INFORMATION BOOKLET
APPLICATION GUIDE

Latest Date: August 30, 2020

ABOUT THE SPONSOR AND HOST ORGANISATION

OPEN SOCIETY INITIATIVE FOR WEST AFRICA- OSIWA (Sponsor):

The Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) is a non-governmental organization which works to build vibrant and tolerant democracies in West Africa and make governments accountable to their citizens. OSIWA seeks to promote inclusive democratic governance, transparent and accountable institutions and active citizenship in West Africa. OSIWA is active in ten West African Countries, with offices based in five of them.

The Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) currently sponsors NewSETA in the implementation of the Cultural Blend Festival (CUBLEF) in Cameroon.

Please visit www.osiwa.org for more information.

NETWORK FOR SOLIDARITY, EMPOWERMENT AND TRANSFORMATION FOR ALL – NEWSETA (HOST):

The Network for Solidarity, Empowerment and Transformation for All (NewSETA) is a private, nonprofit association created in July 2013 in the Republic of Cameroon to strengthen youth and institutional capacities and actively engage communities in initiatives that improve social wellbeing. We strive to achieve this goal through non-partisan research and informational activities, promoting a more stable society by strengthening democracy and peace and empowering youths to be more responsible, creative and actively engaged in nation building.

www.newseta.org; www.facebook.com/newsetacmr

ABOUT THE CULTURAL BLEND FESTIVAL (CUBLEF)

The Cultural Blend Festival (CUBLEF) is an initiative of the Network for Solidarity, Empowerment and Transformation for All (NewSETA) funded by the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA).

CUBLEF is an event to foster peaceful co-existence in Cameroon by using Arts, culture and group reflections to enhance knowledge, skills, values and attitudes of peace in young Cameroonians. Based on the current need for peace building, the aspiration of CUBLEF is to deepen young Cameroonian's knowledge on Cameroonian cultures; managing multiculturalism and pursuing intercultural dialogue as a means to foster peaceful coexistence for the common good of all Cameroonians. CUBLEF will bring together young Cameroonian activists to reflect and support each other in crafting solutions and new approaches to promoting peace building and its challenges in our society. CUBLEF is a means of contributing to mindset/ behavioral change amongst young Cameroonians, with a foresight of promoting peaceful coexistence.

CUBLEF will host 100 young leaders and civil society activists from the ten (10) regions of Cameroon in an event which will last for two (02) days. Through this event, participants will gain knowledge; skills; will be able to reflect on how to foster peaceful coexistence in a multicultural context and also propose solutions to the ongoing crisis in Cameroon.

The CUBLEF event is knowledge based and activity-oriented, and it focuses on the theme: **"Leveraging our cultural heritage to foster peace and living together in Cameroon"**

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants (male or female) interested in the CUBLEF program should:

1. Be between the age of 18 to 45 years;
2. Demonstrate strong interest in the advancement of peace within their respective communities or nationally;
3. Be preferably a youth leader affiliated with a sector civil society organization. While we will consider applicants who are currently employed by a civil society organization or are graduates, we will request additional information to confirm that the individual is acting on their own in regards to their participation, and that their current employer is flexible with their independent role as a CUBLEF participant;
4. Available to travel to Yaoundé and attend the 2 day CUBLEF event, receive the Certificate and thereafter, continue carrying out activities to foster peace building in their respective regions. Certificates are given to individuals only.

PLEASE NOTE: The Cultural Blend Festival (CUBLEF) is open to applicants from Cameroon only. CUBLEF is not an educational program offering academic courses leading to the award of a degree. It does not provide funds or any other type of financial aid to graduate students, nor is it designed to finance youth projects/organizations. The program cannot support those seeking to complete professional training programs, attend conferences, or pursue internships at other organizations.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should fill the online Application form, attach to the form a separate curriculum vitae, and One (1) recommendation letter from one of the two referees who should be mentioned on the Application form. Applicants should only mention the required details of the second referee on the Application form without asking them to write a second recommendation letter for the candidate. Please, direct all questions to the email address info@newseta.org. In case of any difficulty attaching these documents, kindly forward same to the email.

Language Requirement

A working knowledge of English and French is an important prerequisite for participation in the CUBLEF program for general communication purposes. Some facilitators may prefer to use either of the languages. All application materials must be submitted in English or French.

Selection Process

Following the application process, participants will be selected by the CUBLEF program Bench at NewSETA. Selection will be based on a set of criteria including:

Demonstrated activism or interest in the advancement of peace;

A desire to network with others

A clear explanation of how the program will benefit their own efforts for advancing peace

Deadlines

The deadline for application for the 2020 CUBLEF event is **August 30 , 2020**. Within one week following the deadline, applicants shall be notified of their status. Selected applicants shall be contacted and provided with further details about the entire of the program. If for any reason an applicant is unable to attend the program after he/she has been selected, they should please promptly notify NewSETA of this to enable us contact alternate candidates in time.

Structure of CUBLEF:

The CUBLEF event shall last for two (02) days each and shall include the following:

CUBLEF Day 1 Activity: Conference with Panel Exchanges and Group Reflections.

CUBLEF day 2, Activity 1: Outdoor Sports for Peace.

CUBLEF day 2, Activity 2: Cultural Festival and Award of Certificates.

CUBLEF SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Accommodation and Meals

Participant accommodation and meals shall be covered by NewSETA throughout the duration of each semester.

Transportation and Logistics

Participants' round-trip ticket (Economy only) to and from the venue of CUBLEF shall be covered by NewSETA. Please take note that this is not calculated to cover airfares. Moreover, all refunds shall only happen at the end of the event before your departure. Each attendee should please bring along their boarding pass or transport tickets to complete this process.

NewSETA shall provide attendees with study materials needed for the event and training manuals.

Certificate

Each attendee who successfully completes the CUBLEF program shall be awarded the Peace Envoy Certificate. We are honoured and pleased to partner with the Ministry of Youth and Civic Education of Cameroon who shall specially endorse each of the certificates to be awarded.

Sessions

During the CUBLEF, daily sessions shall commence at 8:00 am and end at 6 pm, while the night sessions shall commence at 8 pm after dinner and end at 10 pm (All sessions are compulsory for participants).

OTHER CUBLEF PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sporting activities

ALL participants are expected to be involved in sports for peace activities. Please note that you are to come along with your complete sports attire and sporting kit for the exercises. The sporting activities include: Football, Sack race, Egg race, Dodging, Eating Competition and fashion parade.

Participant working groups

CUBLEF is designed to be interactive and participatory, and attendees are encouraged to contribute in their own personal capacity. During the event, participants shall be working in groups and teams. The teams shall be given outlined task to carryout which are in line with the purpose of CUBLEF program. Also service groups will be put in place and major task of the service group is to know the needs of the participants and to pass on the information to the organizers for immediate action. This ensures that participants contribute to the success of the event organizing. The available service groups are; Health group, Social group, and Media/Reporting group.

Late Coming/Absenteeism

NewSETA shall not tolerate late coming or absenteeism at the event. Any participant who comes late to, or absents from session(s) for more than three times during the training shall be asked to leave the event.

Smoking/alcohol

Smoking is not permitted in the event venue. If you wish to smoke, please ensure that you move away from the vicinity. For participants who take alcohol, you are also advised not to take alcohol before or during the sessions or you may be asked to forfeit that session.

Health and other contingencies

You are advised to ensure that you are medically fit to embark on any journey, sporting activities or strenuous movements to attend this event. While we may not insist on medical reports from participants, we advise you to inform us in advance of any special health condition peculiar to you.

NewSETA, OSIWA or the event administrators will not be responsible for any health condition or medical cost that may be incurred during or in the process of attending the CUBLEF program. We regret that we cannot provide health insurance cover for our

attendees. However, we shall be attentive to administer possible first aid measures and provide information and directives to get necessary medical attention should the need arise.

In addition, participants are encouraged to be very vigilant towards their personal possessions as we shall take no responsibility for any loss of private possessions incurred during or in the process of attending the CUBLEF program.

Dress code

DRESSING IS STRICTLY TRADITIONAL ATTIRE for the two days of the CUBLEF program and we suggest that moderation in dressing should guide participants. We strongly advise against dressing in a manner that unduly exposes sensitive body parts at any level. EVERY participant is also expected to come along with his/her complete sporting attire which will be used during sport sessions.

Special dress code

During the Cultural festival evening which is on the second day of the CUBLEF program, we expect every participant to attend the event dressed in the traditional local attires of THEIR REGION OR ORIGIN to promote Cameroonian culture.

Food

Participants shall be served breakfast, lunch and supper daily with a variety of at least two Cameroonian meals throughout the program.

We look forward to a fruitful outing with you in Yaoundé, the city of many possibilities!

The NewSETA Team