

TITLE OF THE REPORT

DISTRIBUTION AND DISCUSS ON THE DECLARATION ON YOUTH / STUDENTS ENGAGEMENT TO FOSTER GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND PEACE BUILDING IN THE GAMBIA ENDED JULY 8 2017.

INTRODUCTION

Global citizenship Education aims to empower learners to assume active roles to face and resolve global challenges and to become proactive contributors to a more peaceful, tolerant, inclusive and secured world.

Furthermore, Global Citizenship Education and Education for Sustainable Development are recognized as mutually reinforcing approaches, with commonalities and specificities. Both prioritize the relevance and content of education in order to ensure that education helps build a peaceful and sustainable world.

Youth form the largest cohort of our global population, their participation in all spheres of development is no more a one-off thing, but a fundamental requirement. In addition to this, both governments, international organizations like the UN as well as civil society organizations have realized that youth are not only the future but also the present.

Those of us who see ourselves as global citizens are not abandoning other identities, such as allegiances to our countries, ethnicities and political beliefs. These traditional identities give meaning to our lives and will continue to help shape who we are. However, as a result of living in a globalized world, we understand that we have an added layer of responsibility; we also are responsible for being members of a world-wide community of people who share the same global identity that we have.

The Gambia is no exception to the situation described earlier on and therefore opportunities are being created to foster skills transfer and livelihood skills.

Young people from **UNESCO Clubs, ASP net Schools** and **youth Organizations** gathered at the Friendship Hostel , Bakau, The Gambia from **03rd to 08th July 2017** for a workshop on **Youth / Students Engagement to foster Global Citizenship, Sustainable Development Initiatives and Peace**

Building in The Gambia, express their commitment to live in a peaceful society.

In order to build peace in the Gambia and around the world, as young people attending the workshop on ‘ Youth/Students Engagement to foster Global Citizenship, Sustainable Development Initiatives and Peace Building in The Gambia committed to work together with all stake holders, committed to monitor the implementation of the declaration.

The participants committed to work with the Government of the Gambia on the implementation of the Declaration through the community – based youth groups.

PURPOSE: within the frame work of the UNESCO Participation Programme 2016-2017 on “Youth/Students Engagement to Foster Global Citizenship, Sustainable Development Initiatives and Peace Building in The Gambia”. The executive members of National Federation of The Gambia UNESCO Clubs and Centers with the National Commission for UNESCO the Gambia, went round meeting stake holders to distribute the Declaration and posters from the training.

The declaration and posters were distributed within the Ministries and Institutions with discussions. **Lamin Jarjou the Senior Program Officer and also the National Coordinator for ASP net** led the team on the declaration and posters distribution. Discussions were also held during the visits on the areas that youth can develop themselves.

- The participation programme
- The peace building
- The skills acquired from the long week training
- There constraints
- Plan of actions for the monitoring and peace caravan nationwide.
- Partnership

Time and duration: the courtesy calls started from 7th August, 2017.

Members of the delegate

Lamin Jarjou - Senior Program Officer NATCOM- UNESCO

Momodou. M. Sarr -President NAFGUC

Lamin Ceesay -Secretary NAFGUC

Lamin Saidyfaye- Program Officer for Science and Environment NAFGUC

Omar Camara - Program Officer Education and Culture NAFGUC

The following are institutions visited:

The Regional Directorate Region ONE Kanifing,

Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education (MoBSE)

Gambia Senior Secondary School (ASP net School)

National Youth Council

The first visit was at Regional Directorate (one) in Kanifing where the team was received by the Director and his senior staff. **Lamin** began with the introduction of the team members which included the President, Secretary General, and Program Officer for Education and Science from National Federation of Gambia UNESCO Clubs and Centers and a journalist from the Forroyya newspaper.

Mr. Jarjou continued explaining the reason of the visit, first introduced the relationship between the Federation as the youth wing partners of the UNESCO – NATCOM housed in the same office, part of it was the declaration made by the young people of the country from the training and the sensitization, the number of young people attended the training are youth from the UNESCO School clubs, ASP net and youth organizations the number was two hundred fifty (250).

On his part, the president of the federation Mr. Momodou M. Sarr underscore the important of the training was not only to gained from but to also share the information with others and also practice on the skills he gave an example of the

1. Soup making
2. Mango juice and jam making
3. Compost making for agriculture etc.

On his contribution to the discussion, Lamin Ceesay the Secretary General and the Administrator of the Federation in the office of the National Commission for UNESCO explained further on the monitoring of the students activities on the tour said the team will also engage on the tree planting exercise during the nationwide tour.

Madam Dosou spoke on behalf of the female members who stressed on the participation of the ladies and skills to be trained, she promised that their association is prepared to work with the UNESCO Clubs.

Omar Camara, the Program officer Education and Culture gave the vote of thank.

The Director welcomed and thanked the team for coming and suggested to the Federation officials to be communicating with his office by appointing a focal person to be connecting with the directorate as the federation is working with schools.

The second meeting was with the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education MoBSE with Permanent Secretary who also welcome and promised to work hand in glove with the Federation as his ministry is working hand in hand with UNESCO – NATCOM the parent body of the UNESCO Clubs in the Country. He further said he will also challenge all the regional directorate to open all doors for the federation as they are working towards the development of young people in schools in promotion of Peace through Education.

The third meeting held at the Gambia Senior Secondary School hall where both UNESCO Club from Greater Banjul and ASP net school of Gambia SSS attended with the present of the President, Secretary General, Information and Communication officer, the treasurer as well as the ASP net Teacher Coordinator of Gambia Senior Secondary School. The same information from the Team was shared with students and the representative of the school principal Mr Conteh welcomed and thanked UNESCO NATCOM on behalf of UNESCO

as the donors of such important training for young people and advice the student not be selfish in keeping the knowledge with them, but share it with colleagues.

PHOTO GALLERY



DIRECTOR SAIDY RECEIVING DECLARATION FROM PRESIDENT SARR (RED ONE)



PARMAMNENT SECRETARY JALLOW WITH PRESIDENT SARR



PS JALLOW RECEIVING THE TEAM FROM NAFGUC AND UNESCO – NATCOM GAMBIA



PERMANENT SECRETARY JALLOW (MoBSE)



Omar Prog Officer Edu & Culture reading the declaration



SENIOR PROGRAM OFFICER LAMIN JARJOU THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATE ON THE
COURTESY CALL



Visit at Gambia Senior Sec Sch the President with the principal rept



PRESIDENT SARR EXPLAINED WHILE STUDENTS LISTEN



Students and UNESCO Clubs Members gathered at Gambia SSS Hall

To be continue.