

Press Release

AUC-UNV Planning and Review Meeting on the Regional Initiation Plan “Enhanced Capacity of the African Union Youth Volunteer Corps in Integrating Peace Building and Development in Africa



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The Human Resources, Science and Technology department (HRST) together with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) hosted a workshop to review the African Union Youth Volunteer Corps’ (AU-YVC) 5 year project document. The meeting included representatives from the AUC Legal Counsel, Directorate for Strategic Policy Planning, Monitoring

and Evaluation, International Cooperation and Resource Mobilization, African Union Youth Volunteers, Youth Division and also FHI360. The need for the review of the AUYVC came about as the program ended its 5 year pilot program which began in 2010 and ended in 2015.

In her remarks, the Head of the Youth Division, Ms. Prudence Ngwenya, mentioned that the pilot phase of the AUYVC ended and it was time to take stock of the positives, note the lessons learnt and improve on the challenges. She added that, there is a need to work with other volunteering programs in RECs and AU Member States.



Mr Dimitry Frischin, UNV Programme Officer, spoke of the need to produce a project document with clear goals, outcomes and also identify the gaps in the AU-YVC

Notes for Editors:

In October 2015, the AUC and the UNV signed a Project Initiation Plan (PIP) titled “Enhanced Capacity of the African Union Youth Volunteer Corps (AU-YVC) in integrated peace building and development in Africa”. The purpose of this PIP is to work together towards the strengthening of the AU-YVC, as well as the initiating the mechanisms to engage and support Regional Economic Communities (RECS) and Member States in implementing national and regional volunteer initiatives for youth empowerment and youth participation. It is envisaged that this will act as a catalyst in advancing Pan Africanism and socio-economic development in Africa. A consultant was hired to submit an analytical report on the implementation of AU-YVC from 2010 to 2015 and this necessitated the need for a workshop to review the report.

The outcome document will be presented in August 2016 at the AUC-UNV side event at TICAD VI meeting in Nairobi.

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