

Ocean Dream Declaration

by

Africa Resilient Youth

We, young people drawn from countries in Africa, are grateful to Peace Boat and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) for according us a chance to be part of Peace Boat's 86th Global Voyage, and especially to learn about disaster risk reduction.

Africa has been plagued by disasters caused by hazards such as drought, floods, fires, hurricanes and earthquakes. Disasters take lives, cause human suffering and cost billions of dollars. Moreover, disasters undermine the achievement of development goals in the continent.

We are aware of the significant negative impacts of disasters in Africa and beyond, and that disaster affects all of us.

We recognise the important role of youth in the creation of a safe and secure world for all of its inhabitants.

We acknowledge that as young people, we require the capacity, resources and ability to effectively implement campaigns to mitigate disaster.

We believe that there can be nothing for us, without us.

We, the group of the Africa Resilient Youth, have decided to take up individual and collective responsibility to implement activities to support efforts aimed at reducing risks related to disasters.

We commit to;

1. Join the Africa DRR Youth Champion Network
2. Organise a Social Media Campaign
 - Use social networks to spread information related to DRR (E.g. Selfie Campaign)
 - Create a Hashtag and include twitter handles of organisations that are relevant
 - Set up a Facebook Page
 - Contact and establish relations with the Central America Resilient Youth
 - Showcase youth from Africa doing DRR every month for 12 months
3. Sign up as Advocates for the Making Cities Resilient campaign
 - 10 Days for 10 Essentials Campaign (Hashtag, twitter campaign on social media)
4. Persuade 6 local governments to sign up for MCR campaign and follow through with monitoring mechanisms, such as the Local Government Self-Assessment Tool, by the end of 2015
5. Hold one meeting every two years with members of the Africa Resilient Youth

To accomplish the objectives that we have set, we will work with other partners including governments, civil society, private sector, development agencies, and media among others, with the aim of enhancing disaster risk reduction across Africa.

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