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WINGS FOR EARTH CHARTER

13 September 2012 – Royal Tropical Theatre Amsterdam

Engage in the co-creation of the Thumbs Up Africa journey with youth leaders. Witness the launch of Earth Charter Dialogues.

Be inspired by the Indigenous Grandmothers and Intergenerational Feather Ceremony

"We celebrate life and call for conscious action"



13 September 2012
Royal Tropical Theatre 15.00 - 19.00:

Performance, Interactions and Earth Charter Dialogues



With contributions from:

- **Ruud Lubbers***, Earth Charter Commissioner, Former Prime Minister the Netherlands
- **Princess Irene van Lippe-Biesterfeld**, NatuurCollege
- **Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp***, Founder and President Soetendorp Institute, Earth Charter Commissioner
- **Grandmother Julieta Casimiro**, International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers Council from Mexico
- **Grandmother Rita Pitka Blumenstein**, International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers Council from Alaska
- **Most Revd. Dr. Thabo Cecil Makgoba**, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa (invited)
- **Ikenna Azuike**, Strawberry Earth, What's Up Africa
- **Neda Boin**, vocal artist, hitchhiker Thumbs Up Africa
- **Christiaan Triebert**, hitchhiker Thumbs Up Africa
- **Sierd van der Bij**, hitchhiker Thumbs Up Africa
- **Jan van de Venis***, Attorney at JustLaw and co-founder of Stand Up for Your Rights
- **Tineke Lambooy***, Nyenrode Business University, Centre for Sustainability
- **Roy Tjan**, founder and secretary Thumbs Up Foundation
- **Anna Booi**, program coordinator Thumbs Up Foundation
- **Brigitte van Baren**, Inner Sense, co-organizer Wings for Rio+20
- **Alide Roerink***, NCDO, co-chair Earth Charter International
- **Ayla van Kessel**, president Thumbs Up Foundation
- **Frans van den Boom**, President at NCDO



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Wings for Earth Charter

What?

youth empowerment - youth **leadership** - intergenerational dialogue - online **interaction** - universal responsibility – **interconnectedness** - positive development – sustainability - global **citizenship** – Africa - love and **compassion**

The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental ethical principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st century. It seeks to inspire in all people a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the wellbeing of the whole human family, the greater community of life, and future generations. It is a vision of hope and a call to action. www.earthcharterinaction.org

Why?

- To give wings to the Earth Charter. Through inspiring the attendees for (renewed) involvement with the Earth Charter. Whilst thanking Alide for her professional commitment to Earth Charter in the Netherlands while she is leaving as an employee at NCDO, we celebrate the new beginning of NCDO's ongoing commitment to keep the Earth Charter flying.

- To maintain the energy and engagement of the successful event Wings for Rio by giving attention to the power of intergenerational and interreligious collaboration for taking universal responsibility for a sustainable and harmonious global society.

- To express appreciation for Earth Charter inspired youth led initiatives, by supporting Thumbs Up Africa. Attendance to this event forms a contribution to this international transmedia adventure, with the aim to inspire youngsters worldwide to actively give shape to positive, sustainable development.

- To launch a new interactive and powerful communication instrument for others to build on: the Earth Charter Dialogues.

Registration

We are honored to invite you as our guest for Wings for Earth Charter.

Tickets for sale for € 99 (students € 29)

As your financial contribution to make Thumbs Up Africa a reality!

Make your reservations now. Please complete the following payment process:

- Log it to your own online banking system ('internetbankieren')
- As payment *description*, indicate the number of tickets, and – very important – your email address (example: 2 abcd@gmail.com)
- Calculate the total value of your tickets, and transfer this amount to: bank account 446678554 – Stichting Thumbs Up
- You will receive a conformation email as soon as we have processed your payment.

Next to attending Wings for Earth Charter, Thumbs Up Africa welcomes all to consider other ways to support and participate. Do you wish to receive a Postcard from Africa, participate in a Live Chat or a Meet and Greet African Dinner, or subscribe to the newsletter, check it out here:

<http://www.thumbsupafrika.org/contribute.html>



Program 13 september 2012

Moderator

Ikenna Azuike

Artistic Moderator

Rap, djembe and vocals by Neda Boin and friends

Live streaming

Open to everyone to attend virtually

14.30 Doors Open & Registration

15.00 Opening & Indigenous Ceremony

Launch Thumbs Up Africa

Interactively, and using multimedia, Thumbs Up team members Roy Tjan and Anna Booi present to you the international media event for youth involvement in sustainability: Thumbs Up Africa!

Earth Charter Dialogues - intergenerational and speaking from the heart

Earth Charter Family

Mother and daughter Alide Roerink, Earth Charter co-chair, and Ayla van Kessel, president Thumbs Up Foundation

Future Generations

Princess Irene van Lippe-Biesterfeld, NatuurCollege, and Jan van de Venis, Stand Up for Your Rights

Inspiration for global governance

Ruud Lubbers, Earth Charter Commissioner and Former Prime Minister of the Netherlands, and Tineke Lambooy, Nyenrode University

Feather ceremony, benediction of the Thumbs Up Africa journey

Indigenous Grandmothers Julieta Casimiro (Mexico) and Rita Pitka Blumenstein (Alaska), Archbishop of Cape Town Thabo Cecil Makgoba (invited), Earth Charter Commissioner Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp, and Brigitte van Baren share visions and ambitions with the three Thumbs Up hitchhikers Christiaan, Neda and Sierd.

Closing & reflections

18.00 Drinks



For more information

please contact one of the Organizing Partners:

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The Netherlands has a special connection with the Earth Charter Initiative, not only as a result of the engagement of Earth Charter Commissioners Ruud Lubbers and Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp and the global launch in 2000 in the Peace Palace and several key Earth Charter events in the Netherlands. Organizations and individuals from all sectors and generations in the Netherlands are inspired by the Earth Charter, among them NCDO as Earth Charter Affiliate. Alide coordinated the NCDO Earth Charter activities for the past 12.5 years and also committed herself to the global Earth Charter Initiative as co-chair of the Earth Charter International Council. www.earthcharter.nl

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Inner Sense aims to enhance inner depth in the corporate and industrial world through the application of sensible essentials in Leadership. Inner Sense values the role of the Earth Charter as an inspirational framework that guides leaders towards fair and sustainable leadership. An integral part of this vision is the participation and engagement of young (potential) leaders. To support this vision, Inner Sense intends to help create new opportunities to promote the Earth Charter. www.innersense.nl

Ayla van Kessel (Thumbs Up Foundation) 0610346139 president@thumbsupafrica.org

Guided by the Earth Charter vision, Thumbs Up raises awareness amongst youngsters worldwide for the necessity to actively build towards a sustainable future. The approach is adventurous, young, dynamic and interactive, by hitchhiking across continents, engaging in intercultural and intergenerational dialogue and connecting youngsters worldwide. First project: Thumbs Up Africa! www.thumbsupafrica.org



Wings for Earth Charter

Representatives from the following organizations are invited:

KPMG

VNO-NCW

RBS

Triodos bank

Nyenrode Business University

Achmea

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Economy Transformers

VluchtelingenWerk

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