

Resolutions of the first Pan African youth meeting
At the 7th Pan African Conference
Johannesburg, South Africa.
22nd October 2008

Noting the outcomes of the Algiers Plan of action.

Highlighting the support of youth in strategy 2010 and the Federation of the Future.

Recalling the youth Declarations of the Inter-American and European International Conference.

Recalling the findings of the Global Youth Consultation that youth volunteers make up to 60-80% of African National Societies' membership and volunteer base and their contribution to National Societies through volunteering.

Reaffirming the youth policy of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies adopted at the General Assembly in 1991 and reaffirmed at the general assembly in 1999.

Noting the substantial number of African National Societies that signed the youth pledge at the Council of Delegates in November 2007.

Appreciating the support that National Societies have accorded their youth volunteers.

We the youth, wish to *Renew* our commitment to serve the vulnerable while working together with the other members of our national societies.

We *Recommend* the development and institutionalization of youth policies with in all African National Societies increasing participation of youth in decision making bodies making allowances for gender diversity while recognizing the numerous positive contributions of youth volunteers in African National Societies.

We *Recommend* the establishment and strengthening of proper and functioning African Youth networks to facilitate the dissemination of best practices between African Red Cross and Red Crescent youth as well as those of our peers in other regions and other youth organizations and government youth ministries.

We *Call* for the increased interaction between National Societies and Zonal Offices as well as Secretariat youth focal point in relation to the support of youth initiatives and activities and the establishment of proper communication channels for the free flow of youth activities in National Societies.

We *Request* the undertaking by all National Societies to provide proper financial resources to enable youth to undertake income generating programs in order to ensure that youth have the ability to contribute financially to their National Societies.

We ***Request*** the establishment of centres of excellence in the areas of Climatic change, infectious diseases, addictions and migration with provision for youth participation.

We ***Call*** for National Societies of Africa to invest in the protection and adequate equipping of volunteers through proper training, leadership development and other resources required to increase their capacity.

We ***Emphasise explicitly*** the crucial need to empower volunteers as agents of change through promoting our humanitarian principles and values in order to build a culture of peace and non-violence.

We ***Strongly request*** that all 53 African National Societies incorporate a policy of full youth participation in all regional and international statutory meetings, incorporating with in the life of the Johannesburg agreement the 1 in 3 campaign.