

Conference on Youth Peace building and Regional Solidarity: Lessons from Africa

Djembe Hotel, Banjul, the Gambia from 9-11 May 2017

Draft PROGRAMME

DAY ONE – 8 May, 2017

17:30 – 19:00 am *Registration of Participants (International and Gambian regions)*

19:00 – 20:00 am **Who is Who? Introduction of Conference Participants**

20:00 – 22:00 **#Arts4 Peace and Cultural Dialogue**

DAY TWO – 9 May, 2017

8:30 – 11:30 am **Official Welcome and Opening Ceremony**

- *PRAYERS*
- *Poetry Performance by Ayak Chol, AAPI Anatanban -South Sudan*
- *Music Performace by Club UNESCO*

- *Welcoming message by NATCOM-UNESCO*

- **Statement by #Arts4 Peace and Cultural Dialogue**
- *Statement by PAYCOP*
 - *Goodwill Messages*
 - **GambiaHasDecided**
 - **Yen a Marre**
 - **Balai Citoyen**

- *Statement by Article 19*
- *Statement by CODESRIA*
- *Statement by UNESCO*
 - *Goodwill Messages*
 - **Gambia National Youth Council**

- **Sofas de la République**
- **University of The Gambia**

- *Statement by UNRC*
- *Statement by Gambian Youth Minister*
- *Statement by Gambian Minister of Education*
- *Music Performace by Killace Ace (Raptivist)*
- *Official Opening by Representative, Government of The Gambia*

11:15 – 11:30 **Group Photograph and Coffee Break**

11:30–13:00:**High Level Policy Debate on the Future of Youth in Development in Africa: AU 2063 and 2030 Agenda Nexus**

Chair: Dr Marema Toure Thiam, Unesco

- Keynote Speaker – Prof Abdoulaye Bathily, Cheikh Anta Diop University Dakar (15 mn)
- Panel Discussion –Speakers
 - *Representative of the Africa Union*
 - *Honorable Halifa Sallah, Sociologist and NAM*
 - *Nyokase Madise, Young Female Student leader from Malawi*
 - *Fatou Jagne Senghor, Article 19*
 - *Ekene Ikwela PAYNCOP*
 - *Dr Lamin Abdu Rahman, UNESCO*
 - *Dr Ebrima Sall, CODESRIA*

13:00–14:00 **Youth led Panel: Lessons Learned from Africa & Regional Solidarity**

Chair : *Ebrahim Ceesay, Executive Director - African Artists Peace Initiative (AAPI)*

- *Salieu Taal, #GambiaHasDecided*
- **Almamy Malal Talla alias “Fou Malade”, Yen a Marre**
- **Name, Balai Citoyen**
- *Ismaila Doucouré alias “Master Soumist*
- *Female representative youth from across the continent*

14:00 – 15:00 **Lunch**

15:00 – 16:30 **Roundtable II: Youth Political Participation and the Politics of Exclusion (after democratic transition?)**

- *Regional Youth Representatives (Hamzat Lawal, FollowTheMoney)*
- *Dr Abdoulaye Niang; Gaston Berger University; Saint-Louis; Senegal*
- *Alagie Kebbeh, #NotTooYoungToRun Gambia Campaign*
- *Dr Ismaila Ceesay; University of The Gambia*
- *Female representative youth from across the continent*

16:30 – 18:30 ***Group Discussion***
Participants divided into 5 groups for focused discussion on specific topics and report back to plenary.

20:00 – 22:00 **#Arts4Peace and Cultural Dialogue**

DAY TREE – 10 May, 2017

8:30– 9:00 Breaking Ice (Artistic talents from all regions)

9:00 – 10:00 ***Report back from Group Discussion and Plenary***

10:00 – 11:15 **Third Roundtable-Youth Innovations and Good Practices on Culture of Peace and Democracy in Africa**

Chair: PAYCOP

Speakers:

Ms. Aya Chol, AAPI/Anatanban South Sudan

Youth Speaker 2: AJS

Youth Speaker 3: Kenya

Youth Speaker 4: South Africa

Youth Speaker 5: Central Africa

Youth Speaker 6: Gambia

11:15 – 11:30 ***Coffee break***

11:30 – 13:00 ***Discussion on Conference Outcome and Next Steps***

13:00 – 14:00 ***Lunch***

14:00 – 15:30 ***Closing Ceremony***

➤ **Endnote Speech** - Dr Abdoulie Janneh; Director Africa Governance Institute & Mo Ibrahim Foundation Africa Office; former Executive Secretary of UNECA (10 minutes)

➤ **Closing Remarks:**

- CODESRIA
- UNESCO
- UNRC

➤ **Artistic Performance (10 minutes)**

➤ Statement by Dr Isatou Touray, Minister of Regional Integration

Closing Speech - Hon. Mariam Jack, Speaker of the National Assembly of The Gambia