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City of Kampala



World Championship in Cooperation



Children's Meeting Place in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme

## **How to prepare for the World Championship in Cooperation Kampala 2 –6 June, 2008**

The World Championship in Cooperation (WorldCiC) is a meeting place for children and their leaders, such as local politicians, to discuss our future. It is a forum for children and youth to communicate their concerns through artistic expressions. The discussions between children, youth and politicians are the subject at the Mayor's Meeting where a manifest to the children is dictated. This manifest, called "The Promise to the Future" is presented at the Golden Key ceremony at the Grand Finale and is a document for the politicians to bring home to their municipalities and cities and build their policies around.

Thus your participation in the WorldCiC needs to be anchored with local politicians, as well as children/youth through their school or youth center/organization. This is where your preparations begin.

We welcome groups of children/youth and their leaders to come and participate in the event. If they can be joined by a local politician we would be thrilled. If that not possible, children should be joined by an adult to care for them during their stay. If you cannot send a group of children, maybe you can still send a small group, one or two children to represent your country.

### **Our Uniting Water Ceremony**

In Our Uniting Water ceremony children from across the world will pour water, collected at a source in their own country, into a crystal bowl. The resulting mixture is water united from all over the world. Water is an essential part of the World Championship in Cooperation because children keep telling us that clean water is a necessity for the future. Representing your country in this ceremony will be a great honour for the children you chose to send.

In your preparation for Our Uniting Water ceremony the children need to collect water to bring to Kampala. This water should not be tap water but collected from a source of significance for your participating children or youth. If possible we wish that you bring a photograph of the water source, maybe taken while collecting water. If this is not practical maybe the children can bring a drawing of that water source. We would love to know the thoughts of the child on why he/she chose this water source and why this water is important. Also, your representative in the ceremony needs a chalice to keep the water in before pouring it into the big crystal bowl at the ceremony. Maybe this can be a container that is typical from your country. If possible, a traditional costume will also underscore the heritage of your representative.

### **Preparations Water Ceremony**

- Chose one child for the ceremony
- Collect water
- Document the water source
- Bring a water container for the ceremony

### **Parade**

During the big parade leading into the opening ceremony we will march through Kampala announcing our presence and the kick off of the WorldCiC. The three dimensional creations built at home, will be carried and showcased in the parades. Prepare, in addition to the creation, a banner with the name of your school, city and country. You can also bring a flag or anything else you wish to carry in the parade. The parade is a wonderful place for drums, music and dance!

During the WorldCiC there will be many opportunities for cultural exchange. We encourage participants to share what they are good at! Maybe a dance, a song, a poem, music, a story, or something that would be of interest to children from other parts of the world.



### **Preparations Parade**

- Make and bring banner
- Bring a flag
- Wear costumes or bring things that represent your heritage or your nationality
- Prepare optional dance, music, poem...

### **Creation of the Future Vessel**

The creation of the Future Vessel is a way for children and youth to communicate what is of importance to them. Prepare this by coming together and encourage your group of children and youth to think about what they are proud of - what they would like to share with the rest of the world and what they think is of importance for the future. The task is then to present this in a three dimensional form. It can take any shape or form, but keep in consideration that it needs to be practical to bring to Kampala (consider maximum weight with the airlines!)

Try to not control the creativity of the children, instead encourage their imagination. Even if you only have a few students who are travelling to Kampala, a whole grade or school can still come together in the preparations and make their impact in the Future Vessel. The preparation work is as important as the rest of the process; it encourages children/youth to contemplate on what is of importance for them. The representatives who participate in the World Championship in Cooperation will then share their experiences from the event with the others when they return home.

In addition to the group contribution, every participant brings a small personal item to the Future Vessel. This is a symbol of what is important for the individual. It can be something you keep in your pocket and show to someone you meet during the event or it can be part of the installation.

### **Preparations Future Vessel**

- Discussions in groups (school class, club, organisation) of what you want to show the world
- Create a three dimensional installation to bring to Kampala
- Every participant brings a small personal item

### **Who can participate?**

Children and Youth, are invited to represent their country in Our Uniting Water Ceremony and to participate in the building of the Future Vessel. You can invite one child or preferably a group. That group can be part of a school class or organisation. At the WorldCiC we value individuals with different life experiences and we especially welcome less privileged children who would normally never have a chance to experience something like this.

Adult participants, such as teachers and youth leaders to chaperone the children. If you send a group to the WorldCiC, we recommend that your delegation include adults who can help with the building work, i.e. a handy man and someone who is responsible for documentation and knowledgeable with IT, possibly a journalist who can also cover the participation of your country in this event. Others who have an interest in World Championship in Cooperation are of course welcome as well!

Politicians, such as the Mayor or member of the municipality or City Council. Participating politicians from all over the world will gather in a Mayor's Meeting in Kampala to discuss how to incorporate the ideas of children and youth in their decision-making. On the agenda of this meeting is the drafting of a manifest called The Promise to the Future, a summation of the message from the children and a commitment to reflect the importance of the children's wishes in local policy-making.

Each delegation attending the WorldCiC should be set up from a gender perspective and with a balance between children, young people and adults. This is to insure that the process initiated in Kampala is continued at home so that voices of children and youth will be heard and their opinions valued in future political decision-making.

**We hope you will find the preparation process fulfilling and that we will see you in Kampala in June!**