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**To: Member organizations of the Pan African Youth Union (PYU)
Members of the Horn of Africa Youth Initiative (HAYI) Network
Invited Organizations**

Active Youth Participation for Conflict Transformation and Regional Integration!

East Africa Youth Forum Asmara, Eritrea 10-13 July 2012

The National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS) cordially invites you to participate in East Africa Youth Forum in the capital city of Eritrea, Asmara, from 10-13 July 2012 as well as the succeeding 5th Eri-Youth Festival, which will take place from 13-15 July 2012.

NUEYS will be conducting an East African Youth Forum with the goal of bringing together National Youth Councils, representatives of youth and student organizations, and friends to share ideas, views, best practices and concrete recommendations for active youth participation and citizenship for conflict transformation and regional integration. This forum will not only raise awareness on the pressing issues the youth of the Horn of Africa/East Africa face, but also develop a platform for youth to become more active in their communities, countries and region. For more information about the Forum, please visit our website: <http://www.nueys.org>.

The Eri-Youth Festival, which is held in Sawa every two years, celebrates the achievements and valuable role of the Eritrean youth movement in nation building, development and in preserving national unity and sovereignty. Over 25,000 youth are expected to participate in the 5th Eri-Youth Festival.

The National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS) will bear all internal costs for international participants, including accommodation, meals, internal transport and work documents throughout their stay in Eritrea.

In the coming weeks, we will send you more technical details. Please do proceed to register your participation by filling out and sending us your participation form no later than **15 June 2012**.

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