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Children's Meeting Place
in cooperation with the United
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Invitation

United Nations, Nairobi – the Children's Meeting Place

Preparatory Meeting World Championship in Cooperation Kampala 2008

23 November - 4 December 2006

Globetree in partnership with UNEP (United Nations Environment Program) and the LVRLAC (Lake Victoria Region Local Authorities Cooperation) have the pleasure to invite you to participate in a Study Tour of the Twining and Networking program in the Lake Victoria Region - 23 November to 4 December, 2006.

The Study Tour is a follow-up of the World Championship in Cooperation in Stockholm - May/June 2006. It will be an exchange of experiences in order to develop the Way Forward towards the World Championship in Cooperation 2008 to be hosted by the City of Kampala. The Study-tour offers creative and empowering ways to work with questions based on the two UN-documents: The Rights of the Child and Agenda 21, with the aim of reaching sustainable development and to fulfil the Millennium Development Goals.

The Study Tour will focus on the Twining and Networking Program between cities/municipalities in the Lake Victoria region and the Baltic Sea region. It offers a unique opportunity to meet and learn together over boundaries of age, profession, cultures and nations.

Since 2001 Globetree has lead eight Study Tours with seminars/workshops to the United Nations and the Lake Victoria Region and five Study Tours in Sweden with participants from the Lake Victoria Region. Children, youth, teachers, lecturers, artists, scientists, civil servants and mayors in more than 20 Swedish cities/municipalities have joined these seminars/workshops and participated in joint study tours. Please read more at the Globetree website; www.globetree.org (click on Africa at the menu to the left)

At the centre of the Twining and Networking Program is the Children's Meeting Place at the United Nations, Nairobi that was inaugurated in September 2001. Globetree is authorized by UNEP to run a Children's Meeting Place – a special area surrounding a beautiful Acacia Tree, on the ground of the United Nations. At the Children's Meeting Place, children, youth, teachers and others meet with decision makers in a non-formal way with numerous creative tools.

Mayors in seven cities in the Lake Victoria Region and municipality leaders in seven Swedish cities have inaugurated Children's Meeting Places close to their City Halls. The Lake Victoria Children and Youth Network are developing programs and projects in each of the regions, inspiring other water regions of the world.

One of the first Children's Meeting Places in the Lake Victoria was established in Kampala City, Uganda. In the last four days of the Study-tour, a special program will be created by the Kampala organizers, in preparation for Kampala's World Championship in Cooperation 2008. They will invite the whole Lake Victoria Region and surrounding cities to be part of the program and send invitations to stake-holders world-wide.

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Children, youth, teachers, mayors and others look forward to exchange of experience with colleagues, friends from Sweden and other countries. The days in Kampala will include dialogue with decision makers, visits to schools and children/youth programs.

Welcome!

Stockholm, 17th of August 2006

Kajsa B. Dahlström
President Globetree

Draft Program

23 November - 4 December 2006

Thursday November 23 - Departure from Sweden

Friday November 24 – Sunday November 26 - Masai Mara National Reserve (Optional program)

Arrival to Nairobi in the morning. Travel to the Masai Mara National Reserve.
Two night's stay in the park, protected by the Masai people.
Touring of the National Reserve and a visit to a Masai Village.

The Masai are a strongly independent people who value tradition and ritual as an integral part of their everyday lives. Lions and Wildebeest play as important a role in their cultural beliefs as their own herds of cattle. This unique co-existence of man and wildlife makes this Masai land one of the world's most unique wilderness regions. At the heart of these lands is the Masai Mara Game Reserve, widely considered to be Africa's greatest wildlife reserve.

Sunday November 26 - Travel to Nairobi / Meet and Greet

Morning

Touring of the Masai Mara is followed by return travel to Nairobi.

Evening

Meet and Greet with the Pillars of Hope, a network of teachers and leaders of education and environmental programs in Nairobi. The Pillars of Hope is closely connected to the Globetree Children's Meeting Place at the United Nations, Nairobi.

Monday November 27 - The National Museums of Nairobi. Bomas of Kenya.

Morning

The tour of the museum is educational and very exiting. Studies have shown that the roots of humanity began in Africa. Lucy, the remains of the oldest human being on earth was found in Kenya.

Afternoon

A visit to the Bomas of Kenya gives an opportunity to see "Kenya in a miniature". You walk from village to village and get the feeling of every day life from all over the country and a performance with traditional dances and music from many tribes of Kenya end this day.





Tuesday November 28 - United Nations Day / The Children's Meeting Place

All day

Tour of the United Nations, Nairobi. Connections between Children's Meeting Places in a local and global perspective. Dialogues between children and decision-makers. Story telling at the Children's Meeting Place. *"Globetree has been authorized by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to run a Children's Meeting Place at the United Nations grounds in Nairobi, Kenya".* The Children's Meeting Place at the UN in Nairobi is a beautiful acacia tree and a fireplace which was inaugurated in 2001 and 2004. The tree is also called the Mother Tree, inspiring many mayors in cities and municipalities in the world to have their own tree close to the City Hall where children and decision makers meet and dialogue on issues which are important to children.

Wednesday November 29 - - Children's Garden Center

Morning

Visit to The Children's Garden Center in the slum area of Kibera in Nairobi. The Children's Garden is a result of cooperation between Moses N'dungu and Globetree. Children who live under very difficult conditions have a refuge in Children's Garden which is both a school and a garden.

Afternoon and evening

Reflections and reporting.

Preparations for going to Kampala.

Thursday November 30 – Presentation of the Kampala program

Morning

Departure to Kampala.

Afternoon

What will happen Thursday November 30 – Sunday 3 December?

Presentation of a four days special program set up by the Kampala organizers.

The Kampala City will host the World Championship in Cooperation 2008. The City will invite cities and regions of the whole Lake Victoria Region to be part of the program and invitations will also be sent to stakeholders world-wide. The days in Kampala will include dialogue with decision makers, visits to schools and children/youth programs.

Sunday 3 December (afternoon) – Departure from Kampala for Sweden

Monday 4 December – Arrival to Sweden

Study Tour - Practical information and costs

Participation Fee

Children and youth (up to 18 years): 8 500 SEK

Adults: 9 400 SEK

The participation fee includes

Board, lodging, local transportations and excursions.

Preparation and follow-up of the Study Tour.

Financial support to make it possible for children and young people from Nairobi and Kampala to participate; orphanage children, children from slum areas, handicapped children, children with HIV/Aids and children living/working on the streets.

Not included in participation fee

Travel to Nairobi

The trip will be Sweden – Nairobi; Nairobi – Entebbe; Entebbe – Sweden and travel costs will not exceed 12 000 SEK (with reservation for changes). Travel costs will vary depending on when you order your ticket and what travel agency is used. The sooner you make reservation, the better price you will get.

Globetree will support in trying to get tickets as cheap as possible.

Visum to Kenya and Uganda

Please check with the Kenyan embassy/consulate what kind of travel documents is necessary for entering Kenya. (Latest information for both Kenya and Uganda – USD 50/person).

Vaccinations





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Please check with your medical advisor/doctor what precautions you need for your travel.

Travel insurance

Please check your insurance! Globetree is not responsible for any injuries, theft or damage.

Optional Program

Safari Masai Mara National Reserve

Three days and two night's safari. Cost/person: 2 800 SEK

Arrival date and time to Nairobi to join the program

If you want to join the Safari Tour – the latest arrival time is early morning on Friday November 24th,.

If you do not want to join the Safari Tour – please arrive by the afternoon of Sunday November 26th.



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