

EEIU NABUUR CALL FOR PAPERS:

Conference Main Theme

Peace, Justice and Education: Challenges for Political Change

About the Organizations Hosting the Conference

Project Nabuur Institute is a Kenyan civil society organization that directly promotes the freedom of inquiry, reason and science in all areas of human endeavor. It works with lawyers, environmentalists and researchers around the world to provide assistance to local communities in facing developmental challenges. Through its eco ethics program, the organization has been at the fore front of advocacy on Climate Change and Terrorism.

As a center for critical reflection and research on human development, the institute promotes the creative adoption of eco ethics concepts, and ideas and methodologies to the local realities in Kenya and the region. The Institute carries out its broad mandate by conducting scholarly research on the knowledge and experience accumulated from the conservation of biodiversity and initiative of the civil society organizations and individuals organized in various forms in Kenya and the region. The conference is covered under the Institutes Eco Ethics and Humanism Program.

EEIU Nabuur On Campus under the name **Young Diplomats Forum** is a think tank for the generation and dissemination of high quality research in the area of eco ethics as well as a center for education and training in diplomacy. It is founded on the understanding that the eco ethics arena is closely associated with the continuous interrogation of practice and its linkages to underlying theories, concepts and their interpretations from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Conference Details

When: 12, 13 and 14 November, 2009

Where: Auditorium, United States International University, Nairobi

Theme: Peace, Justice and Education: Challenges for Political Change

Conference Objectives

The Conference intends to bring stake holders in the political affairs of Africa together with students, NGO's, political commentators and analysts in order to discuss on issues that affect African development: politically, economically, socially etc. The main aim is to ensure an intercultural framework for dialogue and academic interaction among the youth and students in Kenya.

The key theme underpinning the conference is the impact of terrorism on African countries in relation to East Africa and global experiences. With this we expect to form the basis of a global and regional network and strategic partnerships to bolster mutual capacity and influence policy and legal development in different jurisdictions.

In addition to the conference, there will be panel discussions intended to address the major challenges facing the biodiversity discourse in relation to conservation approaches applied globally. In this regard, leading international and local experts will be invited to present comprehensive papers pertinent to this theme and highlight the challenges and prospects of engaging non – state actors in the formulation of environment policies and the need to sustain eco ethics. Representations anticipated from many disciplines including: history, psychology, sociology, veterinary medicine, political science, environmental science, legal/justice research and criminology.

Following the conference, we anticipate the publication of a report that will serve as a reference manual on political change and biodiversity for the network. The Balozi Journal will dedicate the January issue for conference items.

Sub – themes of the Conference

The general conference theme : *Peace, Justice and Education: Challenges for Political Change* has been divided into sub – themes as follows:

- a. Political Impunity
- b. Political Communication
- c. Reconstruction of War-Torn Countries in Africa
- d. Impact of Terrorism in African Countries
- e. Political Systems in Africa
- f. Refugee Situation in Africa
- g. Conflict Resolution in Africa.
- h. Effects of globalization on eco – ethics and the transnational struggle for eco – ethics.
- i. Partners, networks, litigation: an emphasis on environment.

Format: Papers should be submitted in electronic form to EEIU Nabuur On Campus secretariat at youngdiplomats@secularstudent.org in strict adherence to the following guidelines

- ✓ Between 3,500 and 5,000 words
- ✓ Concise footnotes in standard Harvard style
- ✓ Computer typeset using MS Word; Times New Roman font size 12 and “1.5” line spacing.
- ✓ Date when the paper was written.

Deadline: Papers to be presented at the conference should reach the conference coordinator before 30th September, 2009. Late submissions will not be considered.

Remuneration: Contributors to the publication of Balozzi Journal will receive a small honorarium.

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