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2020 OFF to a FLYING START

In much the same way that 2019 ended, AGYI 2020 has got off to a flying start which looks set to sustain itself through to September and the end of the current pilot phase.

PARTNER CONFERENCE – driving new partnerships in extracurricular exchanges:

2 – 6 March sees the implementation of the wwB (extra-curricular) exchange Partner Conference which will host 15 tandems (SA & German counterparts) in the exploration of new partnership exchange projects. Unfortunately, we were not able to match every SA organisation that applied for the partner matching process, but we are pleased that we have exceeded our target for wwB matches. Matching efforts will however continue, and we hope to create opportunities for further engagements as these occur.

Skills in Exchange Workshop – driving enhanced focus, appreciation and tracking of skills acquired in the exchange experience

is a collaborative effort within the framework of the AGYI where WESSA, SAAN, SAGeNet and SAwN are collaborating to bring new and creative mechanisms into the sector which enable more meaningful and relevant exchange and volunteering. This workshop takes place 18 – 20 March 2020 and there is a **call for participation open**. See page 2 or [Click here for details](#).



2nd CALL INNOVATION FUND
Open – See page 2 News-Bite

Call for Tenders – Facilitator
The AGYI is looking for an expert to facilitate a **1-day steering committee meeting** taking place on the 17 March 2020 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Expected participants are the implementing partners from Benin, Tanzania and South Africa, GIZ, AU AGYI point of contact and Engagement Global.
[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#) – TOR Steering Meeting – deadline 14 February 2020

Call for Tenders – Facilitator
The AGYI is looking for an expert to facilitate a **5-day Partner Conference** taking place on the 2 - 6 March 2020 in Johannesburg, South Africa.
[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#) – TOR Partner Conference – deadline 14 February 2020



The Golden Youth Club & PEER International have embarked on an exciting and innovative

partnership project to give awareness to climate change and source solutions through the **“Climate Cycle Tour”**. See page 2 for more



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2nd CALL INNOVATION FUND Open NOW – deadline 29/02/20

The aim of the AGYI is to improve youth exchange and mobility between African countries and Germany and to develop essential competencies and skills among young individuals from African countries and Germany by focussing on sustainable global development and strengthening the idea of ‘global citizenship’.

There are three **eligible funding windows**:

- Enabling African alumni from German African youth exchange programs to act as multipliers for youth exchange and youth voluntary services,
- Promotion of innovative and inclusive approaches of African-German or trilateral youth exchange for skills development in line with the SDGs and the AU Agenda 2063
- Promoting innovative community-based change projects within the context of African-German youth exchange and voluntary youth services to implement the AU Agenda 2063 and/or the SDGs.

The maximum **implementation period is 5 months**.

Eligible **applicants** are the following:

- Registered alumni organization (from an African-German youth exchange program or African-German voluntary youth service program)
- Registered host or sending organization (from an African-German youth exchange program or African-German voluntary youth service program)
- Registered organization (alumni, sending/host organization) preparing a project in the context of the African-German youth exchange. In this case, a brief description of the project idea and the name of the African-German youth organization foreseen as future partner must be provided
- Registered parent organization for a non-registered alumni organization

For further, more detailed information please refer to the CFP2 Manual and its Annexes (on the link below).

Interested applicants from Benin, Ghana, Togo, South Africa and Tanzania are invited to submit their project proposals until **29th February 2020 midnight South Africa time** using the following link: www.agyi-applications.org.

In country fund manager GFA point of contact is Dr Jurie Van Niekerk Jurie-van.Niekerk@gfa-group.de for questions and clarifications.

SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR INNOVATION FUND

1 February 2020 – Information Session **CAPE TOWN** 10:00 – 15:00

15 February 2020 – Proposal writing Support Session – **CAPE TOWN**

- Protea Hotel Victoria Junction for both Cape Town sessions -

14 February 2020 – Proposal writing Support Session – **JOHANNESBURG**

- Protea Parktonian, Braamfontein -

AGYI Project Steering Meeting

WESSA will be hosting the AGYI Technical Steering team in Johannesburg mid-March for a strategic planning meeting. Attendees will include Tanzania Youth Coalition, AGYI Beninese Network, AU coordinator to the AGYI, GIZ and Engagement Global.

Joint planning for 2020 and sustaining the work of the AGYI into the post pilot phase are key to the agenda.



“Climate Cycle Tour” continued from page 1
Content by Nomatlou Mahlangu (Golden Youth Club)

It is high time to act against Climate Change. The rising of the global temperature is a threat to humankind. But besides a better policy, better laws and more energy of the governments, it is obvious that the people have to be involved. Not only because they are already or will be the victims of a global warming, but also it will be up to them the vote for the right policy and politicians, to be prepared for the challenges, but also to rethink their definition of a good life.

Governments have a lot of national and international conferences, such as the recent COP25 in Chile. But it seems it needs more pressure to change climate policy and make opportunities for bigger steps to protect against climate change.

With our project **“Climate Cycle Tour”** we want to educate and form a bigger lobby around climate change and motivate young people as “influencers” to create ideas and realise practical steps. This project will motivate young people in 5 countries to care about climate change, to inform themselves and to create and exchange ideas and projects against climate change. We want to motivate them to take the lead and to use the presented material to teach their peer-group.

The **“Climate Cycle Tour”** takes place from the 10th to the 20th February in South Africa.

Image right – Nomatlou at the BKJ Partner Matching Conference last year in Bonn.

Click here for the full article Climate Cycle Tour planning team.



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Voice alumni Innocent Serepe Tshishonga



Witbank - Mpumalanga



Social Entrepreneur & Co-Founder of SOMEBODY CARES (youth development)



Weltwaerts – Tshwane Leadership Foundation with Friends e.V of TLF



Maths & Science youth programme



Managing Director – Meetsi Business Enterprises & part time Business & Finance Student; Biblical Studies graduate

A very meaningful experience of a lifetime and interesting to work with youth in a developed country in which their approach towards you is different in comparison to developing country experiences. On the project, I was based at a kindergarten and later at Global New Generation.

IMPACT & INSPIRATION – broadened my ability to think and I acquired knowledge from people, not books *“like a drop of water in the desert”*. I sometimes wish my country could engage in dialogues to repair fractures like I learned in Germany where voices are encouraged, and disagreements are dealt with respectfully.

Exchange forces you to take in different environments and attitudes which is challenging but possible. There is pressure to understand and accept European lifestyles and the African livelihoods can be challenged.

If you want something, go and get it! Avoid excuses. Learn to accept and understand people from different backgrounds as it helps you identify and fix your own faults. Try to accept choices, even if it is difficult, for example I am a Christian and it is not easy for me to quickly accept that other make different choices.

I was impressed by Germany’s attention to the development of children and the different facilities that cater for different age groups to allow for education and caring from young to old.

TOUGH – being stared at but trying to act normally and in a friendly way.

LEARNINGS – people are not so different; we just sometimes have different approaches and solutions. We all want to be safe, to provide for those we love. I feel like *“we are all branches on a tree”* and I realised that I love my country and I appreciate my community and the children I work with every day.

There are small things in South Africa that are special and make South Africa my HOME. But I learnt that it is important to learn and to share in order to become part of the solution and the solution is bigger than me. Diversity is to be encouraged and collaboration can be part of our national solutions that end racial, political, tribal, cultural and religious discrimination.

We need to bring diverse youth together to come up with solutions for the problems in the world. The future is ours!



SAAN’s Walusungu Ngulube (former WESSA AUYVC to the AGYI) with UN Youth Envoy, Jayathma Wickramanayake in Southern Sudan where she is on a UNEP placement.



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CALL for INTEREST to participate in the AGYI SKILLS IN EXCHANGE WORKSHOP

18 – 20 March 2020

As part of the commitment to deliver more effectively to **SKILLS development** in exchange/volunteering, we are calling on interested organisations and individuals who would like to participate in the March workshop.

Workshop AIM: Skills development enhances the quality of exchange/volunteering programmes to be more meaningful, relevant and enabling

Outcomes: Capacitated organisations deliver more meaningful, relevant and enabling exchange/volunteer experiences

Specific Objectives:

1. Organisations have improved their capacity for skills development (beyond soft) in exchange/volunteering
2. Stakeholders (hosts and participants) are enabled to optimise skills development (beyond soft) opportunities
3. Tools to support skills development are identified for further development

Target audience:

- Direct sending organisations (South – North)
- Indirect sending organisations [who use placement organisations] (South – North)
- Sector networks or associations
- Organisations/individuals interested in “hard skills development”
- Organisations/individuals interested in developing tools and frameworks

Please note that participation is limited, and we apologise if we are not able to accommodate all applicants.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION FORM](#) & return by 14 February 2020

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

PLANNED FOR AGYI 2020

INNOVATION FUND

JHB & CT - Information sessions (mid-January); Proposal support (early February) see page 2 Call for details

PARTNER MATCHING CONFERENCE

Johannesburg – SA
2 – 6 March 2020 New partnerships within the wwB, CHAT and other exchange formats.

SKILLS in EXCHANGE WORKSHOP

18 – 20 March - SA
A collaborative skills relevant workshop hosted by WESSA AGYI with SAwN

SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP

Late April/early May – Sustainable Networks & optimizing their role in the sector

CHANGE ACTION PROJECTS

June – Second Alumni Change Action Project & Project Management Workshop

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP – beyond the pilot

July/August - Consolidation workshop closing out the AGYI pilot phase



JABULANI NZIMANDE is a member of SAAN, a social-

activist, community-based change-agent and social entrepreneur in the tourism and guiding sector.

“Jabz” is working with WESSA to plan and implement a cultural learning journey for participants to the AGYI Partner Matching Conference in Johannesburg.

Jabz, with colleagues, have established a series of cooperative tours through Soweto and other cultural and historical South African Sites. Generating funds from his work, Jabz oversees a further project which supports school learners with necessary equipment and resources to ensure they participate in the schools in a way that is conducive to their learning. Jabz is just one the many alumni really walking the talk for a better South Africa for all.

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