



SOUTHERN AFRICA CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEER ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT

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United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) along with its collaborating partner, Volunteer and Service Enquiry Southern Africa (VOSESA) are pleased to announce the first ever Conference on Volunteer Action and Development in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) region from 17-19 October 2011, to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa. The conference is being convened to strengthen support for volunteer action as a tool for regional integration and development in SADC, and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The conference will discuss the role of different forms of volunteer action in achieving regional development priorities, including efforts to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic, promote social and economic participation of youth, and foster peace and social cohesion within and between SADC countries.

The conference is being held with the support of the following conference partners active in the region: Canada World Youth (CWY), the European Commission, FirstRand Volunteers Programme, FK Norway, loveLife, Southern African Regional Universities Association (SARUA), and VSO-RAISA.

It contributes to the worldwide celebration of the 10th anniversary of the United Nations International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10) in the SADC region.

The conference targets participants from southern Africa including representatives from member states; regional bodies; organisations involving volunteers in HIV/AIDS programmes, youth development, peace and social cohesion in the region; private sector; inter-governmental agencies; universities and student bodies. Please note that participation in each of these categories will be limited.

Conference registration will open on 14 July 2011 and an early bird conference fee will be available.

For more information about the conference please email conference@vosesa.org.za or visit the conference website www.vosesa.org.za/sadconference

