



# YES SADC NEWS

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR YES COUNTRY NETWORKS IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION

## **COUNT DOWN TO MEXICO 2004**

A list of Southern Africa's registered delegates for the YES Summit was sent to the Youth Development Network this week. At this stage few people have registered for the Summit. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to urge all YES Network members who will be attending the Summit to register as soon as possible and that YES coordinators see to it that all their delegates are registered and have applied for visas

Luvuyo Msizi and Sonkho Phiri of the YES unit at the YDN on the 08-July-2004 visited the Mexican Embassy to find out about the requirements for Visas and see if there can be any special arrangements that can be made. People should be cautioned that going to Mexico is not going to be as easy as going to other countries in the region. From the information we've got from Mexican Embassy, all we can say at this stage is that people should register as soon as possible to avoid inconveniences.

Youth Development Network has taken a decision to pay for the Flight tickets of all coordinators in the region from their respective countries to Johannesburg and back. Which means that Coordinators will only pay for their tickets from Johannesburg to Mexico and back to Johannesburg.

## COUNTRY PROFILES FOR YES SADC COUNTRY NETWORKS

### 1. SOUTH AFRICA

Second visits for the knowledge development programme were made to Malawi and Tanzania and both visits went well. The report of the Knowledge development programme will be submitted by the end of July and will be made available to all youth employment stakeholders, networks included as soon as the layout and printing work is done.

Preparations for Mexico have started. E-mails were sent to all coordinators about progress on traveling arrangements, presentation of the Regional Support Plan and all other logistical arrangements. We are also looking at other ways in which we can be of assistance to the networks e.g. Applications for visas.

#### **WISE WORDS:**

**" We cannot speak of a better life for all if we do not on a sustained basis improve the lives of our young people"**

With the launch of the Mentorship Programme in Durban South Africa the programme is now fully off the ground with all the four countries South Africa, Mauritius, Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo implementing the programme. Prior to the launch, mentors from all the countries were given a one-day orientation to the programme and an introduction to mentoring.

The Entrepreneurship in Schools is also progressing after a slow start. The programme has now started in Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Youth Development Network (YDN) is currently considering proposals for the development policy recommendations on inter-grating entrepreneurship training into the school curriculum.

## **2. MOZAMBIQUE**

YES Mozambique was invited to a live TV show on Friday 09/07/2004 at TVM the only TV Station with a countrywide coverage to talk about the campaign and launch the Mexico summit. The Network has also been invited for an interview with the biggest paper called "Notícias" - News - taking place on Wednesday 07/07/2004 and a number of other appointments with other information agencies to last throughout the preparation of Mexico.

The Pedagogical University (UP) has given approval to YES Mozambique's request for an office space, what is left now is for them to decide on an appropriate room among the available ones according to their convenience. This will be done within a period of few weeks.

All documentations pertaining to the registration of YES Mozambique as legal entity have been submitted. The Minister of Labour has committed himself to address the Ministry of Justice in order to ensure the acceleration of the process, which normally takes up to 3 months until legalization is done.

## **3. ANGOLA**

After attending the workshop in Swaziland, YES Angola has been working to develop and maintain relationships with the following governmental institutions and the private sector; Institute of Youth Education for Employment, Ministry of Justice, Endiama, Luanda International School, The School of the Future and CARE.

The YES Angola Network has been engaged in a pilot project "Building A School in Kilamba Kiaxi" where more than 750 children will attend school in a safe and secure environment largely due to YES Angola, SASEF, Luanda International School and CARE. This is a one hundred day project and will be concluded at the end of July 2004.

Encouraged by YDN, YES Angola began the process of a mentorship program by locating stakeholders and an implementation strategy with CARE. Currently, this project is on hold but there are some ideas on how and when this endeavor will come to life again in the near future.

One of the Network's greatest undertakings is a process of legalizing YES Angola to be an NGO and the Network is extremely excited to share its success any day now. Upon attending the YES SADC conference in Swaziland and sharing with other YES Networks the pros and cons of the endeavor we decided to investigate the process. Ms. Corrina Jardim, the director of the Institute of Youth Education for Employment gave us guidance and courage to put our plan into action!

On July 10<sup>th</sup> YES Angola will kickoff with its preparations to attend the Mexico Summit with a luncheon attended by all YES Angola stakeholders, members and proposed supporters. We are creating ideas to raise money to attend the conference.

#### 4. DRC

After The Swaziland workshop, The Network had a meeting where all members were represent and delegates who attended the Swaziland workshop presented a report. One of the programmes YES DRC have been involved in from March is the Mentorship programme. A lot of work has been done in making sure that this programme runs smoothly, inter-alia getting support from the Private Sector companies, Government and other logistical arrangements for the smooth running of the programme. The programme was officially launched on the 30/04/2004 and present in the launch were among others, Government Ministers, UN Organization's Representatives, National and International Organizations and young people. The first report of the mentorship programme will be submitted to the YDN soon.

#### 5. MAURITIUS

YES Mauritius Network regrouped all its network members and other stakeholders to give an overview of the Regional training workshop held in Swaziland. The materials of the training were shared to every body in order for them to have a better understanding of all the components of the training workshop. Some of the issues raised at the training in Swaziland also came up during the meeting. The country coordinator also

briefed the members of the network about the mentorship programme, which was launched in April, about its current implementation and all the training components. This programme is actually being run in Mauritius through its project coordinator who is also responsible for its supervision. The government of Mauritius has included a substantial item during its budget presentation in early June so far as young entrepreneurs are concerned. Several members of YES Mauritius visited a project in the outskirts of the island on 6th of June. Some 25 youths were being initiated to a computer session. The younger persons looked very enthusiastic with this short briefing and one of the proposals to the project coordinator was to come up with such idea quite often, which will mobilize the youth.

## 6. Namibia

The Network is in negotiations with the India-Namibia Technology Plastic Project to employ young people on commission basis to market and sell their products. The network sees this as a step towards employment Creation. YES Network official, Ms Agnes Somses has been nominated to represent the Namibian youth on Commonwealth Youth activities. Already, she has attended meetings in Australia, Nigeria and South Africa on behalf on the young people of Namibia. The three YES Network members who attended the Regional Workshop in Swaziland arranged a consultative meeting to brief other members about the outcomes of the Workshop.

The Yes-Namibia Network has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Employment Creation to employ computer part-time instructors at Multi-purpose Youth Resource Centers. The Ministry donated computers and National Youth Council pledge monthly allowances for part-time instructors.

The part-time instructors will be employed on a six-month contract that is renewable and will report to the YES Network Coordinator. The intention is to have the project expanded to other region but the challenge is limited resources. YES- Namibia had a Press Conference

about YES Mexico Conference. The Press conference was used as a platform to create public awareness about the Mexico Summit.

YES-Namibia had a planning meeting for YES Mexico. At this stage the Network is in a process of raising funds, the intention is to have a bigger delegation this time. The YES country Coordinator attended a Youth Roundtable meeting on in Kenya from the 21-26 June 2004. The meeting was informative and a platform where we could meet with experts in Youth Development Activities. The Network also embarked on Bookkeeping trainings for young entrepreneurs. The YES Network in partnership with the Junior Chamber International Namibia is hosting the Youth EXPO 2004 from the 23-26 September 2004. This is a platform where young entrepreneurs from different regions in Namibia come together to exhibit their products.

They further use this opportunity to market their products to a wider community and build business contacts crucial to the successes of their enterprises. The Youth Expo 2004 is open to all our partners in youth employment internationally. More information will be forwarded to all YES Country Coordinators.

## 7. Zambia

On the 4th of June 2004, The UNIDO/YES renewable energy project augmenting Youth Employment in Zambia was launched and graced by The Minister of Sports Youth and Child development - Rev. Gladys Nyirongo. Other important guests included, Dr. Chungu Mwila Director of Investment Promotions and Private Sector Development Division of COMESA representing The Assistant Secretary General of COMESA who at the time was in Uganda for the COMESA heads of States summit. Mrs. Valencia Mogegeh, The Regional Director Commonwealth Youth Programme - Africa Center, Mr. Musonda Representative from the department of energy on behalf of government, Mr. Wankunda Siwakwi GEF co-coordinator UNIDO project, Lusaka, Kenroy Roach YES world Country networks Co-coordinator, Francis Chigunta Dr. Renewable energy

project Co-coordinator Zambia, Lubunda Mambwe co-coordinator YES Zambia and the YES team.

In his opening remarks Dr. Chigunta who is Coordinating the UNIDO/YES renewable energy project to augment youth employment, he noted that over 275 young people will participate in a variety of skills training, including entrepreneurship and business development, in order to enable them to exploit opportunities in renewable energy technologies.

The UNIDO/ YES Project Coordinator gave an overview of the activities to be carried out during the implementation of the project. He stated that the main objective of the project is to marry the problem of youth unemployment with income generating activities using renewable energy technologies. It is hoped that a total of 50 master trainers and 250 youth would be trained through the project.

The project Coordinator revealed that a team of local experts had produced nine training modules for the project. These modules would provide the basis for training young people in entrepreneurship and renewable energy technologies across the Country. Other workshops where master trainers will be trained would be conducted at four provincial capitals.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2004, the second workshop was held at COMESA center, where 86 young people attended led by their master trainers. The Workshop began mid morning with Lubunda Mambwe the Country Coordinator, opening with an introduction of the Youth Employment Summit Country Network in Zambia to the new participants with full back ground of the YES Campaign. He was followed by Dr. Francis Chigunta who gave an overview of the UNIDO /YES project and further implementation plan. In the afternoon all was set for the Presentation made Dr. Pradeep Monga the UNIDO Technical Adviser on renewable energy Technologies and his team coming from IT Power India and Indian Institute of Science and Technology.

The scientists made various presentations ranging from solar power, Biomass energy and wind energy. Dr. Monga presented to the

participants the UNIDO - YES partnership in augmenting Youth employment, and how it will lead to achieving its intended objectives. This will ensure that young people are integrated into this sector that has become a promising enterprise investment portfolio to improve the livelihoods of the local people in the rural areas of Zambia.

The SADC YES Pilot Mentorship in Zambia is going on fairly well, the Programme is good, and the concept is an eye opener to young entrepreneurs. So far 3 mentors have not been active. The Protégés at the moment are 10, for a start it sounds good, but we have been told that more has to be done. We feel there is life in this programme with its well appreciated value to continue. Young people need the mentorship programme; there is so much to learn about business.