing I have yet to experience the incredible village culture and life of Cameroon.

During my time with NAYD, other activities revolved around brainstorming the presence of NAYD in Cameroonian life. My experience and personal knowledge base deals with organizing on the ground activities with the use of multi-media efforts. NAYD's forum of multi-media connections; firstly through its web-based networking, and secondly through its ability to organize intercontinental dialogues are impressive, however I found as a volunteer in Cameroon I wanted to establish a deeper connection with the populace NAYD advocates for beyond it's network. It has been an honour to see some of the behind scenes process of organizing NAYD in which many lessons have been learned, in regards to the obstacles of local development initiatives and on personal level as global citizen desiring to participate in the pursuit of a freer and fairer world. ■ *Carol Ann Gleason*

**The Cameroonian Police: Forces of Law and Order or Forces of Lawlessness and Disorder?**

The human rights situation in Cameroon is taking a very rapid downward trend. This is because; the systems put in place by the government to protect the rights of individuals are instead abusing them. It is not uncommon for forces of Law and Order in Cameroon to shoot to dead unarmed civilians and even at themselves over petty squabbles in both private and public places. Recently police officers fired life bullets at unarmed motor-bike riders who were publicly manifesting in Bamenda killing two and wounded several others. This incident followed barely a week after another officer of the Law shot dead a 23 year old boy in the Soa neighbourhood in Yaoundé after a quarrel over a girl. All these bring to mind the killing by police officer



with life bullets of two students of the University of Buea last November during the student strike and many other isolated cases.

What is all the more puzzling is that the perpetrators of these acts usually go unpunished by the state. All investigations usually grind to a halt and the bad cops get as a reward a transfer out of the jurisdiction followed by lofty promises by the state that investigations are still going on.

One is left with no choice but to ask the question whether these forces of Law and Order are really necessary. Crime wave in Cameroon is increasing steadily while the police who are suppose to be the custodians of the people are busy extorting monies out of drivers and harassing the public. Is it that the entry qualifications into our police academies are too low? Is it that the period of police training is too short for they to grasp the basic concepts of human rights and arms management? Or it is that their pay package is too small?

Dear young African Activists, it is an affront to right thinking, natural justice and human rights to open life bullets at unarmed civilians. So let's join hands together to do something before our own protectors become our detractors, before our security forces completely turn into sources of insecurity. ■ *Chi Tansinda Valerie.*

### Youth Action International awards scholarships to Blind students

Youth Action International, Sierra Leone (YAI) today awarded sixteen scholarships to students at the Milton Margai School for the Blind, Wilkinson Road, Freetown. Youth Action International, an American-Based organization provided full scholarships to cover the cost of full tuition and ensure that the

students continue their regular junior and senior high school. With the strong belief in education and allowing children to reach their full potential, YAI awarded these scholarships to children who lost their sight who would otherwise not have this kind of opportunity. YAI's Country Representative, Ms. Yeanoh Conteh said "it is an honour to team up with Milton Margai School for the Blind to support and encourage people with disabilities to reach their full potential."

Ms. Yeanoh Conteh said, "This scholarship program is an annual award from YAI. Our organization decided to prioritize assistance for blind children because they are the most vulnerable in the society. We want to support them in becoming productive citizens despite their disability." Sierra Leone, West Africa, Tel: 23233-345498/440307,

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## NAYD PARTNERS

### Be The Change (BTC)

**B**e The Change! (BTC) is a youth-led sustainable development Action Programme related to the Millennium Development Goals which aims to empower young people around the world to "be the change they want to see in the world." (Mahatma Gandhi) Peace Child International offers support and advice to young people to create and complete a variety of different projects serving the needs of their community. Recent projects funded include:

- creating a bicycle taxi service in Kenya
  - setting up a cookery business for single mothers in Kenya
  - giving dressmaking classes to young girls in Niger
  - bringing electricity to a rural school in Georgia
  - funding an IT project in Nepal
  - And starting a water and sanitation health project in Uganda



We have over 300 projects currently waiting to be funded. All these projects are devised, directed and delivered by young people under 25 - with the support of adult mentors. Not only does it bring real, tangible benefits to communities, it educates young people about the real business of development, and seeds a new generation of citizen activists. Most important it demonstrates to citizens young and old that young people can be the active instruments of delivering development aid, as well as the passive beneficiaries of that aid.

## EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Website Request

BAPESU (Benevolent Association for the Protection of the Environment and the Socially Underprivileged) is highly appealing for the donation of a website (domain registration and hosting) from kind individuals, organizations, companies/business etc... This will make us achieve our mission with efficacy and efficiency. If you or someone would like to help BAPESU, please contact us at [donate2bapesu@gmail.com](mailto:donate2bapesu@gmail.com)

Tel. +237 7749 13 45 Fax: +237 3347 11 86. ■

### Request for a website

This is humble request! FOCUS KENYA does not have a website we will be very happy and grateful if someone will help us to develop one, so as to enable us spread wings to different part of the world. If you would like to know more about FOCUS make a donation, have an exchange program or volunteer contact us through:

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**Volvo Adventure** - in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme - is an educational programme that rewards environmental activities among the decision makers of the future. Environmental projects are undertaken by young people to improve their local environment. The projects are published on these WebPages and the best projects will be selected for an all expenses paid trip to Sweden.

**Who is it for** - Volvo Adventure is open to young people around the world aged between 13 and 16 years. Teams must be between 2 to 5 young people with one adult as a supervisor. For details go to [http://www.volvoadventure.org/Resources/About\\_Volvo\\_Adventure.pdf](http://www.volvoadventure.org/Resources/About_Volvo_Adventure.pdf)

**Are you not old enough to enter the Volvo**

**Adventure Award this year?** - If you're not, then why not enter the Great Big Bob the Bunny Cartoon competition? You and two of your friends could win a trip to a UNEP Tunza conference. Complete Bob's Environmental Journey and register as under 13 to find out more.

**Prizes** - The best projects each year are invited to the final conference in Göteborg (Gothenburg), Sweden. Here the best projects will be awarded:

1st prize: 10,000 USD

2nd prize: 6,000 USD

3rd prize: 4,000 USD

**What teams have to do** - The teams need to submit their team details and project information:

- The project subject.
- The objectives for the project.
- Research to support the need for the project.
- Create an action plan and carry out improvement activities.
- Follow up and define the results of the action plan.
- Provide a summary of the project with up to 20 photographs.

**Support and deadlines** - The deadline for submitting projects is midnight on the 31st of January. This means that the submission tool will close when your clocks turn to the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008. Teams get support from:

- Monthly updates.
- An interactive environment journey.
- Access to educational expertise.
- Documents and activities to help start projects.

**Choose your website** - To find out more, select a website by choosing a site button from the available sites

**Job Opening: Job Opportunities at UNEP employment website,** ' Documents Assistant' (G-6 Position), Secretariat for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora in Geneva. The deadline for this vacancy expires on 6/01/2008.

**'Secretary' (G-5 Position),** Division of Environmental Policy Implementation in The Hague. The deadline for this vacancy expires on 22/12/2007 Follow the link below to find out more about the vacancy  
([http://www.unep.org/vacancies/default.asp?vac\\_level=GS](http://www.unep.org/vacancies/default.asp?vac_level=GS))

**Job Opening: Peace facilitator** - IKV Pax Christi – Sudan

**Starting date:** as soon as possible

In the framework of the Sudan Integrated Peace Programme (SIPP), implemented by the organization

IKV Pax Christi, there is a vacancy for the function of a Peace facilitator Sudan for 1,0 fte (36 hours).

**Procedure and information**

For further information about IKV Pax Christi: this English section of [www.ikvpaxchristi.nl](http://www.ikvpaxchristi.nl) or more information in the Dutch section.

Information can be obtained with Johan te Velde (team leader Africa and Latin America) of Paul Allertz (Programme Horn of Africa) tel. number + 31 (0)30-2333346.

**Applications:** Please send your application letter and CV in English before 15th of December by e-mail to Johan te Velde at [werving@ikvpaxchristi.nl](mailto:werving@ikvpaxchristi.nl)

**Scholarship:** SUTROFOR Sustainable Tropical Forestry - Erasmus Mundus Masters Course. The MSc programme in Sustainable Tropical Forestry (SUTROFOR) is a two-year outstanding integrated

programme aimed at qualifying graduates to deal with the growing challenges in sustainable tropical forestry. SUTROFOR is part of the elite Erasmus Mundus (EM) programme initiated by the European Commission to enhance and promote European higher education throughout the world. Around 20-30 EM scholarships are available for third-country students, i.e. students from outside the EU and EEA/EFTA countries. The scholarship amounts to € 21,000 per year for two years. The SUTROFOR Commission will recommend the best applicants for EM scholarships on the basis of academic potential and using geographical criteria determined by the European Commission. EM scholarship applicants must not have spent more than one year as a student or worker in any EU or EEA/EFTA country during the last five years. For details see [www.sutrofor.net](http://www.sutrofor.net).

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**Wisdom from the NAYD Members!**

“You are younger today than you ever will be again make use of it”

**Christian P. Tabifor**

“Before the world finds a place for you, find place for yourself in the world”

**Christian P. Tabifor**

“If you blame others, you give up your power to change”

**Munu Thaddeus**

“We can do no great things, only small things with great love”. -- **Mother Teresa**

**IN THE NEXT EDITION**

In the ninth edition of INSPIRE you’ll find the following topics and issues amongst others

- A review of the Network of African Youths for development (NAYD) since its creation.
- Messages of African Youths to African Leaders
- Interesting New Year resolutions for change.
- More and more news on how African youths are impacting changes in the lives of people all over Africa.
- Events, opportunities and resources.

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### What is NAYD?

NAYD is the Network of African youths for Development .It began in 2006 and today involves close to 40 youth-led projects in about 20 African countries.

### How can you join NA YD?

You are welcome to join NAYD and support the activities of its members. Write to [nayd2007@yahoo.com](mailto:nayd2007@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Have something to say!** Great! Write to us at the above mentioned email and we shall put your article on the newsletter. We invite you to tell the world through our **INSPIRE**: whatever you want to share on development. Are you part of an organisation helping people to be positive? Are you dreaming of a better Africa? Join us and make your voice heard. Send us a mail. Specifically, the objectives NAYD as outlined in its constitution are:

- To promote and encourage the work done by young ● Africans in effecting positive change on the continent. ● To facilitate exchange between youths involved in development, by creating a network of exchange. □ To further the networks formed by and for young Africans for the development of the continent. ● To promote recognition of, mobilise and enhance the capacity of Young Africans internationally and provide them with leadership skills to take action against poverty. To achieve its vision, NAYD works with associations and groups of youths across the African continent and beyond to educate, inform and inspire others to use their power, privilege, skills and abilities to create a better world for current and future generations.

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