

Way Forward 2005-2006

Strategic and Action Plan



"What we do today is the children's future"

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1.0. Introduction

The 'Way Forward 2005-2006' is a project of the 'Children's Meeting Place' program of the Globetree. It provides the general strategies to be used to strengthen cooperation and development of activities between children and youth who live in 21 cities of 11 countries in the Baltic Sea and the Lake Victoria Basin. It provides an overview of the planned and proposed activities where stakeholders, partners and participants can prepare to engage themselves, participate and contribute. Its framework encourages independent initiatives by children and their local partners. The Way Forward 2005-2006 will take a step forward towards more action and working together between Sweden and East Africa. The experience gained from Swedish-East African partnerships will be applied in developing new partnerships with others in the countries of the Baltic Sea Region.

The Way Forward 2005-2006 will be coordinated by Globetree and in cooperation with a number of networks and organizations, e.g. Children and Youth Networks, Schools and NGOs Network, NGOs, Lake Victoria Regional and Local Authorities Cooperation and other local municipalities of participating cities.

2.0. Why is Globetree in East Africa?

At the World Environment Day, 5th of June 2000, UNEP appointed Globetree to the Global 500 Roll of Honour Award in the Category Youth “for outstanding achievements in the protection and improvement of the environment.” Globetree is the first Swedish NGO and one of 49 international child and youth organizations to receive this honour.

In 2001 UNEP authorised Globetree to run a Children's Meeting Place at the United Nations grounds in Nairobi, Kenya (UNON). Globetree also has UN-DPI-status (since 1995) and gained [Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#) in 1999.

After the Johannesburg Summit when Sweden became a partner in the promotion of sustainable development in the Lake Victoria Basin, Globetree organized children's movement to respond and to support Swedish efforts in the region. Between 2003 and 2004, City councils inaugurated several Children's Meeting Places in Kenya (Kisumu, Homa Bay), Tanzania (Mwanza), Uganda Busia, Entebbe, Kampala, Mukono) and in Sweden (Borlänge, Strängnäs and Värmdö). The response was very positive and reached at least 50,000 children and enabled 200 Swedes to visit East Africa and 50 East Africans to Sweden.

The Way Forward 2005-2006 will now foster cooperative project activities between Swedish and East African children. The project intends also to engage children and youth from cities in the Baltic Sea Region.

3.0. Globetree Association

Globetree was founded in 1982, by Prof. Ir. Ben van Bronckhorst and Actress Kajsa B. Dahlström. Globetree unites children in caring for the world. Children use creative expressions, such as theatre, drama and art to convey their concerns and use science and technology as tools to improve life and the living environment. The base for the work of the Globetree is three UN-resolutions – The Rights of the Child, Agenda 21 and the Millennium Development Goals.

Globetree has several international achievements (see page 65 in CV Globetree 1970-2003, 'Projects - International/Sweden'), e.g. in Bolivia (curriculum development); Brazil (ecological parks); Indonesia (a university technology centre in Bandung – Creativity, Lifestyle, Environment and a Culture house for young unemployed artists in Bona, Bali). Globetree has old and new branches with its special programs e.g. GlobetreeNet (a network of children's advocates), GlobeTheatre (performing educational theatre), GlobeEye (film and photography documentation; sound and picture/film archive).

Globetree also has hosted 'Our Uniting Water Ceremony' in Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Kenya, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Mexico, Norway, at the 1992 World Summit on Children at the UN in New York and at the 2nd World Water Forum, The Hague, Netherlands. These ceremonies later culminated in Globetree's sponsorship of 2,000 young people from 40 countries in the Stockholm Globe Arena on the UN day, 24 October 1998. The mission was to incorporate Agenda 21 and the Rights of the Child into a group vision of a safe and healed earth, which was called 'Future Vessel'. More than 200 computers also linked the gathered participants with children and students from around the world. To symbolize their unity, the participant's united water from places they care for in a crystal bowl. Since then, children from all nations of the world have contributed water to this bowl.

Globetree is registered as a non-profit NGO at Skatteförvaltningen in Stockholm (Organisation number: 802403-2255). It is a member of the National Network for Agenda 21 and the National Network for The Rights of the Child. Globetree has a core staff of 4 persons (Ms Kajsa Dalhström (President), Sam Samuelson (Vice-President), Peroy Kirchner (Program officer) and Märta Velander (Program Assistant). It also receives assistance from volunteers during special events. The operating budget of Globetree is from external sources.

4.0. Vision and Mission

The Children's Meeting Place is the central focal point in the Way Forward of Globetree's vision.

In Sept 2001, 250 children met for the Inauguration of the first Children's Meeting Place at UN in Nairobi and expressed their thoughts about the environment, water, children's basic needs, education, violence, exploitation of children for labour, sex and in war, disadvantaged children on the streets and those orphaned by AIDS, parental responsibilities and gender inequality. These concerns became the "Children's Declaration" and has guided the action plans between 2001 and 2004. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan pointed out in his message to the children at the inauguration of the Mother tree at UNON: "In African village life, a tree can also have great spiritual meaning and serve as a place where people gather to discuss issues of common concern."

The Children's Meeting Place is around a tree - an outdoor place of meeting between children and concerned adults. Here children and adults meet with the pre-condition that they will be respectful, loving and caring to children regardless of their financial, physical and mental status, and of origin.

The Children's Meeting Place provides children with a place where they know that they can freely express themselves and can feel that adults will listen to their concerns. Here adults will be dedicated to give support and share their wisdom and knowledge with children but at the same time allows children's ideas to influence their decision-making process.

A Protocol of Cooperation has been signed between the Lake Victoria Regional Local Authorities Cooperation (LVRLAC) and Globetree. It acknowledges the important role of children in shaping the future of our cities development. Together, both partners will promote children and youth networking, encourage and promote dialogue between children and decision makers, ensure that children's voice and ideas are listened to and to respond to the Children's Declaration

Children's Meeting Place UNON
in cooperation with



5.0. Network Structures

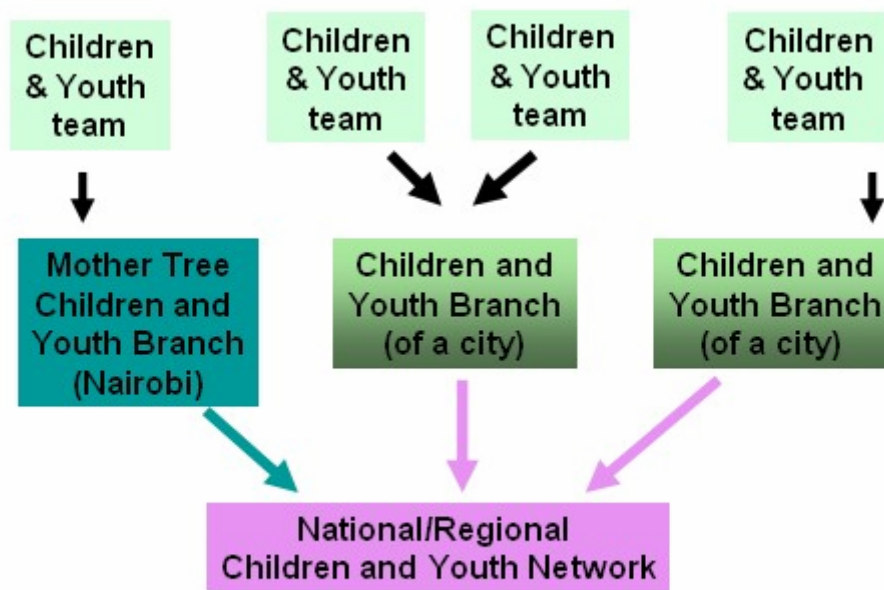
The roots of all activities are located in a network of Children's Meeting Places. Between 2001 and 2004, children and adults who participated in various Globetree activities have formed an informal network of people. These networks will play an important role in supporting and implementing projects of the Way Forward 2005-2006.

There are four important network structures:

- Children and Youth Networks
- Schools and NGOs Networks
- Mayors Networks
- UN and International Organizations



The basic unit of a Network, e.g. the Children and Youth Network, is a team of children doing a project on art, or handicraft, drama, theatre, environment, awareness, etc. Several teams of children make up a Branch of the Network in the City. Several Branches will form a national or a regional Children and Youth Network. An example is the Lake Victoria Children and Youth Network which has 7 Branches. Because the 'Mother Tree' is in Nairobi at the UN, there is a Mother Tree Children and Youth Network Branch in Nairobi



Lake Victoria Children and Youth Network (LVCYnet)

Adults are not involved in a Children and Youth team or group but in a Schools and NGOs Network, children team up with an adult as a partner or for advice and form a team to do a project in a school or with an NGO. A team may also cooperate with another team from another school to do a project of common interest and/or share knowledge and experience. Schools and NGOs form city Branch in a National or Regional Network. Mayors already have their regional Networks, e.g. the Lake Victoria Regional Local Authorities Cooperation in East Africa which consists of 63 cities and has its Secretariat in Entebbe.

Status of Networks in Participating Cities

City (East Africa)	Children's Meeting Place	Children and Youth Branch	Schools and NGOs Branch	Children Unit at City Council
Kisumu	yes	yes	yes	yes
Homa Bay	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mother Tree (Nairobi)	yes	yes	yes	UNEP Youth and Sports
Busia	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mukono	yes	yes	yes	yes
Kampala	yes	yes	yes	yes
Entebbe	yes	yes	yes	yes
Mwanza	yes	yes	yes	yes
City (Sweden)	Children's Meeting Place	Children and Youth Branch	Schools and NGOs Branch	Children Unit at City Council
Stockholm	planned 2005	yes	*)	yes
Kalmar	planned 2005	yes	yes	yes
Strängnäs	yes	yes	yes **)	yes
Borlänge/ Dalarna	yes	yes	yes	yes ***)
Haninge	to be confirmed	yes		yes
Robertsfors	to be confirmed	yes	yes	yes
Värmdö	yes	yes	yes	yes

*) The City of Stockholm is divided into 18 city districts with their own Children and Youth Departments. Each of them has their special approach as how to listen, learn and co operate with children

***) The Municipality of Strängnäs operates through its "BUFF-model" which is an inspiration for many municipalities in Sweden (English, Swedish)

***) The Dalarna province has formed a network between 7 municipalities called 'Dalaskeppet'. At a yearly meeting Children choose their yearly themes and the local administrations support them for implementation.

City (Baltic Sea)	Children's Meeting Place	Children and Youth Branch	Schools and NGOs Branch	Children Unit at City Council
Kaliningrad (Russia)	no	no	no	n/a
Aluksne (Lithuania)	no	no	no	n/a
Kandave (Latvia)	no	no	no	n/a
to be identified	no	no	no	n/a
to be identified	no	no	no	n/a
to be identified	no	no	no	n/a
to be identified	no	no	no	n/a

6.0. Strategic and Network Approaches

Strategic and network approaches will serve as the guidelines and frameworks for 21 cities and the execution of projects and activities of the Way Forward 2005-2006.

Each city will have at least one Children's Meeting Place, a Branch for the Children and Youth Network and a Branch for the Schools and NGOs Network. Within these structures, children can dialogue with their local Mayors and councillors, and children action teams and groups can design and implement their city or inter-city projects. Globetree coordinates the international activities and will also involve children and youth in the process of preparation and implementation. Dialogues between children and mayors will be a common feature in these International activities.

'Twinning of cities' projects between two or more countries should foster cooperation between children teams of the countries involved to do projects of common interests. These approaches respond to what children want to do and what adults can do. Children and Youth

are concerned about the future of their education as well as the education of classmates from poor parents.

want to develop mechanisms and projects to ensure that they do not drop out of school and that there are opportunities for higher education.

want to meet other children to learn, exchange experiences and do things together.

want to be able to communicate with one another and especially by email with children from Sweden, Baltic and East African countries

wish to contribute to the Globetree Children and Youth Newsletter

want to be able to express themselves in their own way through drama, music and poetry.

are very concerned about their environment and want to know and learn about appropriate technologies to solve environmental problems, to have a clean and green school and city, etc.

have several public concerns. They do not wish to see children being abused and exploited, children forced into marriage at an early age, children living in the streets, children abandoned by their parents, children with AIDS who cannot have any health care, etc. They wish to do something about these concerns.

Adults can assist in all the things that children want to do, in particular to call of regular meetings where action teams and groups of children can share ideas and their experience and cooperate with others.

7.0. The Way Forward 2005-2006

The Way Forward will act on planned and proposed activities for 2005-2006. It is an action plan that will respond to what children want to do and to proposals that were discussed and formulated during meetings in 2002 - 2004. The Way Forward 2005-2006 will focus on action oriented projects that may be local or international. Globetree will play an important role as the coordinator.

7.1. Thematic Units

Within the framework of activities for the Way Forward, Globetree will also consider organizing thematic units to gather children, youth, adults and professionals of common interests. These themes are/can be

Children and Water

Children and Environment

Children and Health/Poverty

Children and Story-telling

Children and Art, Music and Drama

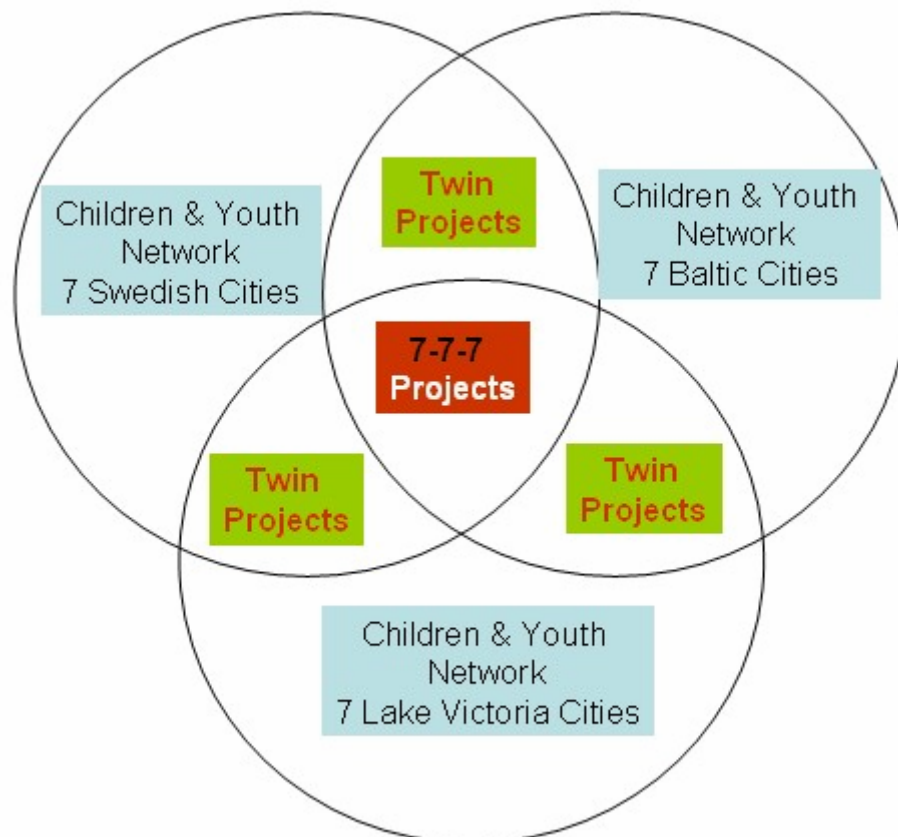
Children and Communication

Children and Heritage

Children and Ceremonies

7.2. Twinning of Cities

A special mission by a delegation of Swedish City Councillors and representatives from proposed Baltic Sea countries to East Africa will be made in June 2005. While some proposals will involve two cities, there will be discussion of opportunities for projects that can involve 3 or more countries. Initial discussions for such project have been initiated between Kalmar-Entebbe-Kaliningrad, Robertsfors-Busia-Aluksne and Strängnäs-Mukono-Sacu.



7.3. Regional Cooperation

The following activities will be conducted at a regular basis.

Annual Globe Days. It gathers all members of the Globetree network for an annual meeting.

Annual Meeting at the Mother Tree in UNON, Nairobi.

Participation at the annual Stockholm Water Symposium

Globetree organises a special activity once every second year (Has been done since 1986 called Future Meetings).

1998: 1st 'Future Vessel' at the Stockholm Globe Arena.

2000: 'Future Vessel' at the Ministerial Meeting during the 2nd World Water Forum, Haag, The Netherlands

2002: 'Future Vessel' the Stockholm Globe Arena.

2004: International Roots Meeting, Nairobi (November)

2006: World Championship in Cooperation, Stockholm (To take place in May-June)

In 2005 and 2006, Globetree will organize 3 special activities

2005: Twinning and Networking travel mission to East Africa (June)

2005: 'Children's Water Way' activity at the Stockholm Water Symposium (Aug) and Children-Mayor Dialogue

2006: World Championship in Cooperation, Stockholm (May-June)

Special efforts will be given to:

help and cooperate with Kampala City Council if the World Environment Day will be held there in 2006

develop a working relationship with the Women's Network of LVRLAC where there is a Children and Youth Sub-Standing committee

involve children and youth in the preparation and production of the Globetree Children and Youth Newsletter

strengthen the different Network structures

engage countries of the Baltic Sea Region into the Networks, establishment of Children's Meeting Places, etc.

8.0. Expected Results and Risks

The main results of the Way Forward 2005-2006 will be action activities implemented by children teams, schools and NGOs, City Councils and Globetree. These activities will enhance on-going activities and respond to children's concerns further in a productive manner.

The primary risk in implementation of activities is funding. Different mechanisms for raising local funds are essential and need to be considered by the Network members.

For international activities, the excellent track record of Globetree and the strong support given by network organizations should strengthen chances of obtaining funds from different sources.

9.0. Overview of Action Plan (2005-2006)

Reporting and Newsletter	Globe-tree	Mayors Net	LVCY-net	SECY-net	School & NGONet
2005 - Jan/May : Report on the International Roots Meeting (2004) and Preparations for the "Way Forward"	XX				
2005 June : delivery of computers to East Africa	X	XX			XX
2005 - June/Aug : prepare and launch 1st issue of Globetree Children and Youth Newsletter at Stockholm Water Symposium Dec 2005: 2nd Issue	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
2005- Sept/Oct : Report on activities at the Stockholm Water Symposium	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
2006 - May : 3rd and Special Issue of Newsletter 2006 - Nov : 4th Issue of Newsletter	X	X	XX	XX	XX
2006 - June/Dec : evaluation and report on World Championship in Cooperation	XX	XX			
Special Activities	Globe-tree	Mayors Net	LVCY-net	SECY-net	School & NGONet
2005 - June/Aug : Preparation and Participation at the Stockholm Water Symposium	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
2006 - Jan/May : intensify preparations for the 'World Championship in Co-operation'	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
2006 28 May-6 June : 'World Championship in Cooperation' with an estimate of 7000 participants + several activities	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
2006 - Aug : Stockholm Water Symposium	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX

Twinning Projects	Globe-tree	Mayors Net	LVCY-net	SECY-net	School & NGONet
2005 - April/June : Travel preparation for Swedish and Baltic cities/municipalities to East Africa	XX	XX			
2005 - June 11-21 : Studytour by Swedes and Baltic Sea delegates in 'Twinning and Networking at the United Nations, Nairobi and the Lake Victoria Region'	XX	X	X	X	XX
2005 - July/Aug : sharing of travel experiences	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Development of Cooperations	Globe-tree	Mayors Net	LVCY-net	SECY-net	School & NGONet
2005 - June: agreement of cooperation between UNEP's Div. of Communications and Public Information and Globetree.	XX				
2005 June/July : Identify Partners for the Children's Water Way, e.g. LVRLAC, UBC, SIWI, GIWA and the City of Stockholm	XX	XX			
Children's Meeting Places	Globe-tree	Mayors Net	LVCY-net	SECY-net	School & NGONet
2005 - Aug : Inauguration of Children's Meeting Places by partners	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
Globetree: Activities in Stockholm	Globe-tree	Mayors Net	LVCY-net	SECY-net	School & NGONet
2005 - Oct : Annual Globe Days	XX	XX		XX	XX
2006 - Oct : Annual Globe Days	XX	XX		XX	XX
Activities at UNON, Nairobi	Globe-tree	Mayors Net	LVCY-net	SECY-net	School & NGONet
2005 - Nov/ Dec : Children meet again under the Mother Tree at UNON (Nairobi)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
2006 - Nov : Meeting in UN, Nairobi + other activities					

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