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Training School on Equality and Development

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The **Training School on Equality and Development**, a partnership between the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe and the Portuguese National Youth Council, is developed within the Euro-African Youth Cooperation context fostering a space for youth debate and reflection; of formal and non-formal education; political youth affirmation; intercultural and interregional dialogue and experience. The school comprises the **Training Course for African Diaspora Youth Leaders in Europe**, organized by the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, and the last phase of the **Europe-Africa Youth Leaders Training Project**, organized by the Portuguese National Youth Council.

The **Training Course for African Diaspora Youth Leaders in Europe** is an opportunity for Diaspora youth leaders to share experiences and reflect on major subjects for the strengthening of the active citizenship, such as culture and identity, international migrations, human rights, democracy, participation, exclusion and integration, development, education, globalization and the millennium development goals. We aim to promote a multiplying effect within their associations and consequently ensure a better contribute, at the local and regional levels, to the goals set at the international level for EU-Africa cooperation. The main objectives of the training course are to empowering both Europe's and Africa's youths; capacity building of young people on dissemination and involvement in the implementation, monitoring and assessment of the joint strategy; facilitating the encounter and exchange among African and European young people; as well as the mapping of African youth networks.

The **Europe-Africa Youth Leaders Training Project** is part of a cooperation project between African and European National Youth Councils. It is a long term project which aims to strengthen partnerships for youth participation and its main goal is the development of training and association strategies based upon non-formal education, participation, intercultural learning and human rights through a transcontinental perspective. This project aims also at fostering intercultural dialogue, youth active citizenship and participation within the civil society and by this way to contribute to the achievement of the millennium development goals, the respect of human rights and the reinforcement of democracy; the creation of spaces for knowledge sharing and granting organizations' members with strategies for action; also the promotion and development of the Europe-Africa cooperation in the framework of North-South relations within the present context and upon an equal basis.

The event will count with the participation of around 60 youth leaders from Africa, Europe and African Diaspora living in Europe. This meeting is also an important opportunity to follow-up the Africa-Europe Youth Summit, which has preceded the EU-Africa Summit in December 2007, and also to reaffirm Youth role in the development and implementation of the EU-Africa Strategic Partnership.

