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City of Kampala



World Championship in Cooperation



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

*Invitation – First Announcement*

## **World Championship in Cooperation Kampala 2 - 6 June, 2008**

The City of Kampala together with the Globetree invites you to the Second World Championship in Cooperation (WorldCiC) to be held in Kampala and Entebbe, Uganda.

Children, youth and adults from around the world are invited to manifest, reflect and discuss issues centered on children's thoughts and questions. During this event, adults from around the world are invited to the children's meeting place, which will become an arena with small and big installations, unexpected meetings and unique cooperation.

### **Platform**

The platform for the World Championship in Cooperation is the two UN-declarations; The Convention on the Rights of the Child and Agenda 21, as well as the UNESCO report *Our creative diversity*. The all-embracing goal is to contribute to the fulfilment of the UN Millennium Development Goals.

### **Themes**

The guiding themes for the Second World Championship in Cooperation are: *Environment, Integration, Diversity, Communication*.

### **Environment Integration/Diversity, Communication**

We agree that there are many problems to be solved around the world, and need innovations and creative solutions at all levels to tackle them. Children, being excellent innovators and creative partners, are of great importance to the enhancement of development. World Championship in Cooperation will give time and space for children, youth and adults to gather around what is of life importance. Inner and outer realities have equal value and will meet on equal terms. A poem on grief and deep loss is as important as a concrete cooperation project. Nothing is too big or too small in the World Championship in Cooperation.

### **Background and inspiration for the World Championship in Cooperation**

This comes from Globetree's ongoing work with the

- Future Vessel, which is cooperation between municipalities/city districts in Sweden and other countries,
- Children's Meeting Place at the UN in Nairobi, which has been developed in cooperation with UNEP (United Nations Environment Program).

### **The Future Vessel**

The Future Vessel is an arena for cooperation across many boundaries; age, profession, culture and nation. The first Future Vessel was built at the Stockholm Globe Arena in 1998. It was followed during the 750<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Stockholm in 2002. More than 2000 children, youth and adults met from 45 Swedish municipalities and city districts and from 26 countries of the world.

In 2006 another Future Vessel was built in front of the Swedish Parliament during the First World Championship in Cooperation. The Future Vessel of the Second World Championship in Cooperation will be created on the grounds of the Kampala City Hall.

### **Children's Meeting Place**

Among the on going work of the Globetree are the Children's Meeting Places which are usually centered around a tree. In 2001 a Children's Meeting Place was inaugurated on the grounds of the United Nations in



Nairobi. Globetree activities in Kampala have included the inauguration of six Children's Meeting Places in each of the five divisions of the city and at the Kampala City Hall.

### **Gold medals**

The World Championship in Cooperation aims at performing activities on the basis of cooperation other than competition. Therefore every participant in the Second World Championship in Cooperation Kampala 2008 is a winner and is to be awarded with a Gold Medal.

### **Participants in the World Championship in Cooperation**

- Children and youth from cities and municipalities in Uganda and other countries of the world.
- Adults, who the children want to reach with their messages and co-operate with: teachers, leaders and politicians at all levels – municipality, regional, national and international
- Representatives of universities, scientists, companies and institutions
- Artists, entertainers and indigenous people
- Seminar lecturers
- Civil servants, business people

Special invitations will be extended to: The Cooperating Partners of Globetree; United Nations Environment Program, United Nations Habitat Program, Global 500 Forum, Local Authorities and with special focus on the Lake Victoria Region Local Authorities Cooperation, NGO's, Astronauts and Cosmonauts, artists and other friends of the Globetree who have been of special importance in influencing the ongoing work in developing the thoughts behind World Championship in Cooperation planned to be organized every second year.

### **World Championship in Cooperation consists of the following parts:**

- Local preparations – in schools, villages, municipalities.
- Welcome reception at the City Hall in Kampala; and gathering under the Mayors' Gardens.
- Local co operations with the Lake Victoria cities/ municipalities
- Workshops
- Seminar series
- Parade
- Opening ceremony – Our Uniting Water
- Building of the Future Vessel of the World Championship – Children's wish to listen to the adults, youths and adults fulfilling their wish, cooperation between children and adults, guiding of the Future Vessel for Guests of Honour and for the general public
- Mayor's Meeting in the City Hall of Kampala
- Concluding program at the Namboole Stadium with the Golden Key ceremony, rewarding of Gold medals and diplomas, and presentation of the next host city of the World Championship in Cooperation 2010.

### **Globetree**

The members of the Globetree Stockholm-Sweden and Lake Victoria cities –East Africa have always worked together in the preparation of both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> WorldCiC. Therefore, for any more consultations about the event please contact Mr. Peroy Kirchner, International Coordinator of Globetree and Ms Kajsa Dahlström, the President of Globetree.

WorldCiC in Stockholm 2006 – see Globetree website [www.globetree.org](http://www.globetree.org)

### **Welcome to the Second World Championship in Cooperation!**

Kampala March, 2007.

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