

Motivation Letter

As a Saharawi and as inspired young woman, I wish to apply for the position of IUSY African vice president and take this extraordinary journey alongside other likeminded young people.

I'm prominent young leader with a large network and over 10 years of professional experience with international NGO's thus, People like me represent small percentage and should be the leading force to lift the rest up.

As a Sahrawi refugee I have over 15 years of experience in voluntarism with Saharawi Youth Union (UJSARIO) in literacy campaigns, social care, and relief where I developed a big passion to serve my community especially young people.

In October 2014 I managed to cofound the group of Youth For Youth Development (YFYD) which act under the umbrella of UJSARIO and gather a bunch of highly determined young men and women who share the same passion.

I'm leading my youth group to address the lack of self-esteem among young girls; we successfully managed to organize a large sensitization campaign against skin bleaching. I also actively work to ensure the participation of young people in "Religious Dialogue for Peace" forum in the Sahrawi Refugee Camps, which is an international event organized each year with presence of imams, priests, bishops and professors from Western Sahara, Algeria, Austria, Canada, , South Africa, Spain, Turkey and the United States, This forum is especially meant to address religious misunderstandings.

I believe this position will provide me with skills that I need to operate as effective young leader. And to learn how to analyze problems and think creatively to come up with original approaches to policy issues.

I want to gain a full understanding of the high mechanisms and the well-designed policies of IUSY and to explore the strategic plans adopted by IUSY member organizations on how to integrate vulnerable groups in the society especially young people. As an ambitious leader I need more refined skills and a greater understanding of global, regional, national trends.

I believe that being in the outstanding NGO will allow me to interact directly with great mentors and learn about the new technology and the latest of social media apps.

I want to interact with young people with different backgrounds and use my skills and competence to demonstrate the determination of the African young women also to promote social values among Sahrawi youth.

As a leading women emerging from a very conservative society, I will be very excited to get inspired by other female fighters from different part of the world to learn from their personal experiences and how they managed to challenge and beat social and cultural constrains which in many countries still putting women in the second scale.

I'm convinced that this position is a unique chance to learn about social and democratic values.

I'm a woman experiencing daily challenges in the Saharawi Refugee Camps, but yet very determined and despite the refugee constrains I was able to participate in many international trainings and forums and still more motivated to share my stories with young people worldwide.

I believe I can meet and exceed the expectations you have and thank you for this chance that empower people with hope and ambition.

Yours faithfully,

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