

Information sheet regarding the selection procedure for participants from the African partner country

Consistency in the composition of the groups is key to ensuring that Teams up! youth exchange projects are successful and of a high standard. The AGYO therefore considers it important to provide the participating organisations in Germany and Africa with criteria that can help both to improve the likelihood of entrance visas for Germany being granted and to ensure that the African participants are willing to return to their respective partner country concerned. Participants' unwillingness to return has negative consequences for all parties responsible for the programme, including the AGYO and the BMZ.

The criteria defined below are based on the experiences of and information from both governmental bodies and African partner organisations. Applying them can increase African participants' willingness to return to their country of residence and the likelihood of a Schengen visa being granted. We therefore ask that you and your partner use the following criteria when selecting participants from the African partner country and that you ask your partner to answer the questions listed. This information sheet is part of your forwarding agreement (see the annex to the forwarding agreement). Please also take note of the related requirement set out in Section 5.

These are the criteria we would ask you to apply:

Candidate's commitments to the activities

- Is the candidate already active in the area of the chosen SDG or the project topic?
- Has the person worked or volunteered for the partner organisation to a substantial degree and for a long period? Does the partner organisation already know them?

Reason for participation in Teams up!

- Has the candidate supplied a motivational letter?
- Have selection interviews taken place?
- What is the candidate's motivation for participating in the Teams up! project concerned?

Participant's personal situation

- Does the candidate have strong family ties in the country of residence?
- Does the candidate have strong community ties in the country of residence (e.g. volunteering, school, training provider, place of work)?
- Has a Schengen visa been issued for the candidate in the past? If so, have they been to Europe before and did they return by the stipulated date?