



LISBON FORUM 2001

“Children and youth in Africa: actors of their own development”

Lisbon, 23-25 November 2001

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA¹

Context

This theme lies within the **following international context:**

- The “**Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Children**” (New York, **POSTPONED**) called for by the General Assembly (Resolution 55/26 of 20 November 2000). This special session will provide the opportunity to take stock of the implementation of the World Declaration in favour of the survival, the protection and development of the child and of the Action Plan for the application of the Declaration (adopted in 1990), and to make new commitments. The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted on 9 May 2001 a political message for communication to the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on Children.
- The **World Day on Children** (20 November);
- The **World Youth Festival** (Panama, July 2001), launched in the 60s, is an event that aims to promote cultural, social and educational exchanges taking into account the characteristics and human conditions of this new century.
- The 4th session of the **United Nations World Youth Forum** (Dakar, August 2001) following Resolution 54/120 I of the General Assembly of 17 December 1999. The Forum will examine the progress made with regard to the application of the Youth Action Plan as defined in Braga in 1998, and will formulate recommendations, strategies and tools allowing young people to take part in the decision-making process and in the evaluation of policies and programmes that concern them.

This theme will also take into consideration the following North South Centre activities:

- **Global Education Week**, which in 2001 will address “Children and Youth Rights Now: For our Common Future” (November 2001).

¹ This Annotated Agenda will be revised following the comments received from the guest speakers

- The award of the **2000 North South Prize** to Marguerite Barankitse, in charge of reception centres for orphan children in Burundi.

The results of the international conferences mentioned above will be taken into consideration during the discussions, notably with regard to new commitments made and contributions by the Lisbon Forum participants with regard to the implementation of these commitments.

Friday 23 November 2001

9h00-10h30

FORUM OPENING SESSION

The main objective of the opening session will be to take stock of the situation of children and youth in Africa.

11h30-12h30

DEBATE

14h00-17h00

**WORKING SESSION I
“The legal instruments for the protection of child and youth rights”**

The objective is to refer to existing international and regional instruments for the protection of the rights of children and youth by showing the gap that exists between these instruments and reality on the ground. The necessity to develop legal protection for youth rights will be stressed. The aim would be to launch suggestions for the development, the promotion, the improvement or the creation of these instruments.

17h00

NORTH SOUTH PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY

18h30

Reception given by the President of the National Assembly

Saturday 24 November

9h00-13h00

WORKING SESSION II (working groups)

“The contribution of children and young people to sustainable development”

The main objective is to start from the realities specific to the African Continent and to discuss integration perspectives, as well as the contribution of children and young people to sustainable development by focussing on education as the main tool for development.

Working Group 1: “The role of children and young people in the promotion of peace”

Working Group 2: “Social integration of children and young people”

15h00-18h00

WORKING SESSION II continued

Sunday 25 November

9h30-12h30

CLOSING SESSION

Reports from the working sessions
Final recommendations