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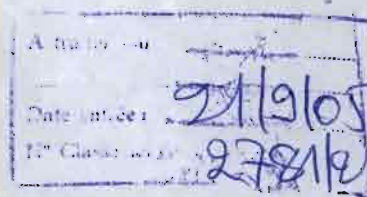
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THE MINISTER OF YOUTH, CULTURE AND
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Dear sir,



RE: APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT

With reference to the letter of 7th july 2005 addressed to me ,i would like to thank you for the financial support amounting to USD 1434 which was granted to me to enable me travel to Scotland UK for a world youth congress.I would like to inform you that ,in the mean time shortly before the date of the congress ,that is to say,28th july2005 ,i received sponsorship assurance from the scotish government before receiving your reply .Since time was running out ,i went ahead to pursue the one of the scotish government hence attended the congress.It was after my arrival back that i received your letter granting me financial support,i thus felt it important to extend a vote of thanks of the initiative that you had taken to make my attending a success,though i did not use the money.

It is on this note that i attach the congress report an extra ordinary experience of youth initiatives in community development .Yours sincerely ,

MUHIRWA ZEPHY

REPORT OF THE THIRD WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS HELD IN SCOTLAND

The congress started on 30th July and ended 8th August 2005. Youth participants totaling to 600 from all over the world gathered in Stirling University. Rwanda was represented by one delegate, a student at the National University of Rwanda. He was representing Rationality club, a club bringing together students, academicians and decision makers based at the National University of Rwanda. Delegates at this conference were discussing various ways in which youth can intervene in executing the Millennium Development Goals.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CONGRESS.

Policy Document; using the information gathered from the congress program delegates prepared a policy document which will be presented to the UN General Assembly in New York, in September. The document outlined how the World's Youth can play an integral part in future international sustainability.

Action projects. Delegates were able to participate in different projects each fitting the criteria based on the themes of the congress, which are sustainability, poverty, education, equality, community and health.

OUTCOMES OF THE CONGRESS

The congress provided an opportunity to **establish valuable contacts and networks**, which resulted into a **global partnership** involving youth organisations. We are currently in the process of strengthening this partnership with the view to form a permanent organisations with Rwanda taking the central role.

Sharing Experiences: Experiences were acquired on different approaches in tackling the problem of poverty from different perspectives depending upon the realities of countries, this further strengthens the club's capacities.

Action project: We were involved in the cleaning and clearing of disused amusement park space and we transferred designs on to the walls. We were seeing how the project can address issues that affect youngsters, including promoting safe areas to play sport or gather and channel interest in graffiti art into positive visual statements. During the action project we were able to learn a lesson of voluntary services which is a good lesson that the youth in Rwanda should learn also.

Workshops: During the congress, many workshops were conducted and we had yet another chance to hear from experienced people on various ways to develop our communities through project formation, carrying out voluntary services, etc

The congress ended 7th August in the Scottish parliament and the Scottish first minister presided over during the closing ceremony and once more urged the youth to stand up and act and be the change in their communities.

VISION/PROSPECTS FOR RATIONALITY CLUB AFTER THE CONGRESS

As a club, after gaining experiences from the fellow youth organisations ,we now have reaffirmed our commitment to seeing to it that the youth become the change in their communities .

Different approaches to tackling poverty were learnt. These approaches coming from different parts of the world will help the club to adress the problem of poverty particularly in Rwanda.

The congress has led to the finetuning of the projects and programs that the club already had and the ways to improve them.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rwandan youth should have exposure ,that is to say,knowing what is being done by the fellow youth in various parts of the world ,an example is knowing how youth led projects are ran /prepared.

Youth should be given priority in the decision making processes more especially decisions concerning poverty reduction .

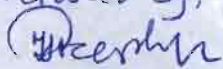
Rwandan youth should be involved in volunteer services instead of being iddle and unemployed.

Stake holders in poverty reduction should give priority in facilitating youth led projects.

Rwandan youth should be sensitized in forming development oriented organisations.

CONCLUSION

51% of the world 's population is made of youth. This means that given chance with that big population,the youth can play a significant role in community development ;this is because it is the most active part of the population .It is unfortunate that the youths in the developing world are iddle ,that is to say, **they don't know what, when, how, which, to do.**,thus, there is great need to integrate this active part of the population in development oriented activities by governments, NGOs,and other concerned authorities.

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