

Report from the Globe Days 24th – 25th of October 2008

24 October, 13.00 – 16.30

Venue:

Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR), Main Hall, Hornsgatan 20, Stockholm

Welcome Address



Mr. Peter Wenster, Sr. Advisor Growth and Community Division, SALAR

"Welcome to the SALAR! I'm happy to see you here and I'm also happy for the long time cooperation with Globetree which started 1995 when Globetree prepared for a unity between the two UN-documents the Rights of the Child and Agenda 21. The Swedish Local Authorities Association together with the Children's Ombudsman and Save Children of Sweden

started a network. Together we created the CREA21 document – a creative unity of the Rights of the Child and Agenda 21. Since then we have worked together in many programs, projects and exhibitions in Sweden and in the Lake Victoria Region".

Presentation of the Silver Rose Award



Ms Kajsa Dahlström, President Globetree

At the 15th of October Globetree received the Solidar Silver Rose Award 2008 at the European Parliament in Brussels in the category of Social Justice:

"As the Solidar Silver Rose Awards celebrate the achievements of exceptional people who dedicate their work to social justice the Silver Rose Jury decided that Globetree is an outstanding Award Winner in 2008."

Globetree was nominated by Ms Margot Wallström, Vice President of the European Commission, who shared her experiences of participating in Globetree manifestations in South Africa, Stockholm and Brussels.

The Way Forward

Ms. Kajsa also presented the Way Forward with the focus on how the World Championship in Cooperation (WorldCiC) can be developed.

In June this year the WorldCiC was hosted by the Kampala City Council in Uganda.

800 children, youth and concerned adults participated, whereof 100 persons came from Sweden. The WorldCiC was also the kick off for the Partnership programmes between 10 cities/municipalities in Sweden and Uganda/Kenya. All these Partnership programmes have the Rights of the Child and Agenda 21 as common foundation.

This is a result of many study tours between Sweden and Uganda/Kenya.

The WorldCiC 2010 will be hosted by the Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. 2012 is planned to take place Brussels, Belgium and maybe also in Quito, Ecuador the same year. Or Quito may host the event 2014.

The goal is to move towards 2020 – when we expect the WorldCiC be as big and well known as the Olympics but with a different focus – the world needs to get together at all levels to solve the huge problems. Children are at the centre of the WorldCiC. Their dreams, visions and actions will keep us busy until we reach the goal!

To Have a Dream



A film by Mr. Lasse Johansson, film-maker
"My film is about how a bottle mail which I found on the shore became a long journey to the World Championship in Cooperation.

I brought the bottle mail to my son's school. In the bottle we found a message from a school in Denmark, which we later on went to on an unexpected visit. Of course they became very surprised.

A project started between the schools, also included a school in Kampala, Uganda, which I had a contact with before. We all joined in a project called the *Connected Dreams*, which became the contribution of Municipality of Varberg to the World Championship in Cooperation 2006 in Stockholm. The *Connected Dream* is in a shape of a huge drop including all nations of the world.

This was followed by an invitation from the Globetree to join the Ministerial Congress at the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) in Nairobi, Kenya. UNEP appreciated the *Connected Dreams* presentation and it became the centre of the Congress. *Connected Dream* is now a permanent exhibition at the UNEP.

To the WorldCiC 2008 in Kampala another drop was created in the Mayor's Garden of Kampala together with pupils of our cooperation school Bristol Academy". Mayors and others.

WorldCiC in Kampala 2008 and Partnership between municipalities in Sweden, Uganda and Kampala. Evaluations and storytelling.

Kalix



Chairman of the municipal council Mr. Evert Nilsson presented a slideshow that the pupils of the Media line in the Culture school of Kalix had worked with after returning from their participation in the WorldCiC. The name of the slide show is *Children of Africa*.

"The Kampala-tour opened the eyes of our young participants in their meeting with other cultures. The direct meeting is of a great importance for the young generation in creating

contact with other cultures".

Mr. Nilsson continued on the theme sustainable development and what it means.

"Sustainable development is what you are doing in practice. For example – in Kampala we were visiting a refuse dump. How can this dump be used in good way? Is there a good way?"

Learning from one another. "For children in junior and intermediate level, 1 – 6, it means a lot to keep contact between each other and the schools, e.g. through mail. This also includes the teachers. In Kalix five schools are involved and among these especially the Culture school.

Our Partnership program is especially concerned with Learning and Sustainable

development. When our group from Kalix visited Kampala we came in contact with a nursery home. This has now become a concern for many people of Kalix municipality. A concern that goes far beyond the Municipality cooperation. In the perspective of WorldCiC 2010 we can establish cooperation between Kalix, Kampala, Kuala Lumpur”.

Värmdö



Before the presentation of the municipality program a pupil of Möja school in Värmdö, Ida Tengvall presented her trainee work at the Globetree. She told about the Christmas cards she has been working with based on drawings from the children of the Children's Garden (CG) in Nairobi. The cards will be sold in Sweden supporting Christmas celebration at CG and giving shoes to the children there. In the springtime a Globetree volunteer, Mr. Jacky Foo

initiated a "rabbit-project", supported by Forum Syd/Sida in CG, to get food richer in proteins as an example of sustainable living.

Mr. Per-Erik Andersson, project leader and coordinator for the Partnership between Homa Bay in Kenya and Värmdö explained how the main concentration of the program is on education and local environmental issues. There is a pedagogical exchange between three schools in Homa Bay and three schools in Värmdö. A principal theme is to listen to the children/youth. Integration of the local environmental questions is based on the two UN documents, the Rights of the Child and Agenda 21.

Ms. Maria Henriksson, teacher at Ösby school: "We cooperate with Homa Bay High School mainly around water and sustainable development. In this moment we are both a natural science teacher and me who teach social sciences. How can one compare the Baltic Sea and Lake Victoria?

We are also thinking how we can get more schools in Värmdö to join the project in pedagogical exchange. Now we are Ösby school, Möja school and Långvia pre-school".

A youth representative, Nilas Söderlund from Värmdö, who participated in WorldCiC in Kampala experienced that many environmental problems were the same as at home. He had never been able to imagine that the poverty was so big. But on the same time, he also met a lot of joy; he learnt new dances, saw hippopotamus and a lot of other things. The reports from the Värmdö participants at WorldCiC in Kampala can be found on the link below:

<http://varmdo.siteseeke.se/?q=homa+bay&Search.x=20&Search.y=6&Search=submit>

Nya Broskolan , Älvsjö



Ms. Mica Slätt, teacher at Nya Broskolan told that already in the year 2000 when they started the school, Globetree was part of their activity. One person met with Globetree as early as 1998 at the Future Vessel in Stockholm. Nya Broskolan is run by the Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Parents. Ms. Slätt pointed out the joy and importance for their children/youth to participate in an activity that is

concerning the world, both locally and globally, and not exclusively in projects concerning deaf and hard of hearing complex of problems. In this way the whole world opens!

Seminars during the WorldCiC 2008



Ms. Amanda Löfgren, pupil at Kungsholmen gymnasium, Stockholm and Mr. Mattias Schain, Organisation consultant, were coordinating the seminars in Kampala. The seminar that gathered most participants and also moved the participants was the one concerning the Post Election Crisis in Kenya. Children and youth from Children's Garden in Nairobi and from Homa Bay told about their experiences: What happened after the election? Why did it start? Advices to

persons with power! Ms. Löfgren has made a summary that you can read at the link below:

www.globetree.org/pdf/SeminarKenyanElectionCrisis_AmandaLofgren.pdf

Skellefteå



Ms. Marie Chrysanter, coordinator for the Partnership between Jinja and Skellefteå told that the biggest impression for her during the WorldCiC in Kampala was the children from the Children's Garden.

The Partnership between Jinja and Skellefteå is developing. It's mostly concerning city planning. Involved are planners, technicians, politicians, youth and others.

Marie showed pictures from their work, e.g. young persons drawing their dreams of how their city should be planned. Both the municipalities have visited each other and in both places they followed similar programs. Next meeting will be in November when politicians from both cities will meet.

See www.skelleftea.se

Varberg



Ms. Agneta Nilsson and Ms. Victoria Svenmyr, teachers at the Borgårds school in Tvååker told about their cooperation with Bristol Academy, a school in a slum area in Kampala. The schools work with part of the project "Connected dreams" as the film by Lasse Johansson shows. The pupils in Bristol Academy School learn to play brass instruments and provide a place for the homeless children on the school. The band added a lot to the atmosphere in the WorldCiC in Kampala.

There is an ongoing work for funding to build a new and better school with student homes.

The municipality of Varberg wants to start a Partnership with Kampala. Contact has been taken and the municipality has received a letter of intent from Deputy Mayor of Kampala, Ms. Florence Namayanja. Varberg Children and Youth Administration have decided to work for cooperation. The municipal executive board will discuss the Partnership the coming month.

SALA IDA



Ms. Anja Skeppstedt, Handling officer for municipal Partnership. She told that from now on the municipal Partnership will be administrated by ICLD, International Center for Local Democracy. The center will be situated at Gotland. There will be some changes in the rules concerning municipal Partnership, e.g. it will be possible to search for longer term cooperation's. In this moment no Latin American countries are included. It follows the rules of Sida's program countries. Next date for Applications is the 15th of January 2009.

<http://www.salaida.se/portal/kommunala-partnerskap>
<http://www.salaida.se/portal/om-salaida>

Upcoming WorldCiC.



Mr. Niklas Högberg – Medskaparna (The Co-creators) told about cooperation between the Ecuador government and a Swedish/international organisation to rescue part of the Inca treasure and divide the profit also between the Inca descendants. Mr. Högberg also told about the Ecuador decision, as first country in the world, to legislate The Rights of Nature. Ecuador has presented an offer not to touch the oil under the rain forest and in exchange be given

compensation from others.

A meeting between the Ecuador president's advisor, Mr. Alvaro Dahik G. M. SC. and the Globetree on sustainable development was held during the autumn, discussing the possibilities to arrange a WorldCiC in Quito, Ecuador.

Mr. Högberg concluded with a saying from the Maya Calendar: "The year 2012 the eagle from the north and the condor from the south will start to fly together again."

Globetree next Study Tour

The next study-tour to East Africa is planned to take place in November 2009. Then new Partnership can start to build

Working groups

As there were extensive reports on results and new ideas in the presentations the working group sessions were postponed to the next day. The themes were presented:

- 1.) Partnership North-South.
How can we develop the Partnership between municipalities in Sweden and Lake Victoria Region?
- 2.) Children's Meeting Place.
How do we meet between children and decision makers? How do we make the Meeting place sustainable and constantly recurring every year? How can we create a stronger bond with the Mother Tree on the UN grounds in Nairobi?
- 3.) A musical tour with the Children's Garden in the spring-time 2009.
How can this inspire to new cooperation's and synergies?

Light dining at the Globetree office in the Oxenstiernska Palatset ended the day.

Saturday 25th of October, 09.00-15.30

Venue: Oxenstiernska Palatset, Storkyrkobrinken 2, Old Town

Welcome!

Kajsa Dahlström greets everyone welcome to the Globetree office at the historical building of Oxenstiernska palatset.

As many of the participants are new and registered only for one of the Globedays, the first hour of the day is a summary of the program from yesterday: The Way Forward, the Silver Rose Award, The Film by Lasse Johansson, Globetree next study tour to East Africa and a Summary of yesterday's evaluations and memories from the World Championship in Cooperation (WorldCiC) in Kampala 2008.

World Championship in Cooperation – Intryck Avtryck/Impressions Signs



Professor Birgitta Qvarsell, Stockholm University, Pedagogical Institution showed a DVD with a Summary and presented a report.

A short extract:

"...A general attitude from the Swedish children that were a little older than the It is not that evident in Kampala as it was in Stockholm two years earlier that children appreciate the differences in experiences and background.

Rather they point to the importance of coming to grips with all threats and maltreatments that children may be subjected to. What was also interesting to see is that the Swedish young people (rather than children according to their age) noticed the bad conditions that many children in Uganda live under, rather than seeing the interesting contributions they had, due to life experiences and specific cultural competencies. When I interviewed some African children in Kampala, boys and girls around the age of 11, about their motives to attend the World Championship, they could answer that they had something interesting to convey, to contribute with, relative the Swedish children, e.g. dances and songs. They could also say that they thought that they are so good at cooperation – even best! And of course they also wanted to have fun – this was an important reason to come, but learning from each other was mentioned as a prime reason. The Swedish youngsters could be a bit more confused about the exchange possibilities, but this was still during the championship. Perhaps they considered the exchange points more in depth after the visit to Kampala and Uganda. They were older than the African partaking children, and they saw more of problems for the younger children in Uganda than possible experiential exchange, at that occasion..."

For the full report see Attachment:

www.globetree.org/pdf/TheGlobetreeReflectionsOctober2008_BirgittaQvarsell.pdf

Working groups

The idea of dividing into three working-groups was unanimously decided to be changed. Everybody wanted to share the ideas together on the three themes:

1. Partnership North-South.
2. Children's Meeting Place.
3. A musical tour with the Children's Garden in the spring-time 2009

1. Partnership between municipalities in Sweden, Uganda and Kenya.

Mukono, Uganda



Present from Mukono, Uganda was Deputy Mayor Mr. Issa Sebunya, Town Clerk Mr. Semayalo Ismailmulambuzi, Planner Ms. Julianne Namugenyi and Youth Council representative Ms. Betty Namuswe. The Deputy Mayor greeted us all and gave a summary of the visit they just had made in Vimmerby. They met to make a plan how to develop the democratic work among children and youth on the basis of The Rights of the Child and Agenda 21. This will be in

establishing a Meeting Place. In Vimmerby it is called House of Activity and in Mukono Youth Centre. The Youth centre in Mukono will have both an outdoor and an indoor space. Another idea is to develop a tele-center so the children and young ones can communicate with one another.

During the week in Vimmerby the Mukono delegation met with the Municipal Commissioner Mr. Karl-Axel Centerstig; visited the School of Arts and the Vimmerby gymnasium together with the pupils that participated in WorldCiC in Kampala; took part in Vimmerby Climate Forum where also Mr. Peroy Kirchner from the Globetree participated.

Vimmerby

Politician Peter Högberg told that he lost his heart in Mukono. "This is the first international step for Vimmerby. So far most of our work has been local. We don't know what/how to do but we definitely have a will. We are excited to make this work..."

"The Department of outdoor pedagogic from Linköping University has moved to Vimmerby. We had an environment conference last week. We have a distance education on *Children in the world*. We are starting an education in Children Rights and questions for our politicians and we have *SPUNK*, an exchange and theatre festival between Ukraine, Palestine and Sweden. A lot of things have started to happen".

Aktivitetshuset (House of Activity) in Vimmerby – the youth have strongly worked for that to happen. Children's rights and youth influence shall be possible in this house. The opening will take place in January 2009.

Robertsfors and Busia.

The Partnership between Robertsfors and Busia continue. A delegation of 17 persons from Busia under the leadership of H.W. Mayor Mugeni was in Robertsfors for a week in October. They have discussed the Partnership program and the young delegates also visited schools, youth councils and families. Red Cross held an evening for the Busia guests. The group returned to Uganda some days before the Globedays. The Project leader from Robertsfors Ms Tori Carlsson arrived to Busia the 25 October together with four teachers. They are looking at the schools in Busia that are a part of the environmental program "Make Busia Green" and also exchange pedagogical ideas. A volunteer Ms. Sandra Östensson from Robertsfors is in Busia for one year. She is working as a help teacher and with girl's groups at a Youth Centre which has been built in Busia inspired by Youth Net in Robertsfors. The Centre is very close to the Mayor office and offers among other things the possibility to use a couple of computers. The participants state that there is really a mutual exchange of different experiences, knowledge and joy of life.

2. Children's Meeting Place (CMP)

Strängnäs



Children's Meeting Place in Strängnäs is a success story. They have recurring meetings between decision makers and children/youth. Mayor Tord Tjernström, and Helena Edvinsson, Coordinator on Youth influence, from Strängnäs municipality presented their experiences and work plan.

Helena: "We have two forums where children and youth meet with decision makers in Strängnäs:

1) Children and Youth Congress twice a year where two politicians from each committee are

chosen to go. Decisions must be made in the municipal council.

2) Children's Meeting Place once a year. Invited are municipal commissioners, opposition commissioners and chairmen in all community committees.

In 2004 we built a Future Vessel and inaugurated our CMP. The Children and youth council got the assignment to see what theme was in common with all the symbols in the Future Vessel. One of the symbols in the Future Vessel was appropriate – two hands together, a white and a black. An artist created two examples one for the CMP at the United Nations in Nairobi and one for our tree in Strängnäs. Children representatives that were present at the inauguration 2004, wrote the text: *If all people are friends there will be no wars!*

From that moment we meet every year, politicians and young ones.

First time we met under the chestnut tree in Strängnäs we sat on blankets on the ground. Children presented their questions and the politicians answered. Most important is to have the Mayor and councilors on board. We will invite the politicians to ask questions to the children. Let the children be the experts and allow the politicians to reflect on the children's replies before they take political decisions.

We have focused on the children 6-12 years old at the CMP. The older ones already have a forum, the Youth Council. We have something called BUFF – Barn och Ungdomars Framtidsfrågor (Children and Youth Future Questions).

It is important that the CMP is mentioned in the municipality Action Plan".

www.globetree.org/pdf/StrangnasDemokratiplan.pdf

<http://www.strangnas.se/Barn--utbildning/Nyheter/Barn--och-ungdomsbokslut-2007/>

In the following discussion Mayor Tord Tjernström concluded that one of the keys to success is to have the high politicians with you! In Strängnäs the CMP is stated in the Strategic Plan. This should also be valid for Mukono and the Mayor there. Deputy Mayor Mr. Issa Sebunya agreed to that it could be added in the Action Plan.

Mukono Town Clerk Semayalo Ismailmulambuzi saw it from municipal level where you follow a road map on international level and then every municipality implements it their own way. The CMP has worked very well in Mukono.

Helena summarized that each council must have their action plan for children. It should be very strictly written.

Eva Norén-Björn, Children's ombudsman (BO):

"It is important to ask if the Rights of the Child are implemented in the municipalities. If it works in the different communities one can tell that it is so, and if not, one can point that out".

Birgitta Lindahl, former educational leader at the Stockholm Teacher Training College, underlined the importance of evaluations on each level to achieve a model that can be distributed to everyone.

Kajsa finally underlined the importance for reporting to LVRLAC (Lake Victoria Region Local Authority Cooperation) and suggested Deputy Mayor of Mukono to do so. "Get the Action Plan – implement it! LVRLAC needs to become active for the children, for the Rights of the Child. Please inform the LVRLAC Network! Especially now when Mukono has a leading role in LVRLAC."

3. A musical tour with the Children's Garden is planned for Spring 2009. Free forum for thoughts and ideas.

The tentative plan is to stay for one or two days in each municipality.

1. Swedish Institute suggested including an expert meeting with the tour.
2. What can we do locally? Can this inspire the partnership and make it known to a larger audience? Can the tour be financed locally?

What questions would we like to rise towards WorldCiC 2010 and 2012?

Cooperation and synergies

Skellefteå – Marie Chrysanter, coordinator for the Partnership Jinja – Skellefteå:

- This is a good idea. Schools already have different programs where it could work. I can see different target groups: general public, workshops with the kids both before CG arrives and during their stay. Two days is good.

Vimmerby: Carina Johansson, Culture and Leisure Council:

- We have a very clever woman at the Culture school in Vimmerby. Once we made cooperation with Bolivians. They put up a theatre play about Emil, by Astrid Lindgren. And Vimmerby played a Bolivian play. They met and played for each other. It was very interesting. And with CG it is challenging to work with how the children look at their own problems? It could be 2-3 days in Vimmerby, preferably around the 5th of May.

Varberg: Agneta Nilsson, teacher

- I like the ideas from Skellefteå. More schools in Varberg could learn about our twinning. There is a big arena in Varberg which can be the stage. We have the cooperation with the school and the brass band in Kampala and we are working on a cooperation with SMOK (Swedish Schools of the Arts).

Värmdö: Jan Westrup, teacher Ösbyskolan:

- We are very interested! Cooperation with the Municipality School of Arts is a good idea. Sharing ideas between young people is important. One day of sharing values in a workshop would be good. Groups working together. One can also reach a wider audience with the CG performance.

In the final discussions many ideas came up

Workshops, exhibitions and musical workshops. To build African musical instruments. An exhibition could follow the CG tour. All municipalities could contribute to this. Maybe Riksställningar could join? If Riksställningar joins it will be easier and than it is needed to be a realistic size of the exhibition.

If the exhibition starts in Sweden and then goes to Uganda, then it could go to WorldCiC in Kuala Lumpur. Two regions and two continents. Can even become 3 regions and 3 continents. All can dialogue together! We should invite big TV companies! We can discuss this with Malaysia. Also with Youtube.

Maybe we could have Globala skolan (the Global School) as cooperation partner, Financing of the tour could be supported by Swedish Institute and Riksställningar. "Operation Daywork" where Swedish schools work for different charitable purposes could maybe help making a bit of the finance. Then the pupils would feel involved and also the parents.

A time plan and calendar is needed, so that the Globetree activities are visible. This also should include a plan for the WorldCiC in Malaysia. Ideal should be if it could be held at the same time as when the ASE (Association of Space Explorers) have their yearly meeting. Let us have a calendar on the website.

Make the film of Lasse available buy selling it through the Globetree or ask the Swedish television if they are interested to send it. There is also a need for a shorter version than can be an eye-opener for joining the WorldCiC.

During the day many discussion were made about different dates for the WorldCiC in Ecuador. The indigenous people would like to have it in 2012. Another idea is that Brussels could be in the spring and Ecuador in the autumn 2012.

We must think about what years are the best for WorldCiC. Different countries have elections different years and it is not good to have a WorldCiC the same year as an election in a country.

Good also to meet under the tree in Nairobi to discuss questions on climate.

Thank you!

Kajsa Dahlström thanked everybody for two fantastic days together filled with many good thoughts and visions for the Way Forward!