

# DECLARATION OF KAOLACK 2016

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The UNESCO World Action Programme has the aim of having young people from different countries work together, on education of sustainable development.

The programme involved the presentation of the students' project plans concerning the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Also it contained a variety of workshops on gender, politics and culture, as well as an excursion.

This year's participants included students from Kenya, Tanzania, Senegal and Germany, ranging in age.

Based on our experiences, we developed the Declaration of Kaolack, which was this year's host city.

## **THE DECLARATION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- To fully understand the world, we must first view it from other people's perspective, because stereotypes might be right or wrong.
- From the very beginning, we understood that we were here as equals, working together for a better future.
- Sharing empathy, love, trust and peace is important for sticking together. Sharing different opinions and feelings with others is vital to see eye to eye.
- Less talking, more doing, and avoid missionating.
- We need to create a new open-minded and curious attitude towards sustainability and our earth.

## **THERE IS A SOLUTION FOR EVERY PROBLEM, BUT WE HAVE YET TO DISCOVER THEM.**

- Who defines development?
- Can traditions evolve, and what is the difference between habits and traditions?
- It is always important to question everything. Even the aforementioned statement.
- How should we deal with ignorance, injustice, hate and disrespect?  
Maybe with love?
- How shall we put projects into action that we do not wish to implement personally, e.g. reforming the educational system yet not becoming teachers ourselves?
- How can we educate others whilst not knowing all the answers?

**Remember to talk with others, not about them and just love.**