

Caribbean World Heritage Youth Project on Marine Biodiversity & Climate Change, Panama 25-29 January 2016

Call for Participants

We are pleased to announce that the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in cooperation with Mar Viva Foundation will organize the Caribbean World Heritage Youth Project on Marine Biodiversity & Climate Change from 25 (arrival 24) to 29 (departure 30) January 2016 in Panama. We welcome the participation of all interested members of youth organizations.

Contributing regional youth concerns in the Caribbean and Central American countries, this activity will bring together youth participants from 17 countries in the Caribbean SIDS and Central American countries (CAM) (1 participant from each of the following countries: **Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Suriname**).

The project aims to create stronger links between Caribbean SIDS and Central American countries (CAM) by empowering young people and their organizations through a regional youth project on Marine Biodiversity and Climate Change in relation to the World Heritage site of Coiba National Park and its Special Zone of Marine Protection. The activity will propose new approaches in raising awareness and in-depth insights on conservation of marine biodiversity and climate change impacts on World Heritage through the active youth participation with practical hands-on activities. It will allow the participants to raise their capacity towards planning projects on biodiversity conservation in their local communities.

● Provisional Programme

The activities include:

- Lectures by local heritage specialist and discussion with experts on Marine Biodiversity and Climate change;
- Site visits to Coiba National Park and its Special Zone of Marine Protection and Hands-on activities;
- Exchange among participants about the site in their countries.

For the detailed schedule, please refer to the provisional programme.

● Who can participate?

- Citizens of one of 17 countries mentioned above;
- Youth aged from 20 to 30 years old;
- Fluent in English and Spanish (There will be no interpretation provided);
- Can attend full length of the activity and invest time to prepare and follow up the activity;
- Preferably have experience in projects related to marine biodiversity, climate change or sustainable development in their organisation or country, currently or in the past;
- Committed to create and implement a World Heritage project, or have a past project as an example, and have experience in youth project conception and implementation;
- Have the capacity to involve other young people in their project activities and to promote their projects in their local communities, and share results afterward.

● How to Apply?

In order to get involved in the Caribbean World Heritage Youth Project on Marine Biodiversity & Climate Change, **please fill in the on-line application form** at the following link <http://goo.gl/forms/Lz6ZQDYABo> and submit it at the latest by **6 December 2015 at midnight**.

Only if the link is not working, please fill in the PDF application form and submit it by email to Ms Ines Yousfi (i.yousfi@unesco.org) with a copy to Mr Nelson De Lamare (n.de-lamare@unesco.org) at the latest by **6 December 2015 at midnight (Paris time)**.

● Additional information on costs and further procedure

The organisers will cover the costs of the airplane ticket at the most economical rate from your country to Panama, as well as the local expenses including insurance, local transport, accommodation and meals within the duration of the project.

After the selection of the participants, an official letter of invitation will be sent only to selected participants together with additional information and updated programme.

We look forward to receiving your applications by 6 December 2015 at midnight (Paris time).