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**PROGRAMME**

# DAY 1

## 22 October 2014

09:00 – 09:10	Opening speeches	<b>Youssouf Simbo Diakité</b> VAS President
09:10 – 09:30		<b>Monica Carco</b> UNIDO Unit Chief
09:30 – 09:50		President of Embassies, Namibia
09:50 – 10:10		<b>Mahamane Baby</b> Minister of Work and Vocational Training, Republic of Mali
10:10 – 10:30		<b>Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal, i.V. Außenminister</b> <b>Sebastian Kurz;</b> Leiter der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit im Außenministerium Österreich
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	

11:00 – 13:00	<b>Lead 1</b>	<b>Creation of decent jobs and development of ideas</b>
<b>PANEL 1</b>  <u>Discussant:</u> <b>Mohamed Yassine Ennaem,</b> African Diaspora Youth Network in Europe	with:  <b>Charles DAN,</b> International Labour Organsiation  <b>Adelakun Abel AYOKO,</b> Ambassador of Nigeria	This panel focuses on the discussion of different ideas and concepts for the creation of suitable and decent job opportunities for young Africans in Europe and in Africa. Cooperation with African Youth, Diaspora and other Organizations throughout the world can help establish <b>platforms and networks for young people</b> that will support them in finding appropriate jobs and gaining experience which they can later make use of. Moreover, methods to make the legal situation and the world of employment more accessible and transparent shall be discussed in order to develop ideas on how to <b>enhance communication and the exchange of ideas</b> among young people and potential employers and companies.
	<b>Lead 2</b>  with:  <b>Gerardo PATACCONI,</b> UNIDO	<b>Industrialization: Cluster and Business Linkages</b>  Young Africans (who have lived/live) in Europe combine experiences and knowledge from both continents, hence they play a crucial role for the development of business linkages, not only for <b>partnerships between African and European companies, but also for networks between different African enterprises.</b> The inclusion of their unique status in the establishment and improvement of these business linkages is the center of this panel discussion. Ideas and methods on how <b>African Youth in Diaspora can act as the essential link to promote business relationships between different companies,</b> be it on a regional, national or international level, will be discussed and analyzed.

13:00 – 14:00		Lunch Break
14:00 – 16:00	<b>Lead 1</b> with: <b>INA DIALLO</b> , Banque Internationale pour le Mali  <b>Ritin KORIA</b> , UNIDO	<b>Financial environment: Difficulties in financing projects in Africa</b>  Financing projects in Africa and being able to find <b>reliable funding partners</b> can be a challenge for young entrepreneurs. This panel discussion will address possibilities and strategies for Youth in Diaspora to establish lasting cooperations with funding institutions and/or banks. Moreover, panelists will discuss current and potential projects that African banks fund and support, in order to <b>improve transparency</b> and to <b>enable an exchange of information and know-how</b> for both sides. Difficulties and challenges when it comes to the funding of projects especially for young people and the Youth in Diaspora will be explained and analyzed so that awareness and know-how can be developed and increased.
	<b>Lead 2</b> with: <b>GÜNTER ENGELITS</b> , Austrian Development Agency  <b>Ahmed KOUROUMA</b> , ???	<b>Developing a sustainable cooperation with the youth and Diaspora</b>  This panel addresses the challenges and possibilities when it comes to the creation and <b>strengthening of Austria-Africa relations</b> , especially regarding youth-related topics and regarding Youth in Diaspora. Frameworks and the creation of networks among civil society groups will be discussed, as well as ways of the Youth's contribution to integration agendas and the promotion of development in Africa. <b>Youth policy and young people's participation in decision-making processes</b> can and will have to play a considerable role in future politics and links between the Youth in Diaspora and their home countries, as well as connections and lasting relationships to their host countries in Europe will continue to shape African and European life and politics. Hence, it is essential to discuss methods and techniques that will deepen and intensify the Youth Diaspora's role in policy and decision-making processes.
16:00 – 16:30		Coffee Break

<p>16:30 – 18:30</p> <p><b>PANEL 3</b></p> <p><u>Discussant:</u>  <b>YERSHEN PILLAY</b>,  Panafrican Youth Union  <b>PETER MATJASIC</b>,  European Youth Forum</p>	<p><b>Lead 1</b></p> <p>with:</p> <p><b>Bashir CONDE</b>,  UNIDO</p> <p><b>Amb. S. M. GITONGA</b>, Deputy  Ambassador of  Kenya</p> <p><b>Ambassador BRAMDEO</b>, Head  of AU Permanent  Mission in  Brussels</p> <p><b>Febe POTGIETER</b>,  ???</p> <p><b>Lead 2</b></p> <p>with:</p> <p><b>JAN OBERG</b> ,  Peace and  Collaborative  Development  Network</p> <p><b>Tebogo Joseph SEOKOLO</b>,  Ambassador of  South Africa</p>	<p><b>Youth in the development of strategies of the African-European cooperation</b></p> <p>Young Africans living in Europe (Youth in Diaspora) represent an essential and valuable connection between two continents. <b>Lasting cooperation and powerful partnerships</b> can hence only be established in a sustainable way if youth is involved in policy making and in developing business and policy strategies. This panel hence addresses ways and <b>ideas for integrating Youth and young people's experience and knowledge into policy making</b> and strategically valuable cooperation between Europe and Africa.</p> <p><b>Peace and policy making</b></p> <p>Policy making that includes and involves young people is bound to pave the way for a prosperous and peaceful future in Africa. This panel examines different measures and approaches such as quotas, business enticements and investments that are part of the policy making process and analyses the possibilities the Youth in Diaspora has to contribute and participate in these processes. Steps that can be taken on local, regional, national and even international levels in order to ensure the inclusion of youth-related topics such as education, work experience and job security in political decision-making shall be analyzed and critically discussed.</p>
<p>19:30</p>	<p><b>Welcome Dinner</b></p>	

# DAY 2

23 October 2014

09:00 – 13:00	
<b>TRAINING 1</b>	
<u>Trainer:</u> <b>VALERIE WOLFF</b> , International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)	<p><b>Starting a business: Startups for young entrepreneurs</b></p> <p>Getting started with your business!</p> <p>This workshop is for those who are toying with the idea of setting up a business or for those who are simply interested in entrepreneurship. This workshop will provide a glimpse of what it entails to set up your own business, and it will apply a hands-on approach to help materialize your idea.</p> <p>Elements that will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing your business plan</li> <li>- The elevator pitch</li> <li>- Funding your idea</li> </ul>
<b>TRAINING 2</b>	
<u>Trainer:</u> tba	<p><b>Negotiation/Diplomatic Techniques and Strategies</b></p> <p>tba</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00 – 18:00	
<b>TRAINING 3</b>	
<u>Trainer:</u> <b>LORENZ PROBST</b> , University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU)	<p><b>Transformative Learning in Development Projects</b></p> <p>In development projects, we are usually focusing on technical solutions that are to be adopted by 'beneficiaries': the people's dimension and the fact that a technology is useless unless really used plays a minor role. At the Centre for Development Research (BOKU), we think that change is essentially about the learning of people – this workshop is for you if you want to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore which project designs encourage learning</li> <li>• Develop a learning process for your own development project</li> <li>• Try out new pathways to make a difference in development</li> </ul>
<b>TRAINING 4</b>	
<u>Trainer:</u> tba	<p><b>Project Management and Leadership</b></p> <p>tba</p>
<b>18:00 - ???</b>	<b>Social Program</b>

**VALERIE WOLFF** is an Austro-American who has completed her higher education in Economics and International Relations in the United States and Austria. As a certified project manager and keen interest in business development, she has accompanied small and medium enterprises in the field of transport, product design, videography and tourism from the idea to its implementation both in Austria and Honduras.

For the past years, she has been working with the Migration & Development Competence Centre at ICMPD, where she has undertaken extensive research on migrant entrepreneurship and diaspora engagement.

**LORENZ PROBST** is assistant professor at the Centre for Development Research of BOKU University. He has a passion for creating learning opportunities, and coordinates the CDR training program. He contributes to graduate and post-graduate courses, with a focus on innovation systems and facilitation of change.

Lorenz holds a Mag.phil. in 'International Development' from the University of Vienna and a Doctorate in Agricultural Sciences from BOKU University. He has worked mainly on urban agriculture, sustainability and change in West and East Africa. Current research interests are indicators of innovation, communicative rationality and design of learning processes.

# DAY 3

## 24 October 2014

More than 100 young people from about 40 nations gather at the Vienna International Center (VIC) on the 24th of October 2014 for the Model African Union (MAU), an event during the International Youth Conference.

The MAU is essentially a simulation of a plenary session of the African Union and will provide a unique opportunity for all participants to study the role, structure and activities of the African Union. The participants of the simulation choose a country **different from their country of origin** and research their chosen country's position regarding a specific topic. They can also take on different roles as those of the African Union, the European Union, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the African Development Bank (AFDB), the Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine (UEMOA) or Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). After preparation, the participants step into shoes of diplomats and represent this country or organization in a committee. They debate, convince, bring forward new creative solutions and solve a world conflict with their own resolution.

The focus of this simulation will be on the means to strengthen development, in particular the creation of decent jobs for youth in Africa for sustainable development. Participants will exchange experiences and strategies to empower the youth community of African Diaspora and also to empower actions developed to achieve a positive change in their communities on a local as well as on a global level. The conclusion will result in a discussion how African countries can take responsibilities and make their own (financial) contribution to their development.

The participation in the simulation of a plenary session of the African Union can improve participant's negotiation and public speaking skills. Furthermore they gain a better understanding of UN debates and UN diplomat's work and make practical use of their political knowledge.

This exceptional occasion enables participants to strengthen integration among Africans and other youth, promote good governance, enhance peace and security, and spur growth and prosperity across Africa as well as its European counterparts in order to become future African leaders.

In addition to taking place at the UN's Vienna headquarters, we organized simultaneous interpretation by young interpreters. Their efforts make it possible for the delegates to listen to the speeches in languages such as French, German and English.

The expected results from the International Youth Conference and the plenary session of the African Union will be published on an online platform for students associations to meet and stay in touch with youth from all over the world, and contribute to the richness of Africa's cultural diversity.

Please find below a list of all African countries and organization you choose to represent during the simulation.

African Countries:

Algeria	Djibouti	Libya	São Tomé and Príncipe
Angola	Egypt	Madagascar	Senegal
Benin	Equatorial Guinea	Malawi	Seychelles
Botswana	Eritrea	Mali	Sierra Leone
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Mauritania	Somalia
Burundi	Gabon	Mauritius	South Africa
Cameroon	Gambia	Morocco	South Sudan
Cape Verde	Ghana	Mozambique	Swaziland
Central African Republic	Guinea	Namibia	Tanzania
Chad	Guinea-Bissau	Niger	Togo
Comoros	Ivory Coast	Nigeria	Tunisia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Kenya	Republique of Congo	Uganda
Zimbabwe	Lesotho	Rwanda	Zambia
	Liberia		

Organizations:

African Union

European Union

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

African Development Bank (AFDB)

Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine (UEMOA)

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).