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Africa's Youth SHAPING OUR FUTURE

Aspiration 6 of Agenda 2063 strives for *“An Africa whose development is people-driven, relying on the potential of African people, especially its women and youth, and caring for children.”*

Creating appropriate and meaningful platforms for youth to engage, to dialogue, to think critically, to appreciate systems and, to ultimately influence the future are therefore essential. Exchange and volunteering are one mechanism to build youth capital globally. Embedded in youth capital is an emboldened and enabled youth voice. As exchange practitioners, you part of this process.

Countdown 2030 and beyond is a further activity for 2019 that mobilises, enables and actions the youth voice (see [News-bite 11](#) for details). SEE call link – below right and circulate to your exchange alumni.

The **AFRICAN YOUTH SUMMIT**, planned for late April, is another important activity that will bring young African thinkers, under the guidance of the African Union, together to explore opportunities, define process for leading change and identify responsibilities for different actors to achieve the vision of the African Union.

The Summit includes pre-summit virtual preparation and training workshops, learning and sharing.

The Summit will take place over four days. Youth will be afforded the opportunity to engage directly with key stakeholders on the final day to define and document commitment that responds to their deliberations, their voice.

An open call to Africa's youth will be shared soon. Please look out for this in your in-box and do your part in getting it to the youth target market.



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Members of SAAN are invited to review the below call to participate in this exciting project. If you are not a member please contact southernafricanalumninetwork@gmail.com

join our network

!!! FINAL REMINDER !!!

Deadline **28 Feb 2019** for applications

Southern African Alumni Network

Alumni CALL to action

Countdown 2030 & beyond “Our common future”

Be part of a global YOUTH team to plan and run an international summit.

What is our common future?

- ¿ Do the SDGs talk to our vision?
- ¿ Is Agenda 2063 enough of a framework?
- ¿ What is the world WE WANT?

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4 South African, and one SADC Alumni will be selected as our Southern African planning team for CD 2030.

- Work with youth teams from Benin and Germany
- Receive project management and event management training
- Develop programme of activities for the summit
- Implement & facilitate CD 2030 in Germany in December 2019

APPLY NOW – Click here



Image: UN – Jan 2019



Image: AU – Jan 2019



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Walusungu Ngulube of the Southern African Alumni Network caught up with Sayxchange alumni Kefiloe Mokoena to gain some insights into his life and the impact volunteering and exchange has had on his development.

Kefiloe hails from Soweto and has worked in the field of intercultural learning and regional exchange for more than 11 years

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Alumni Voice



2010 - one of ten young South Africans -Southern Africa Youth Exchange Program - volunteered at the Centre for Mozambique International studies (Maputo, Mozambique) for six months.

He is

..... the founder of a development consulting company - Star Blac Resources - which specialises in Strategic Partnerships, Organisational relations and development using Ubuntu as a methodology to build organisations.

..... Country Representative (SA Country Director) for the International Youth Federation (IYF) & advocates for the SDGs at continental & global.

..... Country Coordinator for the African Network of Youth Policy Experts (AfrinYPE), a regional body and platform that is projecting Youth Policy matter in line with the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY).

..... trainer of volunteers through AFS Intercultural South Africa

..... Programs Coordinator at The Tigerbrands Foundation which deals with primary school nutrition

Kefiloe holds a Certificate in Project management and community development from the University of Wits Enterprise

Tell us about the impact of the programme

I learned a lot while I was on my exchange program, first because this was an exchange program that was more intercultural than academic. I began to understand that just because you are different it **does not mean you are bad, it is just that we different**. I learned a lot in terms of communication and how to engage other people and use many soft skills that I learned in Mozambique on a daily basis such how to listen and also how to send or communicate your information across to others.

How did this inspire you to make an impact back home?

On return, through the work I was doing with AFS Interculture South Africa, I decided that in my Chapter we would **start foreign language classes** and fortunately we had Germany volunteers in the target schools. Learners would attend language sessions and after six weeks they would receive basic competence certificates for their newly learned language of German or French.

I also decided to be **involved in Global youth development** and today I am country Director for South Africa at International Youth Federation where we go to communities and advocate for SDG's. I have also decided to **work in the civic or NGO space** so that I can give back to my country.

" I have a burning passion for community development and youth empowerment in

Any last words *Africa "*

The work that is done by organisations in exchange programs is important and has given a lot of young people an opportunity to see the world, learn and participate in making a difference. If it was up to me, **I would give every young person a chance to go on an exchange** as it broadens your understanding of the world and make you think globally while you are acting locally.

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Engaging with the Sustainable Development Goals & AGENDA 2063 in the EXCHANGE AND VOLUNTEERING SECTOR



How are South Africans responding to

volunteering and civic action and can your organisation tap into these trends



WESSA is working on a “localising frameworks” support resource for the sector.

The purpose of the resource is to de-mystify & localise the SDGs and AU Agenda 2063 which too often seem distant and high-level targets and guidelines.

However, and as many of you discovered and shared at the Thematic Forum, much of what you already do are examples of good practice that talk to the SDGs or / and Agenda 2063.

INVITATION TO PRACTITIONERS WE NEED YOUR STORIES

What are you doing as an individual or an organisation that talks to these frameworks?

Please share this with us as we are looking to include “your realities, stories and change-choice practices” so that others can learn from them.

Please contact youth@wessa.co.za and be a part of a learning and sharing community of practice

- The most popular cause to give money to is helping the poor (55% of donors); the most popular cause to volunteer for is with religious organisations (44% of volunteers)
- In total, 66% of people have volunteered in the past 12 months; that’s up from 61% the year before
- In addition to volunteering, two thirds of people have taken part in a civic activity in the past 12 months; in particular signing a petition and taking part in a local consultation
- Giving using cash is by far the most common method of donation for South Africans; 73% donate using this method

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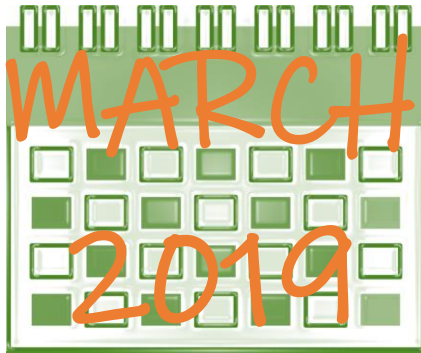
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ENERGY MONTH & "Special Days"



- 3 World Wildlife Day 5 GENDER EQUALITY
- 8 International woman's
- 17 - 23 National Water Week
- 21 Human Rights Day SA
- 21 International Forest Day
- 22 World Water Day
- 23 World Meteorological Day
- 30 Earth Hour (20:30 - 21:30)

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Our house is on fire

Greta Thunberg
2019 World Economic Forum in Davos



Click to view

"The SDGs provide us with a common plan and agenda to tackle some of the pressing challenges facing our world such as poverty, climate change and conflict."
Helen Clarke - UNDP Administrator

Plan special days and SDG activities into your monthly activities and actions

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING NEW PARTNERSHIPS FOR GROUP EXCHANGE

Have you heard about CHAT between the Worlds



Follow-on from News-bite 11

The wwBegegnung exchange format (wwB) is building momentum and WESSA has started to receive several profiles from organisations interested in the format. Please click here - "[PARTNER BUILDING](#)" - to access the profile document template if you are interested.

We are liaising with AGYI German actors on the way forward and two approaches are under consideration:

1. **Partner Matching event:** this will take place in Germany where up to seven SA organisations will have the opportunity to meet face to face with potential partners and enable new partnerships to be formed.

2. **Virtual Matching:** the profile documents will give AGYI the information from which we can identify potential partners in Germany. Introductions and support, as virtual engagements, towards partnerships will be provided within the framework of the AGYI.

"CHAT between the Worlds" is an interesting exchange format that overcomes the geographical and travel cost challenges of exchange through the use of virtual engagements.

Schools, student groups, youth clubs and youth associations can work, learn and share virtually on a project or specific theme of interest.

Like any exchange partnership, a suitable potential German partner will be identified from your profile of needs for an exchange and together with the German partner, you will design your programme of exchange.

CHAT brings with it support, experience and useful resources to allow you to optimise the exchange.

For more, click here



Contact youth@wessa.co.za to discuss further



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