

It is expected that the daily events will highlight the daily themes through activities that are educational, fun, cultural and relayed through sports, music and seminars.

While the NYC shall strive to avail venues, logistics, support and staff to all activities, it is anticipated that the youth organisations, civil and public institutions and other stakeholders shall be availed an opportunity to host the various events of their choice during the festival, provided that such activities met the aims and objectives of the festival. The National Youth Council shall seek in this regard that activities, be educational, fun, relevant and informal. Some of the key events that the Youth Council shall be responsible for during the event are:-

- The Opening Ceremony
- The National Youth Award Ceremony
- The National Youth Music Festival
- The National Youth Aids Conference
- The National Youth Expo Awards
- The National Youth Sports Awards

Amongst the keynote dignitaries and guest that are expected to feature at the event are H. E. Hifikepunye Pohamba (Opening Ceremony and opening of the General Assembly) H. E. Founding Father of the Nation (National Youth Awards) as well as other leading figures from both the public and private sectors.

Venues

The activities will take place at various venues throughout Keetmanshoop including the Show grounds, the Multi -Purpose Youth Centre, schools and other public facilities in and around Keetmanshoop.

Accommodation

Accommodation will consist of standard hostel accommodation for national delegates, as well as hotel accommodation for international delegates and invited participants. The various accommodation establishments shall include the school hostels, the Multi-Purpose Youth Centre and camping grounds.

3rd National Youth Week Festival

Date: 27th April - 1st May 2010
Keetmanshoop
Namibia

NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL OF NAMIBIA
(NYC)



"Youth growing with the Nation"



Introduction

Article 45 (a) of the National Youth Council Act of 2009 makes provision for an Annual National Youth Week, dedicated to the celebration of the vibrancy, hope and potential of the youth of Namibia.

The National Youth Council envisions that this National Youth Week should become an annual celebration of the intellectual and artistic resourcefulness of young Namibians. Further we envisage that the National Youth Week should be an annual platform where Namibian youth, regardless of the race, color, political or ethnic disposition, shall be able to celebrate as Namibians. It is our hope that from now onwards the National Youth Council Week shall be celebrated annually in the form of a festival dedicated entirely and wholly to Namibia and her youth.

The National Youth Council has resolved to model the Namibia National Youth Week Festival in the form of the International World Youth and Student Festival (WYSF) of which it has been part since the Council's formation. The WYSF model will allow a wide range of youth functions to run concurrently, over a number of days, allowing a broad range of activities. This kind of an arrangement ensures a vibrancy that will allow for maximum exposure and impact of selected activities.

In 2008 the National Youth Council had its First National Youth Festival, in Oshakati, Oshana region. This event was a major success with well over 500 young people participating in various kinds of activities, amongst which was debating, Miss NYC beauty pageant, a gala dinner and a music show. This event also had the privilege of the patronage of Mr. Toby Aupiindi, Managing Director of Namibia Wildlife Resorts and D-Naff as its Ambassador.

Subsequently the NYC held its 2nd National Youth Week Festival (NYWF) in Swakopmund during 2009, with the theme 'Make your move'. The Patron was Hon. Juliet Kavetuna, the immediate past Secretary General of the National Youth Council. The Youth Ambassador was Moses 'the Hitman' Paulus, World Boxing Association (WBA) Lightweight Boxing Champion. The 2nd NYWF was adjudged a success.

The Patron for the 3rd NYWF as well as its Youth Ambassador for 2010 have not been yet been decided. The roles of the Patron and of the Youth Ambassador are to bring public prominence to the event and draw on the experience of the Patron and Ambassador respectively.

Festival Objectives:

To serve as a national interactive platform for youth through which participants can engage in a broad range of youth development initiatives, aspirations and challenges, through the use of arts and culture, seminars and sports.

Festival Aims:

Serve as an annual platform through which Namibian youth can celebrate their aspirations and hopes.

To serve as the platform through which youth organisations can highlight key youth development challenges.

To be a platform through which youth service provided in both the private and public sector can showcase youth related activities, programs and products.

To serve as the pinnacle national youth celebration event.

To be platform for artistic and cultural expression.

To serve as a platform for political and socio cultural dialogue.

To serve as a celebration of youth innovation, vibrancy and opportunities.

Theme:

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The theme of this year is 'Raising consciousness- fulfilling aspirations'. The daily focus themes are:-

Rural youth employment.

Challenges of youth development in urbanization.

Towards making tertiary education accessible to all.

Activities:

The daily activities whilst highlighting specific themes will be broad ranging so as to allow for a significant degree of choice.