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IUSY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Full name of the organization (both in original language and in English)
National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students
2. Abbreviated name of the organization
NUEYS
3. Country of origin
Eritrea
4. Region of origin
Africa (East Africa/ Horn of Africa)
5. Date of establishment
1978
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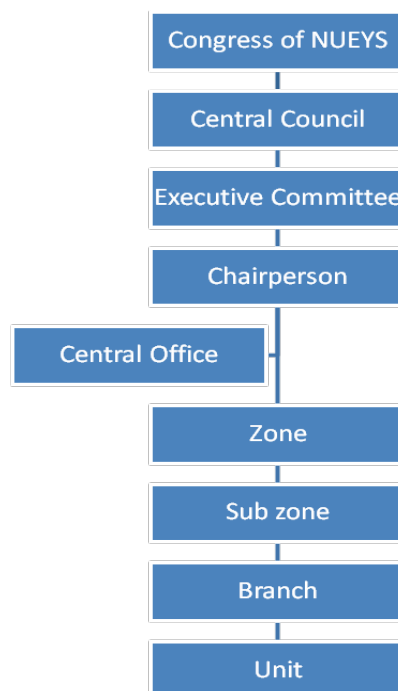


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10. What are the main bodies of the organization?

[Please define the electoral procedure, number of people elected, quotas based on certain criteria – if applicable]

NUEYS' organizational structure is based on its organizational principles to realize its objectives and goals and abide by the law, continuously developing and enhancing institutionalism; and is dynamic, transparent, efficient, immaculate and one that encourages and ensures initiative and participation.



The Congress is the supreme body of NUEYS, in which 80% of the members shall be directly and democratically elected representatives of NUEYS members with no more than 20% of the members of the Congress be cadres of NUEYS. The Central Council is the supreme authority of NUEYS between two consecutive congresses, composing of 51 permanent members and 3 replacement members. The Executive Committee is the supreme authority between two meetings of the Central Council, and are full time employees of NUEYS.

11. When was the last Congress held?

September 2013

12. President

Saleh Ahmedin (Chairperson)

13. Secretary General

Okbay Berhe

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14. International Representative
Daniel Eyassu (Head of the Foreign Affairs Department)
15. Feminist Coordinator
Helen Meketa
16. LGBT / Queer Coordinator

17. Number of members
~300,000 [With slight Fluctuates from year to year]
18. Age limit and average age
14 - 40
19. How many regions of the country does the organization cover with its branches? <i>[Please name them]</i>
NUEYS covers all of the Administrative Zones/Zoba (6 of them) and subzones (72 of them) plus all institutions of higher learning. Name of administrative zones: Zoba Maekel (Central Zone) Zoba Debub (Southern Zone) Zoba Gash Barka (Gash Barka Zone) Zoba Semenawi Keih Bahri (Northern Red Sea Zone) Zoba Debubawi Keih Bahri (Southern Red Sea zone) Zoba Anseba (Anseba Zone) NB. NUEYS also operates as if there is a seventh zone , namely the Sawa and Higher Institutions Zone . This is not a zone within the government administrative structure, but we have this 'seventh zone' in order to better administer our mobilization efforts of students in higher institutions.

Activities & Political Agenda

20. What are the political aims/objectives of your organization?
Objectives (as stated in the NUEYS Constitution) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Build enlightened youth that know and respects their culture and history, proud of their identity and possessing a broad way of thinking and culture;2. Cultivate a young generation ready to shoulder the responsibility of rebuilding and leading the nation to the future as entrusted by our Martyrs, loyal and ready to fight for the values and principles of the revolution;3. Ensure that the youth develop social conscience and responsibility, political enlightenment, and participation, as well as culture and capacity of responsible leadership by enabling them to participate in all political, economic, cultural and social

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- affairs of the nation from the lowest village administration to the highest national government;
4. With the constructive participation of the youth, plan and implement programs that represent and enhance the rights, duties, contributions, role, wishes and interests of the youth in all aspects of life;
 5. With the initiative and participation of the youth, develop attractive, sustainable, entertaining and educational programs in education, arts, sports, technology, science, dialogue and research that fulfill the needs and demands of the youth;
 6. Make an impelling contribution in the making of Eritrean students lovers of wisdom and arts; fervent and able readers; scientists and inventors; preservers and developers of their culture; industrious and internationally competitive; excelling in education; versatile and owners of broad based and coherent knowledge and humane culture;
 7. Encourage the youth to develop professionalism in all their endeavors; to strive for self improvement by continuous self education; to produce proficient and skillful products and thereby become giants of development, construction, innovation and work ethics;
 8. Strive to make the youth develop a sense of self-reliance and self-confidence that will enable them to take responsibility for their future and the future of their country; make them initiators rather than followers and unyielding conquerors of obstacles;
 9. Create a conducive environment that would enable female students and youth to develop the enlightenment, initiative and courage to achieve concrete professional and educational equality; struggle to enable the youth to defeat backward and chauvinistic attitudes that belittle the role and capacity of the female gender and to create a true partnership between the two genders based on equality and liberty;
 10. Ensure the contribution of the youth in the development of a true national feeling of "unity within diversity" that gives no room for domination and marginalization by their struggle against narrow, chauvinistic and anti-nationalistic tendencies;
 11. Develop humane culture and principles that enable the youth to live a life free from consumerism and selfishness and to develop judicious enlightenment that rejects defeatism, greed, self-centeredness, fundamentalism, extremism and dogmatism in all their forms;
 12. Ensure that the youth respect and care for the families of our fallen heroes; at all times are on the side of the weak and the exploited and against pride and oppression in thought and in action;
 13. Strive so that children could spend their childhood in happiness, amusement and exploration and make sure that the youth care for, bestow love on, teach and be a role model for them;
 14. Make sure that the youth participate in the protection and preservation of the environment so that all natural resources could be utilized efficiently and in a sustainable manner for the benefit of present as well as future generations;
 15. Work for regional and international peace and struggle for a true international partnership and cooperation that rejects domination and marginalization based on the principles of economic justice, political equality and cultural respect.

21. What are the organizational aims/objectives of your organization?

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Organizational principles (as stated in the NUEYS Constitution)

1. Participatory democracy, that is, democracy that promotes and guarantees participation and initiative in decisions and programs is a basic organizational principle of NUEYS.
2. NUEYS shall foster and strengthen a democratic organizational existence founded on transparency, accountability, diversity of views, tolerance and constructive dialogue and responsibility.
3. NUEYS shall cultivate/nurture the organizational culture of unity, consensus, harmony and cooperation by strongly fighting all divisive inclinations and rivalries and their destructive and defeatist consequences.
4. The leadership, at all levels of NUEYS, shall be democratically elected and accountable to its electorate; and all the individual members of the leadership shall be guided by the principle of "common leadership but individual responsibility".
5. The leadership of NUEYS at all levels shall be competent, dedicated, ethical and representative of the youth in all its diversity.
6. The leadership at all levels of NUEYS shall have genuine and continuous contact with members and should not be isolated from the daily life of NUEYS.
7. NUEYS shall exercise constructive and corrective criticism of oneself and others in all its echelons and spheres of activity so as to minimize and correct wrongs and deficiencies and to implement and develop transparency and accountability.
8. NUEYS, as a broad democratic movement of the Eritrean youth and students shall have a vanguard cadre composed of its most active, dedicated and enlightened members.
9. In NUEYS, decisions shall be made based on research and knowledge, with the participation of all concerned entities and members and after free and sufficient consultations and debates.
10. In the processes of decision-making and implementation of programs common understanding and participation shall be given priority; the decision of the majority as the universal decision shall be implemented by all concerned without distinction.
11. The fundamental organizational force, the spiritual force of the ideas and exemplariness of NUEYS shall be its revealed and progressive programs and works and its enlightened and dedicated cadres, thereby in addition to it being the successor of the heroic history of the Eritrean youth in word and in action, it shall be the strong organization of the present and the future that represent the great needs and temperament of the youth.

22. What are your main fields of activity?

- Political socialization, nurturing leadership, and conducting leadership training;
- Lobbying, advocacy, and campaigns for public awareness [i.e. on issues of education, gender, active citizenship]
- Clubs, youth centers and media activities;
- Peacebuilding and sustainable development in the Horn of Africa

23. What have been your political priorities in the last two years?

1. Defending the sovereignty of the country.
2. Lobbying and Campaigning to lift the unfair and unjust sanctions on our country
3. Mobilizing progressive youth and student organizations in the Horn of Africa for mutual understanding and cooperation for peace and sustainable development in the region.
4. Establishing more mechanisms for the institutionalization of NUEYS, so as to sustain its

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programs with more financial efficiency, as well as to ensure the proper reporting and promotion of activities, projects, programs and stance on various political and socio-economic issues.

24. Do you organise campaigns? On which topics?

Yes, we organize campaigns on reproductive health rights, education, youth empowerment, environmental conservation, human trafficking, etc. We also organize campaigns so that youth from the Diaspora can be fully aware and active in national affairs.

25. Do you organise seminars? On which topics?

Yes, we organize seminars on the topics of the history of Eritrea, the history of the armed struggle, the National Constitution, the National Charter, political seminars on socialist ideology, political culture, ethnics, peer pressure, globalization, neo-colonialism, psychological warfare, culture, etc.

26. Does your organization have representative(s) in the Parliament?

Yes and NUEYS does have representatives in zonal councils.

27. What are the organizations in your country you co-operate with? (I.e. youth/ students'/ trade unions/ feminist)

- National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW)
- National Confederation of Eritrean Workers (NCEW)

28. Are there any other youth organizations in your country considered on the left side of the political spectrum?

[If yes, please indicate the names, the level of cooperation and examples of such cooperation]

No, NUEYS is the sole youth organization that adheres to leftist values in accomplishing social justice.

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[If yes, please indicate your role]

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30. Do you have cooperation with youth organizations from other countries?
Yes. NUEYS has a very strong network with progressive youth organizations especially within the Horn of Africa. These organizations include the National Youth Union of South Sudan, the SPLM Youth League, the National Federation of Sudanese Youth and the General Sudanese Students Union. NUEYS also has bilateral relations with many youth organizations outside the Horn, including Egypt and China.
31. Do you have a mother party? What are the relations between your organization and the party? (In terms of status, administration, policy)
NUEYS has a mother front (popular people's front), namely the People's Front for Democracy and Justice (PFDJ). NUEYS is organized under the PFDJ and operates according to the PFDJ National Charter.
32. When were the last elections held? Did your organization participate in a campaign? <i>[If yes, please indicate: with what message? was it the same as the party's one?]</i>
The last regional elections took place in 2014, and NUEYS members did participate in the campaign. Regional elections elect representatives for zonal councils, and are not elections among political parties. NUEYS supports these elections and campaigns that communities elect their representatives on merit and not based on their ethnicity, religion, age and/or sex. Moreover, many young people were elected into these zonal councils.
33. Can you describe the political situation in your country? What is the composition of the Left? How much does the Left receive in the polls?
<p>Internal policy emphasizes on realizing social justice & sustainable development, especially in regards to attaining food security for self reliance and to eradicate poverty. This is also coupled with rural development initiatives; the building various infrastructures like dams and water reservoirs, and irrigation systems. Also, the impact of reform in the education system is showing positive outcome with educational opportunities increasing by more than 30% over the last 5 years.</p> <p>Having come together in the armed struggle for indendence, the Eritrean society is a highly united society where internal (ethnic, religious, etc.) conflicts does not exist. Having put aside their differences, there is a national consensus which believes that in order to develop their country, the people should work together and make sure that resources are equally distributed to all corners of the country. This being one of the basic principles of all policies and development programs, NUEYS adheres to such leftist values.</p>

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Eritrea is still in the development/transitional stage when it comes to the political situation. Although continuous development and achievements have been witnessed within the political arena over the last decade or two, the momentum witnessed within the first 7 years of independence had slowed down due to the start of the border conflict with Ethiopia. The stalemate of the peace agreement, halted because Ethiopia refuses to accept the final and binding decision of the Eritrean Ethiopian Boundary Commission, has basically put the youth of Eritrea in a hostage situation of no war, no peace.

34. Is there more than one left wing party in your country?

[If yes, please describe the differences among the parties and indicate whether there is a prospect of a united Left]

No

35. Any additional comments

Dear comrades , NUEYS is an active Union in many regional and international organizations and holds key leading positions in many of them . We are an Executive Committee members of the PanAfrican Youth Union (PYU) since 2011, We are coordinators for East Africa and Indian Ocean region of WFDY, We are Executive committee members of the Council of African Political Parties -Youth Wing (CAPP-YW), we are Executive Committee members of the health network AfriYan for Eastern and Southern Africa (mainly run by UNFPA) and last but not least we are very active members of organizations like the Afro-Arab youth league ,UNOY network and Sin-Cad - Youth Wing.

NUEYS has been an active observer member for many years now until 2012 and we have also continuously paid a membership fee until 2011 or 2012. Hopefully our application for full membership will be accepted this time, especially as we are working vigilantly for social justice and democracy. Moreover, NUEYS is willing and able to work more vigilantly to see a more active regional African Committee that can also work actively within the IUSY Working Groups.

Thanks for filling in the application!

Please send it to iusy@iusy.org together with the other required information.

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