CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FIFTH ORDINARY CONGRESS OF THE PAN AFRICAN YOUTH UNION

A. Summary

1. In November 2017, the Pan-African Youth Union will celebrate its 55th anniversary in the service of African youth.
2. With a specific mandate to gather and mobilize African youth in the entire continent, the PYU works to promote the ideals and strategies of the African Union (AU), including unity, peace, democracy, sustainable development and African integration.
3. Maximizing the promotion of this organization among African youth can then define its identity, increase its visibility and ensure its sustainability in order to increase its social impact. African youth are strong, dynamic and concerned about their future.
4. It wants to engage in a positive spirit and an organized movement that values the long-term development of the African continent. Also, promoting a coherent message helps, maintain its reputation; the PYU is the central organ of the African juvenile communities that works for the effective development of young people in African society.
5. The Pan-African Youth Union will bring together 350 young people representing state organizations, universities, young entrepreneurs and civil society on the continent, for a Youth Summit to be held in Sudan, Khartoum. It will be held under the theme "Youth facing the socio-economic challenges of Africa"

6. The sub-themes selected are as follows:
   - Peace and Security in Africa;
   - Education and skills;
   - Youth entrepreneurship and economic participation;
   - Health and well-being;
   - Political participation;
   - Civic participation
   - Reform of the PYU

7. This summit will enable the PYU to recall and clarify its historical importance in the social and political sphere of the continent. In addition, the congress will elect the Executive Committee of the Pan-African Youth Union which will serve during the years 2018-2020. They will also discuss issues affecting the union and find ways to address them.
B. Funds

8. The continent's biggest challenge is to provide opportunities for more than 200 million young people to have a decent life and to be able to contribute to the economic development of their country. According to the United Nations report of (2012), Africa's population was estimated at 1.05 billion and is expected to double by 2050. Africa is the youngest continent in the world, with about 70% of the population is over 30 years of age or younger.

9. The majority of African youth continues to face a number of problems: unemployment, underemployment, lack of skills, relevant education, access to capital, unmet need, information and services, including those related to the diagnosis, treatment and care of people living with HIV and, most importantly, the prevention of new HIV infections among them. This situation is even more noticeable among young people in rural areas.

10. Millions of young people are expected to enter the labor market Every year, several young people migrate to urban areas with the aim of finding a job. The State of Africa report, in turn, indicates that enrollment is increasing in primary and secondary education, but then decreases in tertiary education, resulting in a reduction in the rate of skilled young people which can not compete in the market. Although youth literacy rates have increased in Africa over the past two decades, the increase of 18% in North Africa and 6% in sub-Saharan Africa.

11. Currently, 87% and 76% of young people are able to read and write in both regions, which is an important step forward, but not enough to tackle unemployment problems. The health and fertility of adolescent girls in sub-Saharan Africa attest to the fact that young women contribute to maternal morbidity and mortality in this region.

12. Similarly, young people in affected areas share the impact of communicable diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria. Available data also show that HIV prevalence among young people in sub-Saharan Africa is the highest in all major regions of the world.

13. Furthermore, young people are not sufficiently involved in dialogues at the regional, provincial and national levels. The Civic Youth Engagement Programs allow young people to play an active role in the development of their communities while gaining the experience, knowledge, values and skills needed to succeed in a career. Community involvement increases the sense of citizenship and civic pride of youth, increases their sense of effectiveness, and decreases the likelihood that they will engage in high-risk behaviors.

14. This fund also suggests the need to continue the debate on transformation should take place in Africa for the benefit of young people. However, the overall objective of
the Congress is to bring together young leaders, young academics and civil society to seek solutions to the challenges facing young people in Africa.

C. Goals and objectives

15. The Congress is a compulsory platform for member organizations of the Pan-African Youth Union as provided for in the PYU Statutes. This congress will be preceded by a two-day summit which will allow young people and other assistants to discuss the above mentioned themes. This platform will also enable stakeholders of state youth bodies to share experiences, tools and strategies to integrate youth perspectives into the development of programs and activities.

16. The Congress aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Establish a platform for interaction between youth, policy makers and partners on youth development on the continent.
- Identify and share good practices on youth employment, health and well-being, civic participation, youth policy and programs implemented at the continent level.
- Strengthening the road map action on the accelerated implementation of the African Youth Charter (AYC)
- Establishing coherent and widely consulted perspectives towards the international youth.

D. Congressional Approach

a. Event Format

17. The Congress will take place in three days under the theme "Youth in the face of the socio-economic challenges of Africa" in Khartoum, Sudan.

18. The summit will be addressed by ministers and academics, followed by group discussions for the first day. The second day will be devoted to committees for delegates to engage on the seven thematic areas and the reform commission. The third day will be devoted to congressional elections and organizational issues.

19. The program of the summit is as follows:

- 1st day : plenary session.
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- 2nd day : Commissions and presentation of commissions reports;
- 3rd day : organizational analysis and elections.

b. Participation
20. Participate in the congress, national youth councils, representatives of youth ministries, regional and international youth organizations affiliated to the PYU, and those who inspire to be. The delegation of each country should have no more than 4 people and a gender balance in representation will be commendable. The host country will provide catering, accommodation and local transportation. However, the cost of international travel and other related costs will be borne by the organizations themselves.

c. **Confirmation of Membership**

21. We will audit our members. Therefore, we ask member organizations to send the reports to the General Secretariat by 20 November 2017.

22. In addition, we remind you that only non-EU member countries can vote and be voted in the office during the Congress. A minimum royalty of US $ 100 will be requested per delegate as a registration fee to Congress.

d. **Election of governing bodies**

23. Any member of the PYU who has legal standing has the right to challenge or choose a position of his choice. Please note that invited countries are requested to submit their application in advance by a letter of nomination duly signed by the Minister responsible for Youth in their country and their curriculum vitae.

24. All submissions must be sent by 20 November 2017 to the PYU General Secretariat. Note that appointments after this deadline will not be accepted. Bearing in mind that each region has the post of Deputy Secretary General and the post of Vice-President, we also encourage women candidates.

e. **Affiliation of new members**

25. We have also opened an affiliation of new members to the PYU for organizations that are regional or international partners of the PYU. This can be done through an application sent to the PYU Secretariat as stipulated in the PYU statutes.

f. **Amendment of the statutes and agenda of the Congress**

26. If a member organization has any amendments they need for the PYU statutes, they may write to the Secretariat by 20 November 2017 for possible discussions and adoptions at the PYU Congress. Member organizations are also free to write ahead of the Secretariat's questions that they want to be put on the congress agenda.
e. **Date, Theme and Venue of the Congress**

27. The PYU Executive Committee decided that the 5th PYU Congress will be held in Khartoum, Sudan, from 19 to 21 December 2017. The Congress will take place under the theme "Youth in the face of the socio-economic challenges of the" South Africa »

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