



**NDJ
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Youth and Women in Action :

International Symposium on Conflict Prevention and Gender Equality

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The international symposium **“Youth and Women in Action: International Symposium on Conflict Prevention and Gender Equality”** aims to address two main themes: the prevention and combating of gender-based violence and the management and prevention of conflicts.

These are highly significant topics in Chad and the surrounding region. Various humanitarian, governmental, and civil society actors are implementing projects to impact dynamics of violence and oppression deeply rooted in recent history, with women and youth often being the primary victims. These are two subjects where an ethnographic approach, exploring the causes of violence and analysing institutions - often informal and community-based - involved in their management, can make significant contributions to theoretical reflection. It also provides crucial insights on directing development policies and actions dedicated to these issues.



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Since 2019, ACRA has collaborated with civil society organisations and partnered with the research community on programs addressing these challenges. ACRA and its partners consider empirical understanding of the causes and dynamics of gender-based violence and the nature of conflicts and their management by youth and women's associations as essential.

This understanding enables improvements for the most vulnerable populations.

The Symposium aims to facilitate **academic and practical discussions** on these topics, analysing the **mutual contributions that civil society and the academic world can make in collaboration**, based on results from on-the-ground project implementations.

The Symposium is scheduled for **June 24-27, 2024, in N'Djamena, at CEFOD.**

It will span four days: the first two days will feature various thematic panels and two roundtable discussions. On the third day, participants will engage in working groups to address specific topics and prepare general guidance documents for validation.

The fourth day will involve meetings with civil society organisations in the morning, and the presentation and adoption of final documents produced by the working groups in the afternoon, concluding the event.

Who participates?

A call for applications will be open to researchers, professors, and academics who have worked on the identified themes to present their results, studies, and analyses. Non-governmental organisations with successful practices in preventing and combating gender-based violence and conflict prevention will also be invited to present case studies and experiences.

International organisations, international NGOs, donors, and technical partners working in Sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in the Sahel, will be invited to contribute to the Symposium discussions.

For more information:

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ACRA is a non-governmental, secular, and independent organisation founded in 1968. It has over 50 years of activities in Chad. ACRA's intervention areas include **education, child protection, food sovereignty**, access to **clean water, natural resource** management, and support for **economic initiatives**.

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With a participative and inclusive approach, the project "Youth in Action for the Future of Chad! - ICSP/2021/425-403," funded by the EU, aims to contribute to conflict prevention and resolution and the strengthening of social cohesion by enhancing the capacities of youth and juvenile civil society in Chad. Specifically, the project aims for conflict prevention and peacekeeping processes to become more inclusive, with young women and men and their associations becoming agents of peace consolidation in N'Djamena and the provinces of Lac, Ouaddaï, Kanem, Moyen Chari, Borkou. Currently, 42 youth associations are implementing micro-projects in the intervention areas. Through the use of **artistic language**, community awareness moments are also planned to promote mutual understanding and key principles of **peaceful coexistence**.

For more information:

<https://acra.it/cosa-facciamo/aree-di-intervento/ciad/gioventu-in-azione>



The project HUM/2018/400-608: "The Challenge of the Forgotten Crisis in Chad: Civil Society Organizations Fight Gender-Based Violence" is a development project co-financed by the European Union. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to gender equality and the empowerment of women and young girls in Chad. The specific objective is for Chadian Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to use acquired knowledge and enhanced capacities to prevent all forms of violence (VSS) against girls and women and promote a rights-based culture.

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The project supports gender equality, empowers women and young girls, and prevents all forms of violence against them by strengthening the capacities of civil society organizations in Chad. Since January 1, 2019, the project has funded 129 Chadian CSOs, including Parents' Associations (APE) and Mothers' Associations (AME) in 6 provinces of Chad (N'Djamena, Logone Occidental, Logone Oriental, Mandoul, Moyen Chari, and Salamat), with a strong focus on areas hosting Central African refugees.

For more information:

<https://acra.it/cosa-facciamo/aree-di-intervento/ciad/violenza-di-genere-crisi-dimenticata>