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# Sustainable Exchange & Volunteering

The Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME), the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), Southern African Alumni Network (SAAN), Southern African Weltwaerts Network (SAwN), WESSA and GIZ convened for two days in a strategic planning workshop in Pretoria early July to consolidate progress of the AGYI to date and map a way forward for sustainable exchange and volunteering within the framework of African German cooperation.

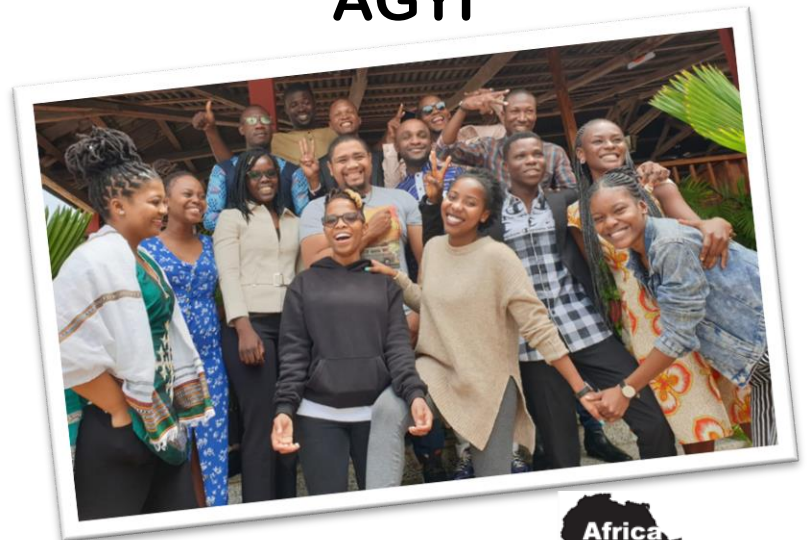
DPME and the German government are in the final stages of signing a Declaration of Intent (DoI) which will open a new phase of broader roll-out of cooperation for youth exchange and volunteering.

The NYDA is mandated by the state to coordinate and consolidate youth development in South Africa and the workshop explored mechanisms and structures that would enhance exchange and volunteering in the context of South African-German cooperation, the role of civil society organisations and optimising existing networks.

A transitioning of the initiative into new, sustainable structures and formats will receive on-going attention from relevant stakeholders.



## INTRA-AFRICA EXCHANGE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGYI



Exchange alumni from the SADC met with counterparts from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire and Cameroon in Contonou, Benin for a planning workshop in preparation for the Continental Youth Summit which will be hosted in South Africa by the Southern African Alumni Network (SAAN) in October this year. A number of working groups with representation from across the continent have been convened to drive specific aspects of the summit. For more details and to stay informed of developments, follow SAAN on their [social media platforms](#).

**Countdown 2030, 2063, and beyond: Our Common Future** As an intra-continental training exchange, WESSA partnered with the Beninese Exchange Network and GIZ to implement a 3-day training workshop for SADC and Francophone Countdown 2030 youth planning teams. While virtual meetings



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and workshops have led to close working relations between the teams, this workshop provided the opportunity for in person skills transfer, appreciating multi-lingual challenges, cross cultural considerations and forging of a more united team – all of which are critical skills for the teams to acquire as part of delivering on Countdown 2030. The workshop took place in Contonou, Benin and included a cultural excursion to Genvie, the floating village.

The next international training will take place in Germany in November ahead of the Countdown 2030 conference to be hosted in December in Cologne.

SADC & Francophone participants on a cultural excursion as part of their CD2030 training workshop

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## Southern African Work Camps Workshop

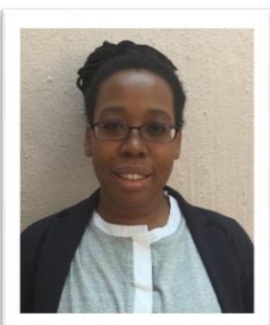
### Strategic Response to Cyclone Idai

Regional partners of Southern African Workcamps Cooperation convened for a two-day technical planning meeting in response to Cyclone Idai, considered one of the worst tropical storms to hit the continent and which affected Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The workshop considered current efforts in the wake of the cyclone, challenges faced by volunteer organisations in addressing the disaster and looked at planning for future disaster relief efforts.

SAWV will develop a special steering committee to facilitate volunteer support to the relief effort and the workshop developed criteria for volunteer organisation support.

For further details or lend support, contact Enock Pedze [sawvca@yahoo.com](mailto:sawvca@yahoo.com) of the South Africa Volunteer Work Camp Association



WESSA is pleased to welcome Moipone Kgatle to the AGYI team where she has assumed the position of project coordinator.

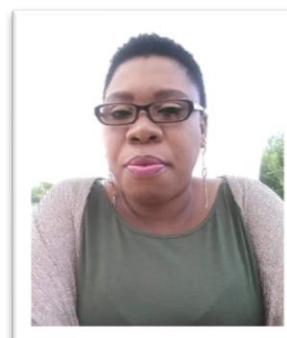
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## PARTNER MATCHING

### For New Exchanges

WESSA continues to work closely with German counterparts to identify potential partner matches. This pre-matching exercise has resulted in the **first two successful introductory meetings towards new partnerships** in the wwBegegnung (extra-curricular) exchange format. *Live Love Believe*, represented by Tshago Chifokoyo (top) and *The Golden Youth Club*, represented by Nomatlou Mahlangu (bottom) **will meet their counterparts**, Das Letzte Kleinod and Regie Produktion Vermittlung respectively, **in Germany in August.**

A **partner matching conference** is planned for January/February 2020 in South Africa where we will bring interested German and SADC organisations together to further drive efforts to build new partnerships. This conference will include all exchange formats and WESSA encourages the sector to begin considering their participation in such an event to either develop new partnerships or revise existing cooperation agreements for exchange.



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# Voice



eMalahleni - Mpumalanga



Multiplier & Change Agent



ADVOCATE – Education for Sustainable Development



South North Weltwaerts Programme – 2015 to 2017

Sending organisation – Geosphere

Hosting organisation – Welthaus Bielefeld

Facilitated by – KOSAe.V

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## LUCKY MAISANYE

An **IMPACT VOLUTEER** bringing his learnings to school communities and advancing Education for Sustainable Development and Global Learning



**ON PLACEMENT IN GERMANY** - My work with KOSA e.V. focused mainly in outreach and awareness raising, through presentations at schools, public events(fair-trade), and climate camps; project administration and implementation; Desk research and report writing; Project administration and Implementation And facilitated project of Welthaus Bielefeld at schools in the framework "Modellregion Schulen fur Globales Lernen OWL(Ostwestfalen-Lippe) ("Regional Education schools for global learning ") to implement global learning firmly into the school profile and school curricula.

**BACK HOME AS A MULTIPLIER** - Exchange experience made me realize the benefits of volunteering and remain active in addressing our community needs, And after my stay in Germany I volunteered to introduce a school partnership program between schools from eMalahleni with German schools and find schools that have interest to participate in the program. Currently we have three schools from eMalahleni that are matched with German partner schools, I'm coordinating the school partnership here in eMalahleni. Through assisting the schools initiate and implement the program at their schools, develop school projects and activities that address SDG's through ESD and Global learning. Is important to implement the schools' partnership programme at schools here in eMalahleni, As "Learners, learn to understand global connectivity through direct personal experience" and gives recognition to the need of "possibility to include practical topics of global citizenship in school curricula". Also eMalahleni is one of the highly concentrated industrial area in South Africa, that needs sustainable development plans and initiatives to address all forms of pollution that burden the communities, in building safe and sustainable communities.



Lucky is a member of the Southern African Alumni Network and can be seen above presenting at the Change-Action-Projects workshop which was held in July 2019.

**"Preparations for volunteers from South Africa needs to be improved and should be planned together with former volunteers (Alumni's), to use experience in avoiding recurring challenges that are similar for volunteers abroad."**

### CURRENT CHALLENGES to be a multiplier

**FUNDING & SUPPORT** - the lack of funding and resources to develop, initiate and implement school project ideas as well as the limitations to do proper profiling and reporting makes the work as a multiplier very challenging.

**LUCKY's PLAN** – At the AGYI Change-Action-Project Workshop we looked at funding options and I have now **created a crowd funding website** to mobilise resources as it's very much difficult to implement a successful project without any fund.

**[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VISIT LUCKY'S CROWDFUNDING SITE AND SPREAD THE WORD.....](#)**



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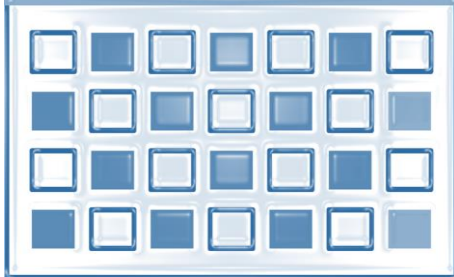


# August 2019

Calendar of special days



Image: SABC3 who will be running profiles on youth doing extraordinary things. Click on image for website of SABC3 schedule and stories.



“CHAT between the Worlds” promotes **VIRTUAL EXCHANGE** between schools, student groups, youth clubs and youth associations. CHAT brings with it support, experience and useful resources to allow you to optimise the exchange.

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## AGYI INNOVATION Fund

Following the fund manager’s inception meeting in Addis, WESSA has met virtually with the international team as well as with the in-country point of contact. The next call for the fund will be for October and WESSA will advertise this call to the AGYI network.

**AFS is proud to launch scholarship applications for teachers and students to attend the 2019 AFS Global Conference** on *Active Global Citizenship—and How to Educate for It* (9-11 October in Montreal, Canada).

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- 9<sup>th</sup> – World Indigenous People Day
- National Women’s Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> – International Youth Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> – World Humanitarian Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> – African Traditional Medicine Day



### Preparing youth as continental and global actors within the framework of the AGYI

*Workshopping virtual tools for enhanced engagements and global learning at a continental training workshop across languages and cultures where alumni from South Africa, Cameroon, Benin, Cote d’Ivoire and Burkina Faso participated.*

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# COMING for AGYI ... .. 2019

## PARTNER CONFERENCE

27 – 30 August – Berlin - Germany  
Hosted by BKJ to drive new partnerships and enhance existing partnership. WESSA and two SA organisations will be attending.

## TRAINER WORKSHOP

2 – 4 September – Addis – Ethiopia  
Hosted by Engagement Global the AGYI workshop for training experts and practitioners in the context of international exchanges and volunteering will take place. South African participation includes WESSA, SAAN, SAGeNet and SAwN.

## SKILLS in EXCHANGE WORKSHOP

TBC October – Johannesburg – SA  
Hosted by WESSA and the Skills Working Group.  
Bringing stakeholders together to workshop improved hard skills development as part of exchange programmes.

## AFRICAN YOUTH SUMMIT

23 – 25 October – Johannesburg – SA  
Hosted by SAAN to bring continental alumni together to dialogue on exchange, policy and mechanisms for enhanced impact through exchange.

## COUNTDOWN 2030 TRAINING 3

25 – 28 November – Berlin – Germany  
Hosted by Bridge-it! as the 3<sup>rd</sup> youth training workshops to prepare for CD2030.

## Countdown 2030 & beyond CONFERENCE

2 – 6 December – Bonn - Germany

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