

Co-ordinators' Seminar AFRICA 2011 (version 19.08.11)

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Dates: Arrival 16.10 / departure 22.10.11

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“ Y O U T H I N A F R I C A ” : Between lack of prospects and social departure (Jeunesse en Afrique: entre l'absence de perspectives et le sursaut social)

Objectives

Goals	thematically	institutional-methodical
Overall Goals	1. The participants are aware of the significance of the youth* (role / life plan options) in the societies of Sub-Saharan Africa and incorporate them actively in the planning and design of their mandate. <small>* Youth as one age group of people between 12 and 25 years with a significant demographic and social importance in the general population</small>	2. Thanks to jointly developed solutions by representatives of partner organisation and sending organisations, the participants have received inputs how to improve the Personnel Development Co-operation towards the youth and to increase the integration of youth in its work.
Sub-goals	1.1 Topic 1: Based on the example of Kenya, participants have learnt and developed factors of dependency and influence of young people (socio-cultural, -political and -economic dimensions of civil society, economy and state: context perspective). 1.2 Topic 2: Using examples (projects), the participants have developed ideas, such as how young people implement possibilities to organise their immediate social environment (family, neighbourhood, work: social perspective). 1.3 Topic 3: The participants are familiar with basic needs of African youth in terms of organising their life plan (personal perspective).	2.1 Topic 4a: Based on the development challenge “youth”, the participants have acquired new elements for the clarification of function, role and contribution of development workers in the partner organisations, and this especially in view of the target group of youth. 2.2 Topic 4b: Based on the development challenge “youth”, the participants are more aware of possibilities in the development and arrangement of cooperation and partnerships.

Moreover, there is the opportunity to discuss the challenges of eventual inter-institutional or other synergies with the representatives of the sending agencies.

Participants

Co-ordinators in Africa, representatives of partner organisations and sending agencies, other persons interested in co-operation in Africa

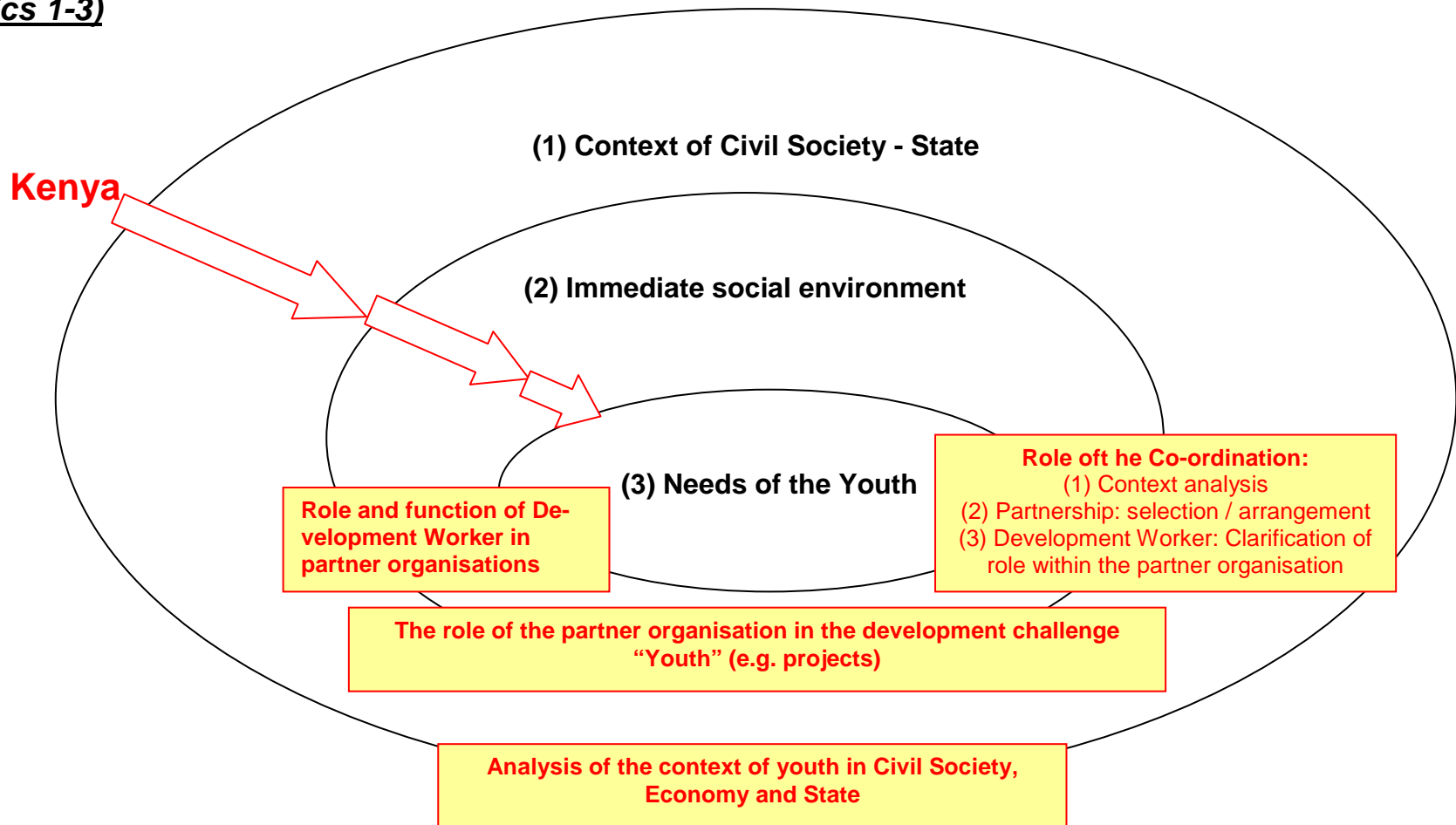
Language

English, working groups in French

Terminology

- “Personnel Development Co-operation” / “International Volunteering” = “Personelle Entwicklungszusammenarbeit” PEZA = Coopération par l’échange de personnes / volontariat international
- “Development Worker DW” / “Volunteer” = Fachperson in der Personellen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit = coopérant-e volontaire

Concept (topics 1-3)



Thematic frame	Issue	Input	Time
Sunday, 16th October			
<i>(informal meeting organisers: 14.00</i>		responsibility working groups/KE and CH	
<i>Arrival of participants</i>	Transport to Dimesse Sisters House (if arrivals in groups)		
<i>Meeting organisers</i>			14.00
	Dinner Opening / administrative information	J. Wermelt / BMI Kenya M. Schreiber / Unité	Evening
Monday, 17th October (“team building”)			
		responsibility: F. Erni-J. Wermelt / moderation: Stella Maris Mulaeh	
Presentation 1	Initial ceremony - programme presentation (content – objectives) Personal presentation and exchange	Participants	Morning
Presentation 2	Short presentation: sending agencies: Unité, BMI, DM, ECH, Eirene, IT, m21, SA, SAM (abbreviation see list of participants)	Sending Organisations / Co-ordinators	Morning- Afternoon
Africa	Country introduction and partner presentation: NA-ZM-TZ-KE-GN-RW-BF-CN-MG-CM (abbreviation see list of participants) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • geography • main social, political and ethnic problems • relation civil society – churches – state 	Partner organisations and co-ordinators (ac- cording to countries)	
Swiss and interna- tional context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development politics in Switzerland: some challenges • some international tendencies in “Personnel Development Co-operation” / “Inter-national Volunteering” 	M. Schreiber	End of the af- ternoon
Evaluation	What was important for me during this day?	F. Erni	
Tuesday, 18th October			
		responsibility: T. Jungo / moderation: Stella Maris Mulaeh	
➊ Dependency and influence of African youth in <u>civil society, economy and state</u>	Context analysis of Youth in Civil Society and State - Factors of dependency and influence of young people: socio-cultural, -political and -economic dimensions of civil society and state using the example of Kenya): - Professional input: general overview (Kenya, Sub-Saharan African tendencies) - Comparative discussion between participants in regard to experiences in their own environment	Prof. Macharia -> Group / Plenary	Morning
	Recap: What is the relevance of topic 1 concerning: - my work with the partners and the development workers? - the discussion in my organisation concerning the country strategy?	T. Jungo	Noon
➋ African youth organising their <u>social environment</u>	VISIT1: Project visits (4-5 groups) for practical observation (with central questions)	Kenyan partners	Afternoon

Wednesday, 19th October		responsibility: F. Erni / moderation: Stella Maris Mulaeh	
② African youth organising their social environment	Processing the project visit: - concrete discussion of the visit - reference to their own country-specific conditions - generalisation: African analysis	Group work - Plenary	Morning-Afternoon
Evaluation	Recap: What is the relevance of topic 2 concerning: - my work with the partners and the development workers ? - the discussion in my organisation concerning the country strategy ?	F. Erni	End of the afternoon
Thursday, 20th October		responsibility: M. Schreiber / moderation: Stella Maris Mulaeh	
③ African youth organising their life plan (personal perspective)	Needs of African youth in terms of organising their life plan: - specific input: theoretical and practical considerations (needs, perspectives and approaches of the individual – a Sub-Saharan African perception) - discussion: experiences of partner organisations	Emery Mpwate (Sector Co-ordinator m21) -> Group work a/o Plenary	Morning
	VISIT 2: socio-cultural meeting with Youth	Kenyan partners	Afternoon
Evaluation	Recap: What is the relevance of topic 3 concerning: - my work with the partners and the development workers ? - the discussion in my organisation concerning the country strategy ?	M. Schreiber	Evening
Friday 21th October		responsibility / moderation: F. Erni / T. Jungo / M. Schreiber	
④ Function, role and contribution of development workers / importance of partnership	Lessons learnt concerning: - function, role and contribution of development workers in the partner organisations - partnership	F. Erni / T. Jungo / M. Schreiber	Morning
Final Evaluation	Conclusions: Lessons learnt during our workshop for our work in Personnel development Co-operation - <i>general evaluation: questionnaire</i> - <i>detail evaluation (content, methods, logistics): pin wall</i>	M. Schreiber	Noon
Culture-Social	- final visit to Nairobi / National Park - final dinner	BMI Co-ordination Kenya	Afternoon - evening
Saturday, 22th October		responsibility working group/KE	
<i>departure of participants</i>	<i>transport to airport</i> (if departures in groups)		