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Panafrican Youth Forum on « **AIDS** : a matter of **education** »

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Dear Friends,

In three weeks time the "Panafrican Youth Forum on AIDS, A Question of Education" taking place in Dakar, Senegal, from 22 - 26 March will be about to start. We are preparing a warm welcome and an attractive and productive programme of work. We are convinced that this event will be a decisive stage in the common mobilisation of our organisations in the fight against AIDS.

To date we have received more than a hundred applications.

We are counting on you to check the list of participants from your country (annex 1), to correct it and to complete and return the separate confirmation form to us as soon as possible.

We would like to remind you that each national organisation that is a member of the Alliance can send up to two participants. If only one participant is sent, he/she must be younger than 30 years of age. If two participants are sent, at least one of these should be younger than 30 years of age and at least one should be female (obviously this last rule does not apply to the organisations with only male members). No exception to these rules will be allowed without the agreement of the Organising Committee in advance. However many participants you bring from your country to Dakar, we ask you to ensure that your delegation is composed of a majority of young people under 30 years of age and with an balance number of men and women.

The fees for transport from the airport and back, accommodation and activities for registered participants will be covered by the organisers. The cost of the journey to and from Dakar must be met by the participants.

Please note that participants from a number of countries will need to obtain a visa for Senegal. For more information on this subject please see the information in the attached files. (Annex 2). The Minister of Internal Affairs has just confirmed to the Organising Committee that participants who will not have had the opportunity to get their visa in their own country will get it on arrival at the airport if they are mentioned on the list prepared by the organisers from the confirmation form you will send us.

The people that let us know their arrival dates and times at least a week in advance will be met at the airport and transported to the hotel.

Participants will be accommodated in the Hotel Ngor Diarama (10 minutes by car from the airport). Working sessions of the Forum will take place in the same hotel.

We must underline again the importance of the preparatory phase of the Forum, which should be led in each country by the member organisations of the Alliance in cooperation with the National Commission for the Fight against AIDS, and the specialist Governmental Organisations or Non-Governmental Organisations such as UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, UNESCO and the World Bank.

This preparatory phase consists of drawing up a common plan of action for the Organisations of the Alliance concerning their contribution to the fight against AIDS in the framework of their national strategies. This work is essential to guarantee that both our work during the Forum and the follow-up work is of the highest standard.

In order to help the Forum programme team prepare to the best of their ability we invite you to please fill out the following form (annex 3) concerning the preparatory phase, and to attach any documents relating to your preparatory work.

We look forward to a big turnout in Dakar and send you our very best wishes,

The Dakar Forum Organising Committee.