EDITORIAL

Its only 5 months to the first NAYD summit in Nairobi. In this issue you will find, amongst other articles, a summary of the conference activities and details as to how to get involved. We have 200 delegates signed up so far and anticipate a further 200 from Kenya. The summit will provide an opportunity for youths at the forefront of sustainable development to meet and share problems, ideas and resources.

I was at a climate change conference this week, presenting a paper on the importance of effective water resource management in Malawi. I learn’t that the 2c rise in temperature by the end of the century may have been severely understated - we could instead be facing 5-7c. I also learn’t that on average 24 million girls won’t go to school in Africa today or any other day. They instead remain at home to help with chores like fetching water. Yet three of the MDG’s rely on girls education – eradicating extreme poverty, universal access to education and gender equality.

These are just 2 of the many important and urgent issues for youths to get involved in, issues that will be faced in Nairobi in November. If you haven’t yet applied to the conference please complete the application form on the Summit page of the NAYD web as soon as possible.

PAUL SHAW
The high prevalence of Malaria in Kenya mainly in highlands areas such as Rift Valley and low areas such as Kisumu and Mombasa where they have made control and management of malaria to be difficult. However with joint efforts the ability to control malaria in Kenya will be managed. Hence there is need to call upon the Kenyan populace to keep their environment clean and avoid stagnant water which serves as ideal breathing ground for the female mosquito which transmits the malaria parasite.

Also there is need for Government and other stakeholders to provide free distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets to families with children aged less than 5 years and pregnant women in the Nairobi, Rift Valley and Western Provinces of the country where high spread of Malaria is very high. More so, there is need to fully recognize the World Malaria Day as a day for researchers and research institutions to ensign their scientific advances to experts and the general public. It is a day for countries within the high risk zones to share their experience and shoulder each other’s efforts.

A report from the National Statistics Ministry of Health in Kenya indicate that, malaria represents 40% of medical consultations, 23% of hospitalizations, 26% of sick leave and 40% of the annual health budget of households. Further the report say, one child dies every 30 seconds of Malaria in Africa. The disease is described as the most widespread parasitic disease in the world. The high number of deaths caused by malaria is partly because a good number of people living in semi urban and rural areas frequently take traditional herbs instead of modern medicine in the treatment of malaria.

Further is upon Civil societies to be empowered to help in awareness for persons living in malaria free countries mainly developed countries to know and learn about malaria disease which kills up to three million people every year in 107 countries in Africa. All global partners it is crucial to carry out commemorative activities which also open invitations for new donors to join the global partnership to roll back malaria.

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What is impact of HIV/AIDS on Kenya Society?
The scope of the impact of HIV and AIDS in Kenya is profound: -Deepening of poverty as many sick people cannot afford ARVs and treatments - Reduction in economic output as sick people cannot work effectively - Reversal of educational progress -Deaths of young adults -Increasing number of orphans as their parents died
This list is endless

On the other hand; HIV and AIDS have resulted in equally unprecedented efforts to deal with the multitude of social problems and inequities in our societies. Extraordinary efforts have been made to ensure universal access to ART (antiretroviral treatment), resulting in a slowing down of the deaths from AIDS over the last few years; Gender equity programmes to address vulnerability of women; PMTCT (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission) programmes have produced remarkable results in reducing infections in newborns.

It is now possible to state – tentatively, and with conditions – that HIV is no longer a death sentence. In those areas and populations with access to the ART and PMTCT life expectancy of a person living with HIV has gone up unlike before. Considering the context of the time-span in which this has occurred - 25 years – this is indeed cause for quiet celebration. However, this is a single battle victory in a much larger war against the scourge of our times, and other battles are by no means won. Indeed, it may be argued that we may be
winning the war in treatment, and losing the larger war of prevention.

**What have been our efforts?**

There have been great joint efforts from individuals, research organizations, companies and government agencies to put energies and thinking together to support HIV and Aids Initiatives. However a lot need to be done to ensure we are doing a great job as we may measure our combined efforts – prevention and treatment access – by examining national and individual HIV prevalence rates. We have to know that the prevalence for a specific period is the previous year’s total prevalence, plus new infections, and minus AIDS deaths. When HIV prevalence rates stabilise – i.e., does not increase or decrease significantly – this simply means that new infections and AIDS deaths are equal.

If the total prevalence rate increases, this means one of two things: Either new infection have increased faster than AIDS deaths, or more people requiring ART are receiving such life-saving treatment, compared to new infections. Conversely, a drop in total prevalence means one of two things: Either more people are dying from AIDS than those newly infected, or there are fewer new infections compared to AIDS deaths.

In Kenya the total prevalence is stabilizing. In Addition Kenya has again been accepted to Global Fund Program 9 which handles TB and AIDS.

The question is whether this is due to successful prevention programmes, or AIDS deaths increasing to match new infections. There is no doubt that there have been significant successes in making ART available to more people, thus reducing AIDS deaths. However, the evidence suggests that the need for ART is currently outpacing its’ availability. I.e., AIDS deaths are still a major factor in determining total prevalence rates. Ironically, if everyone who needed ART was receiving such treatment, the total prevalence rates should increase, not decrease, as the total pool of infected people was not decimated through death, and only newly infected people were added to the total.

**What have been prevention methods?**

The key variable in assessing prevention efforts is new infections per annum. Other key indicators are birth rates and STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) figures. If standard ABC (Abstinence, Be faithful, Condomise) prevention programmes are working, then all three statistics should logically decline.

The evidence suggests otherwise: For every two people who start ART, there are five new infections (UNAIDS, 2008); It appears, despite the most strenuous efforts, that the ABC prevention model has not been the success we hoped for. It also needs to be noted that public messaging has not yet fully resolved the conflict between the ‘prevent infection because AIDS can kill you’ message and the ‘get tested and treated – you can live a long life’ message.

**How can we Prevent HIV and Aids Scourge?** There have been significant changes in the epidemiological nature of HIV in Kenya region: For example, commercial sex workers in key town of Kenya - Nairobi, Kisumu and Mombasa are no longer primary vectors of infection. Instead, the focus is now married couples, and couples who have long-term relationships.

For many years we – HIV/AIDS educators – blamed the failure of prevention efforts on the lack of knowledge regarding prevention (typically ABC), or lack of access to condoms. However, various studies have indicated that most adults – in excess of 90% - are well aware of how HIV is transmitted, and how to prevent it. What was not taken into consideration in our prevention efforts is the basic cultural imperative to reproduce children. In our experience, the need to reproduce children over-rides knowledge of the individual risks regarding HIV. Until this conflict is resolved – having children versus protecting yourself – prevention efforts will produce poor results.

Furthermore, there is emerging evidence that poverty and resource-related issues (clean water, access to medical care, nutrition) cause differences in vulnerability to HIV infection, and also speed of progression to AIDS.

Given the lacklustre outcomes from conventional ABC prevention programmes, these new developments provide new avenues to bolster prevention strategies. Under consideration in some countries it is incentivized male circumcision, and circumcision at birth, as is the case of some tribes in Kenya like Luhya, even though this created more controversy when Luo society was told to start male circumcision.

**What can be done?** We are finally coming to grips with the real social forces that are driving the pandemic, and the next five years will see a major reorientation of prevention methodology towards circumcision and the reduction of concurrent relationships. It is particularly the latter that will force societies to discuss the widespread phenomena of what is essentially open-ended polygamy based upon economic factors. We fully expect prevention efforts to shift from the conventional ABC to focus upon monogamy, with condom promotion becoming a secondary strategy. In terms of treatment access, there is no doubt that this will be systematically expanded, and treatment outcomes improved. However, one of the key issues confronting our medical infrastructure is non-adherence – a behavioural issue – which has led to the current situation where almost 1 in 5 new infections being drug-resistant, potentially creating a scenario similar to drug-resistant TB.

If this issue is not addressed with urgency, the respite in deaths from AIDS may fade within a few short years. Effective prevention is – and should be - the ultimate goal in any HIV/AIDS strategy. Yes, it is cheaper to treat than not to treat. However, it is even cheaper – economically - to prevent, if we are willing to pay the psychological and cultural price for the necessary changes.

Ms Gibson Nabutey Ameyan
Miss Esther Kegonde-Millennium Development Goals Health
Miss Irene Mutheu -- Graduate Nurse
The Network of African Youths for Development (NAYD) is an African youth led organization, a forum where youth/children, stakeholders and development agencies and partners come together to exchange ideas and knowledge for more effective development results. NAYD promotes education, peace, justice and human rights, capacity building, leadership and governance, networking, conservation of environment and cultural exchange programs amongst other developmental issues. NAYD’s objective is to make Africa a better place to be through partnership for sustainable development amongst its members and other stakeholders. For more information check www.nayd.org. NAYD has members mostly across Africa but also throughout other parts of the world and we encourage them to join hands, participate in our activities and the conference. We have several countries that have been working hard towards establishing programs under the NAYD initiative.

**THE SUMMIT**

We would like to take this chance to invite you to help us in making Africa a better continent for all by participating and supporting the NAYD 2009 SUMMIT, coordinated through NAYD INTERNATIONAL, NAYD KENYA, developmental agencies and partners including the Government of Kenya. The Summit’s objective is to help make youth realize it’s up to us to make Africa a better place for all through partnership for sustainable developments initiatives and Networking. The conference intends to draw hundreds of youths from all over Africa and beyond. During the conference many activities will take place including:

1. Opening and closing Sessions.
2. Plenary Sessions
3. Concurrent Sessions
4. Abstract-Driven-Sessions
5. Oral Abstract Sessions
6. Poster Presentation
7. Symposiums

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

Youth Leadership conference themes
1. Poverty Eradication
2. Sustainable and Socio-economic Integration of Youth
3. Health
4. Human Rights and Peace
5. Sustainable Development and Protection of the Environment
6. Youth and Culture
7. Youth with disability (physically challenged and mentally called)
8. Climate Change
9. Leadership and Governance

**PROGRAM SESSIONS**

Opening and Closing Sessions
The conference opening and closing sessions will captivate the attention of conference participants while setting the tone for the conference and providing an opportunity to review the result and future impact of conference 2009. Both events will be open to all registered delegates and accompanying persons, exhibitors and members of the media. The opening session will feature significant speakers and cultural activity to inform and engage participants and welcome them to 2009 conference and to Nairobi, Kenya. The closing session will be a call to action held immediately after the report tour summary session on the conference’s final day and will provide delegates with a clear sense of the commonly identified priorities for moving forward.

**Plenary Sessions**: Plenary sessions start each day’s proceedings and bring all conference delegates together in one large session. It includes three to four speakers drawn from different youth development partners, governments officials, African youth friendly embassies and partners and development agencies. They will address delegates on the conference themes. Each speaker shall make presentations on different identified key issues affecting African youth.

**Rapporteur Summary Session**

Rapporteur teams are conference staff or volunteers that will report throughout the conference on key findings and development in each of the thematic areas each of the filed key challenges the scale up: lessons from the filed report and the youth leadership programme components. On the final morning of 2009 conference, each team will present final summary in the reporter’s summary sessions. This session will summarize and synthesize the presentations made during the week, focusing on critical issues addressed, important results presented and key recommendations put forward. In addition the reporter’s team will publish daily reports with highlights from the previous day’s activities in the 2009 conference.

**Concurrent Sessions**

Each day of the conference includes concurrent session periods. During these times delegates may attend a variety of sessions types described below. All delegates are free to apply to participate in presentation and attend any session of interest to them.

**Abstract Driven Sessions**: Abstract driven sessions are based on research abstracts submitted by youths covering the different themes which are then reviewed and scored by a panel and those selected asked to present at the different session themes. Send your abstracts to abstract2009@nayd.org

**Oral Abstract Sessions**: The majority of sessions at the conference 2009 will be oral abstract sessions presenting the finding of peer reviewed research. These oral abstract sessions will be organized within the summit themes. Each session will include a number of speakers who will each make a 45 minute presentation followed by a short discussion. Audience questions will be encouraged and facilitated by the session chairperson. To make a presentation send your application to oralpresentation2009@nayd.org

**Poster Presentation**: The organizing team will select a small number of the top posters to be presented orally during the poster review sessions. Presentation will be 1 hour each followed by a facilitated audience discussion. To apply send your application to posterpresentation2009@nayd.org
Sympoisia: These sessions will deal with critical issues that define simple solutions focusing on a single, clear topic or issue. Speakers and delegates will share experiences and brainstorm ideas to identify possible ways forward. Sessions will also report new findings and announce forthcoming research, projects, best practices and new activities. For participation send your application to sympoisia2009@nayd.org the deadline is September 2009.

Skills building Workshop: Skills building workshops will cover a direct range of contents with the primary goal of providing a form for teaching specific skills or strategies to a particular audience that can then be applied to their own work or life settings. These workshops will be grouped into the conference thematic areas, each day of which will feature a range of sessions desired to strengthen the global response to youth issues. The skill building areas match the key challenges with the additional focus on scaling up lessons from the field that will be addressed throughout the conference. One-third of the workshop will be designed by the conference organizers (work tools) the remaining two thirds will be selected, following an open application process. The workshop format will vary depending upon the presenter, but may include presentations, group activities or discussions and questions and answers all with the goal of facilitating the effective transfer of knowledge and skills among peers. Interested presenters are required to submit a proposal to organize a skills building workshops. For organizations supporting youths they will be required to facilitate the skill building space and requirements within the conference area. Youth Organizations and youth partners are all welcome to take part in this so as to engage youth with their projects and programs and come up with a way forward in assisting youth projects in Kenya and Africa. To book for a skills building workshop write your proposal and your topics/area of building skills and how you intend to facilitate the training send to skillsbuilding2009@nayd.org

Cultural Program: The cultural program will play a critical role in the Summit by highlighting youth issues to the general public and the media. The cultural program enhances the Summit by helping to strengthen communities, foster new relationship, form networks, share ideas and inform, communicate positive messages and influence Africa and the world take part in youth issues. The cultural program will demonstrate the importance of art, culture and other creative pursuits. Activities and events will be showcased at the conference centre, City Public venue and community organizations. For participation in the cultural program send your application to: culturalprogramme2009@nayd.org

Global Village: The global village will serve as an international gathering place with displays of culture, food, community, theatre, arts activities, and a market place. It will be open both to conference delegates and the general public, will provide learning and interactive to share experiences of the diverse. Youth issues and needs include HIV/ Aids, Education, peace justice and human rights amongst others. Exhibition space for NGO’s grassroots organizations will also be hosted in the global village. Exhibitors apply to globalvillage2009@nayd.org.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

PARTICIPATION: In order to have a successful and sustainable summit, we have established the following policies:
Participation Fees: Participation attracts a fee of Network Members fee 50 US$. Regular Delegates fee 70US$. Summit Materials: Registered participants shall be provided with summit materials (bag, folders, papers presented, name badge, memo pad, etc).

GROUP REGISTRATION: Note that special conditions apply for group registration. Applies to ten people and more - for further information contact the registration department. Registration confirmation and methods of payment only full complete registration forms will be accepted. The confirmation letter will be sent by email and include your registration number and other important information, all conference registration forms must be accompanied by registration fee and will only be confirmed upon the receipt of payment in full. If the fully completed registration form are received after respective published deadline, the next level of registration fee will be charged automatically payments must be made in advance and must be by bank transfer. Personal checks or company cheques will not be accepted. All banks cost and money transfer costs must be paid by the registrant. For registration and payment procedures contact registration2009@nayd.org

LOST NAME BADGE: If a delegate loses the name badge a handling fee of US$ 30 will be charged for every replacement badge.

DATA PROTECTION / SHARE OF CONTACTS DETAILS: NAYD will collect and store all personal data for the preparation and execution of the conference. In addition NAYD will periodically share contact details of delegates with third parties to contact delegates regarding the conference or other communication which may be of interest. Data will only be passed on to a third party if authorized by the delegate at the time of registration. Data protection is a key policy with NAYD.

LETTER OF INVITATION: Delegates requiring an official letter of invitation in order to obtain a visa to attend the conference should contact conference registration department at invitation2009@nayd.org. The letter of invitation does not financially commit the conference organizers in any way. All visa expenses incurred in relation to the conference are the sole responsibility of the delegate. To receive the letter of invitation you must first register for the Summit and be accepted as a delegate. It is the sole responsibility of the delegate to take care of his/her visa requirement and sufficient time must be allowed – a minimum of 12 weeks is recommended.

ACCOMMODATION / MEALS: During the conference there will be accommodation which will be in three categories 1st categories will be home accommodation, Kenya youths have decided to open their homes for participants during the conference for those who will feel comfortable with that. This will be a good way of interaction and cultural exchange during the conference. This will only be possible within NAIROBI and with coordination with the conference.
accommodation team in Kenya. Delegates will be attached to Kenyan Youths for hosting once the registration is complete.

2nd This will be where a participants will cater for his/her accommodation fee. In Nairobi there are many types of facilities at various prices. This will be organised through the conference accommodation team in Kenya.

3rd This is an ongoing preparation to be confirmed as soon as sponsors agree to help in accommodation facilitation. For more details contact accommodation2009@nayd.org

Local Transportation: Participants shall be responsible for their transportation to and from the summit venues. However, efforts are being made to secure Sponsorship from transport companies in order to make local transportation free. We hope to have the conference venue and hostels at a walking distance except those who will be accommodated by Kenyan youth at their homes.

Summit Attendance and Certification: Registered participants shall be issued Certificates of Participation during the Closing Ceremonies.

Scholarship: Limited partial scholarship may be provided to outstanding Youth Leaders with some financial difficulties. This will depend on sponsorship/support we receive from our donors.

TRAVEL AND TOURS

Travelling to Kenya - visitors entering Kenya must clear Kenyan Customs borders security upon entry and need to ensure they satisfy all the entry requirements. Contact the nearest Kenyan embassy or consulate or visit www.immigration.go.ke for further information.

MAIN TOUR: The Main Tour will be a trip to Barack Obama’s father’s village in Kisumu following the end of the formal Summit on Friday. Please note it is 8 hours by road from Nairobi to Kisumu so the trip will be scheduled to start on the Friday night and be back to Nairobi for Saturday night. The cost for travelling will be 4000KHS (US$60). A local trip to KENYA national museum and NAIROBI National Park will be organized on Saturday 7th. The cost will be 1500khs (25US$). Prior payments and booking can be made though there will be on site registration during the conference period. For advance registration and booking contact tours2009@nayd.org

MEDIA REGISTRATION: Media registration is free of charge. To register as a media representative you need to produce proof of accreditations or letter of assignment to the conference on the stationary of the media organization for which you work. Freelance journalists wishing to cover the conference must submit copies of assignment electronically to media2009@nayd.org. Conference staff will verify all accreditations. Media registration entitles entry to all conference sessions, the exhibitions hall and poster areas, the Welcome reception, opening and closing session.

ENTERTAINMENT

During the conference various entertainments will be performed by local artists and by anyone who would like to participate in an artistic way. Youths wishing to perform should apply before to entertainment2009@nayd.org

The way forward will be discussed after the main conference and strategic work plan to help in networking and collaboration.

Please note that all submissions for any part of the summit must be received by the end of September.

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26th Annual International AIDS Candle Light Memorial In Rwanda

The Rwanda-Village Concept Project (RVCP) (www.rwanda-vcp.org) is an interdisciplinary organization run by volunteer students of different nationalities in close cooperation with local communities in the Southern Province of Rwanda has celebrated the candlelight March memorial.

The annual international AIDS candle light memorial (www.candlelightmemorial.org) is a program of the Global Health Council, and is one of the largest and oldest grassroots mobilization campaigns for HIV/AIDS awareness in the world. The Candlelight Memorial occurs on the third Sunday of May, lead by volunteer coordinators who host memorials for their communities worldwide. Now in its 26th year internationally, and for the third time in Huye, the candle light memorial 2009 has the official theme “Together, we are the solution”.

After two successive successful candlelight memorial marches in Huye, Rwanda Village Concept Project (www.rwanda-vcp.org) has been selected for the third time by the Global Health Council among other organizations to host this year memorial in Rwanda. May 17th 2009, Rwanda Village Concept Project organize the candlelight march of about 45 minutes in the town of Huye starting from Huye Stadium, crossing the main business center in Huye (Cyarabu Center) and ending at Huye Stadium where another AIDS campaign took place composed of drama, poems, dances, etc. performed by Anti HIV/AIDS Youth Clubs, Groups from rural areas including Association of people living with HIV AIDS and orphans, high schools in Huye District and students of the National University of Rwanda. The seven hundred participants was the students from National University of Rwanda, from different high schools from Huye District, Rwanda, orphans of HIV AIDS in Huye sector, Anti HIV AIDS Youths clubs from different rural area of Huye, Local leaders and different private sector. The message through different speeches, testimony from HIV AIDS women, drama, Poems and dances and communication materials such as posters, banners, leaflets has been delivered. The aim was to educate on HIV/AIDS, to call all people to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS and to raise awareness on needs of people affected by HIV/AIDS.

The following statement is the official declaration of solidarity for communities participating in the 26th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, the world’s oldest community movement against HIV and AIDS. The Declaration was created by the International Advisory Board of the Candlelight Memorial program, which represents every world region, in collaboration with the Global Health Council.

AIDS is one of the world’s greatest challenges. Over the last quarter century, the disease has impacted our communities, families, economies, and millions of lives. And yet, communities
worldwide are hopeful that a solution can be found. The theme for the 26th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is “Together, We Are the Solution.” The theme represents the challenges that remain and our unwavering belief that a solution is possible. The role of civil society is critical to ending HIV and AIDS, but we cannot work alone and hope is not enough. We need action, and communities and governments must work together.

On behalf of the over one thousand communities in over a hundred countries participating today in the Candlelight Memorial, we declare our solidarity in the response to AIDS and recommit ourselves to the cause. We call on global leaders to hear our voices, honor pledges to give resources for HIV and AIDS, and increase access to prevention, treatment, and care. We call on national and community leaders to serve as examples and include people living with HIV and AIDS in the process of forming national programs. We call on businesses to invest in their communities and we ask institutions of education and resources, and the issue of AIDS must be addressed as part of a broader problem of poverty and development, gender inequity and sexuality, and health system reform. We must move beyond fear and ignorance, and embrace people living with HIV and AIDS by replacing stigma and discrimination with understanding and support. All of us can be a part of the solution. Learn about AIDS, Get tested. Become an advocate. Join a club or volunteer.

As we gather around the world today to remember those we have lost, we stand committed to find a solution by working together to end HIV and AIDS.

Hovaire NSABIMANA (Rwanda NAYD Coordinator)

WHY I JOINED NAYD

**Name: Elhag Abd elrazig**
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**Name: Mohamed Barraoui**
Organisation: Amal association for culture and development
Country: Spain/Morocco

Development Interests: I am a member in Amal association for culture and development. I want to affiliate in NAYD

**Name: Chepkemoi Magdaline**
Organisation: Mulot central youth organization
Country: Kenya
Development Interests: To work with you and contribute ideas that will help in development of African countries especially Kenya

**Name: Fatima Madaki**
Organisation: Youth, Adolescent, Reflection & Action Centre
Country: Jos/Nigeria
Development Interests: My interests lie’s in the MDG’s, youth participation and development as well as ICT development. NAYD is a platform whereby African Youth can work together towards achieving integral development of person, community and the world in general.

**Name: Nwosu Charles Ogechukwu**
Organisation: NIFES
Country: Port-Harcourt/river state, Nigeria
Development Interests: to get linked with fellow Christians so as to grow in the faith.

**Name: Adeola Austin Oyinlade**
Organisation: UNILAG 103.1 FM
Country: Lagos, Nigeria
Development Interests: I am a radio personality on UNILAG 103.1 FM. I have written numerous articles in contribution towards national and international issues such as good governance in economic and social development, peace and security, human rights, democracy and rule of law which have been published in local magazines and National daily newspapers in Nigeria. I received a letter of commendation and appreciation from United Nations for my ‘interest and support of the United Nations’ when I sent an article to United Nations secretary General; Mr. Ban Ki-Moon on millennium development goals obstacles and ways of tackling them. Recently I worked on another paper sent to United Nations Boss titled contribution of higher institutions to achieving millenniums development goals. I can use my features to contribute to African Youth Development Regards.

**Name: Munyemana Ernest**
Organisation: Medical Student Association of Rwanda
Country: Rwanda-Huye
Development Interests: It is very great to me to join the NAYD because of my ambition to work with the youth every time so it will be very interesting to develop my knowledge on it and continue to help the youth to solve their problems without any conflicts

**Name: Austiano Bernard Yobele**
Organisation: Tanzania Youth Environmental Network
Country: Tanzania
Development Interests: I want to be one of the agents of change in NAYD and Africa in every aspect of development and other thing related to development.

Name: BELA PRIMU BEBANG
Organisation: ITC
Country: Enschede/Netherlands originally from Buea Cameroon
Development Interests: I have always loved to be part of development communication for developing countries. Although I am based in the Netherlands for my Master’s studies in aerospace related policy information management think it would be worthwhile contributing ideas for our society o become a better place through NAYD. I am of the conviction that I could make a significant contribution

Name: Mhamed EN-NOSSE
Organisation: AS.U.E.E.J NGO
Country: Marrakesh/Morocco
Development Interests: My interest is in development. I join NAYD because I see it as a platform on which I can contribute my ideas on what I feel needs to done in Africa to make it a better tool for development

Name: Emmanuel Odissae
Organisation: Smoke Free Foundation
Country: Abuja-Nigeria
Development Interests: I am Nigeria's foremost youth tobacco control activist, the pioneer of the Smoke Free Nigeria Initiative. I lead a team of young people in the campaign against tobacco through media and policy advocacy amongst others. It is evident that tobacco causes several diseases and deaths. It leads to drugs in youth and impede productivity in middle age amongst addicts. My organisation also seeks to educate and motivate teens/youths against the uptake of tobacco as early as possible so they can live up their dreams.

Name: Martins Gumut
Organisation: Youth Empowerment and Development Initiative
Country: Jos
Development Interests: I'm passionate about the issue of youths maximizing their potentials to enhance the overall wellbeing of the human society and guarantee a prosperous future for the youths.

Name: Nkurunziza Fidele
Organisation: medical students association of Rwanda
Country: Rwanda
Development interests: I am interested in NAYD because of sharing ideas with others; know the problematic of the world and how to change our world by making better and better.

Call for Applications: Front Line Fellowship 2009
The purpose of the Fellowship program is to offer a possibility for human rights defenders at risk to take some time out from their normal work to undertake a project which will further develop their capacities and contribute to the protection of human rights defenders internationally.
Front Line Fellowships will now be offered on a more flexible basis for periods of one to six months. The locations will also be flexible and could include Dublin, Brussels or another venue to be discussed.
Applicants should submit a letter addressing the following topics:
- the candidate’s experience as a human rights defender and details of their current role;
- details of any threats, harassment, detention, ill-treatment or other negative consequences faced as a result of the candidate’s human rights work;
- a proposal of a project or skills to work on
- topics the candidate would particularly like to study as part of the fellowship;
- requested location and why
- period of time required and why
- how the candidate’s participation in the fellowship would contribute to their human rights work
- how participation will contribute to the strengthened protection of human rights defenders nationally/internationally.
Applications will be assessed on an ongoing basis and should be sent to Tara@frontlinedefenders.org
For information, please visit: http://frontlinedefenders.org/en/front-line-fellowship

 OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

Volunteer Opportunity
MOVING AHEAD – OPPORTUNITIES
Volunteer or Intern wanted to work in Togo. Sena Alouka (Togo) writes, “I am looking for a volunteer or intern to work with me here in Togo. The Assime forest is a 900 ha protected area in Togo (West Africa), classified since 1953 (150 km from Lomé, the capital city, close to the Ghana boarder). The weakness of the 'forest-police' opened the way for initial owners and families to completely degrade this mountainous, old time beautiful ecosystem, to the point that biodiversity is almost nonexistent. Thanks to local own discussions, villagers proposed to NGO JVE to assist in rehabilitating the forest. With support from IUCN Netherland, JVE will soon be starting the first phase of this project aimed at enhancing participatory management of the forest. The first phase will address land issues and help communities themselves map their forest, appreciate its diversity (though lost) and agree on a global rehabilitation strategy and plan (Assime Master Plan). JVE is looking for a volunteer, intern, specialist in forest management, land issues, GIS, community forest mapping, or mountainous biodiversity conservation to come and join the local team in making of this first delicate phase, a successful one. Please email Mr Sena ALOUKA, Executive Director of JVE for a complete details about the project and logistics issues (Email = yvetogo@hotmail.com) Please send resume and short letter, your time of availability. Please note that the project is to start in May, but contributors worldwide are accepted anytime after. If you have some friends or colleagues who can be interested please send this to them (even schools, forest universities etc...)

http://frontlinedefenders.org
Job Opening: National Action Plan Development Facilitator – International Rescue Committee – Sierra Leone

Duration: 6 months

IRC does not set closing dates/deadline dates for applications; recruitment is ongoing until the position is filled. The IRC reviews all applications and you will be contacted directly if you are selected as a candidate.

The International Rescue Committee is looking for a National Action Plan development Facilitator to work closely with the Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children’s Affairs to facilitate the development of the development of the national action plan aims at creating a framework defining GBV issues to be addressed and a framework for implementing GBV activities in Sierra Leone.

Responsibilities:

1. Work closely with the MSWGCA Gender Director, NaC-GBV Coordinator, NaC-GBV members and GBV Steering Committee members, other GBV and Human Rights organizations to enable them to develop a country position paper on addressing GBV.
2. Facilitate an experience sharing and consensus workshop(s) between NaC-GBV members, GBV Steering Committee members, national and international agencies and bi-lateral organizations aimed at gaining additional provincial input and additional information on GBV in the.
3. Through a consultative and participatory process, work closely with the MSWGCA Gender Director, NaC-GBV Coordinator, NaC-GBV members, GBV Steering Committee members and all other identified stakeholders to facilitate the development of a finalized multi-sectoral three-year national action plan aimed at addressing prevention and response to GBV in Sierra Leone. The NAP should include a detailed implementation plan with clear benchmarks.
4. Work closely with NaC-GBV Coordinator and NaC-GBV members to develop a user friendly M & E framework for the NAP.
5. Facilitate a workshop to familiarize all stakeholders on the M&E framework. For more information and application, please visit: www.IRCjobs.org.

POSITION: Project Officer, Project
DIVISION/OFFICE/SECRETARIAT: Division of Technology, Industry and Economics
Duty station: Shiga
Deadline to apply: 28 May 2009
To know more about this vacancy, please visit: www.unep.org/vacancies

Opportunity for Travel Grant to Attend AFRICAGIS 2009

The ISPRS Foundation is seeking applications from individuals wishing to obtain travel assistance from the “Trust Fund Amsterdam 2000” to participate in the AfricaGIS International Conference, to be held in Kampala, Uganda, from 26 to 30 October 2009. Download the form from the ISPRS website at: http://www.isprs.org/foundation/

Health and Hygene Training Workshop
Thirst Relief International - USA and Life and Water Development Group - Cameroon (LWDG) invites you to consider attending an upcoming workshop.

What: Health and Hygiene Training Workshop
When: June 22-24, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Where: Council Hall, Kumbo
Who: Community members, health professionals, and representatives of local NGOs
Cost per participant: 5000FCFA
Workshop description: Attendees will participate in group exercises on topics such as disease transmission and prevention, water treatment, treating childhood diarrhea, hand washing, nutrition, and common local illnesses. Each attendee will learn how to teach others the material covered and receive a notebook with lessons and posters. Those who complete the full workshop will receive a certificate of completion from Thirst Relief International and LWDG - Cameroon.

To register, please RSVP by 22nd to the following:
Peter Njodzeka, Director General, LWDG At LWDG-Cameroon Office above Express Union Building, Squares Kumbo – Cameroon. Tel.: +237-7771-6288 or +237-7993-3488
E-mail: info@lwdgc-africa.org Website: www.lwdgc-africa.org
Payment is due at the time of registration.

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“If you are patient in a moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow”. Christian Tabifor

“Teachers are those who use themselves as bridges, over which they invite their students to cross; then having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create bridges of their own”. Christian Tabifor

IN THE NEXT EDITION
In the twenty-fifth edition of INSPIRE you’ll find the following topics and issues amongst others
- NAYD’s regional co-ordinator for Kenya’s success at networking youth organisations all over Kenya
- - Events, Opportunities and Resources.
For inquiries, please write to
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 NAYD?

You are welcome to join NAYD and support the activities of its members. Write to 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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