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 Performance 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 Performance 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