



SOUTHERN AFRICA WOMEN'S FESTIVAL 2011

Calling All Young Women in Southern African to 3 Days of Empowerment and Celebration!

Deadline: 3 June 2011.

The Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) and the African Women Millennium Initiative Zambia (AWOMIZ), in collaboration with young women's networks and formations in Southern Africa, are hosting a **Southern African Young Women's Festival (SAYWF)** in Lusaka, Zambia from 17 to 21 October 2011.

The Festival, organised under the theme **"My Rights, My Freedom, My Responsibilities"** is designed to provide space for young women between 18 and 30 years of age, to come together and share experiences, share strategies and energise each other and celebrate their youth and the potential they have to advocate for social justice in their respective communities.

Activities at the festival will include panel discussions, dialogue sessions, talk shows, music, film shows and many other exciting activities. The platform will also make space for structured training sessions on various key skills including Knowledge Management (KM) and Political Consciousness and Strategy Planning, to equip young women with the practical skills they need for effective advocacy for women's rights. *(Please indicate the training sessions you would like to attend on the form below)*. The event is also designed to be a launching platform for the 2012 national young women's campaigns driven by young women across the region.

Young women from **Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe** are encouraged to apply to be part of this exciting event! OSISA and partner will cover the full costs, including travel, accommodation, subsistence and training for all selected participants. To qualify, candidates should be between 18 and 30 years, working in organisations/networks and formations committed to social justice and especially women's rights. University students who provide proof of interest in women's rights issues will also be considered. Selection will be on a first come first-served basis!

To apply, fill out and send by email, the Application Form below together with a 2 paged curriculum vitae (CV). Each submitted form should be accompanied by a motivation letter, expressing why you should be selected to participate in this event. In your motivation letter,

kindly state your involvement in advocacy for women's rights and social justice. The letter should not be more than 1 page.

If you participated at SAYWF 2010 your motivation letter should also state how you have contributed to the implementation of your country action plan developed at the 2010 Festival. There will be **Awards** for the teams that have made the most progress in turning their ideas into actions at national level.

For more information on this initiative and the Young Women's Voices campaign, please contact:

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APPLICATION FORM

(Please fill out the form electronically or in clear bold print)

Surname:

First Names:

Date of Birth:

Passport number: (If outside of Zambia).....

Highest level of education:

Organisation/Affiliation:

Designation/Job Title:

Contact details: Tel:.....(including country code)

Fax: (including country code)

Email:

Physical address.....

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Country/Nationality:

EMPLOYER COMMITMENT FORM

Name of participant:

Your name:

Position:

Name of organization:

Type of organization:

Phone number:
(include country code)

Email address:

Alternate email address:

COMMITMENT

Our organization authorizes (name of candidate) to attend the Southern African Young Women's Festival in Lusaka, Zambia, from 17-21 October 2011. This authorization is granted on the understanding that the said candidate will be attending the *entire* festival

Our organization commits to using the skills and strategies that the candidate will gain through this festival

Application approved by:

Name:

Date:

Please select the training course you would like to attend during the Southern African Young Women's Festival and note that participants may only select one course.

COURSE: (*Please put X on your selection*)

18-19th October 2011

Advocacy and Lobbying

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Knowledge management

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Digital Story Telling

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Political consciousness and Strategy planning

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Writing and Documentation (i.e. different writing styles and needs)

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