

CENESA

Civic Education Network for Eastern and Southern Africa



Participants who attended the 1st Civic Education Forum 2017, 22 -24 November 2017 at the Imperial Golf View Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda. The Forum was hosted by Robert Bosch Stiftung (GmbH) and Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)

The Resolution to set up CENESA was adopted at the Entebbe Forum. In the course of the Forum, it became evident that consistent connectivity between Eastern and Southern Africa was lacking. There was thus a need for a platform that enables civic education and youth empowerment organizations across the sub-continent connect, collaborate and cooperate with each other. An Interim Steering Committee (ISC) was appointed to spearhead the creation and formalization of the Network. It is made up of representatives working on democracy

and civic education in Malawi, South Africa, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania and Uganda who double as the country specific focal points. The ISC will be expanded to include other countries not represented within the region.

'I firmly believe that a strong regional network of personalities and associations active in the field will greatly benefit your cause' **H.E Petra Kochedorfer, Deputy Ambassador, German Embassy in Kampala, at the opening of the Forum on 22nd November 2017.**

Objectives of CENESA

- ✓ Knowledge sharing
- ✓ Mutual support
- ✓ Fundraising synergies

- ✓ Program improvement
- ✓ Improving civic education
- ✓ Experience sharing
- ✓ Best practice identification

- ✓ Peer learning and review
- ✓ Sharing of resources
- ✓ Advocacy

1st on-line meeting of the Interim Steering Committee

Membership to the network

- ✓ Open Boarder policy
- ✓ Members from Eastern and Southern Africa
- ✓ Civil society organizations,
- ✓ NGOs
- ✓ Researchers
- ✓ Academia
- ✓ Funding organizations
- ✓ Civil society organized youth structures

Individuals and government entities are partners if they subscribe to the values of CENESA.

As articulated in CENESA's road map, the Interim Steering Committee (ISC) held its 1st online meeting on 13th December 2017. The following key actions were adopted:

- ✓ Identify country specific focal points for those countries not represented on the ISC by 15th February 2018.
- ✓ The CENESA membership be expanded to reach out to those organizations whose aim includes education of citizens about democracy and good governance and those whose aim is to engage and involve citizens in public decision making processes. In this respect, the ISC will develop membership criteria to guide

this process.

- ✓ Send out Letters of Inquiry (LoI) to potential funders in order to secure funds to convene the 1st face to face strategy meeting of the network.
- ✓ Prepare for the face to face strategy meeting slated for 2018. The agenda will include: formalization of the network and adoption of a strategy and action plan.
- ✓ Increase the visibility of the network through social media pages, news letter, whatsapp, etc.

The 2nd on-line monthly meeting is scheduled for 31st January 2018

Founding organizations

Do you want to join CENESA?

Do you have any queries on civic education?

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Burundi

✚ Observatory of Government Action

✚ Solidarity For Integrated Development- Jjuka (SDI)

Kenya

✚ URAIA Trust

✚ Hanns Seidel Foundation

✚ Well Told Story

Malawi

✚ National Initiative for Civic Education (NICE)

Rwanda

✚ Human Rights First Rwanda Association (HRRFRA)

✚ Governance for Africa

South Africa

✚ Civics Academy

Tanzania

✚ Youth Partnership Countrywide (YPC)

Uganda

✚ Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI)

✚ Uganda Youth Network (UYONET)

Founding Partners

Tunisia

✚ Network for Arab Civic Education (NACE)

Germany

