

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY DECLARATION

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SS: Hi, my name is Sehnta Souraya. I am 18 years old. I am living in N'Djamena, the capital of Chad in Central Africa. I'm studying at "Lycée Scientifique Carmen Rosales" and I'm going to finish high school this year. I speak two languages: French which is my native language and English.

AB: Hello, my name is Amani Ahmed Bashir. I am a senior at Lycée Roi Fayçal high school, and I speak two languages: Arabic and English. I am 17 years old. I live in N'Djamena, too. We both went to the U.S. to represent Chad at the Women to Women international leadership conference in July.

SS: In Chad, the population is around 11 million and most of them are young. We have many challenges such as health, poverty, gender inequality, childhood marriage, unemployment, lack of respect for human rights, illiteracy, and lack of education. For me, the main problem and challenge is education.

AB: All young Tchadians want to be educated, but we need more schools, more resources, and more teachers. The government need to do more to assist schools. I want to help improve the education system, to help train competent teachers for a better education for everybody. As young people, we are the majority and the future of Tchad.

We don't have the opportunity to realize our abilities, and that is why I want to show what we can do. I want to create a workshop for talented young Chadians where we can share our ideas freely; and by coming together, we are going to make a change for a better life for our generation and coming generations.

SS: At school, I am promoting human rights and dignity in a group.

AB: And I'm part of the "Red Cross." This organization helps poor people, gives them assistance and provides medical care to all kinds of people.

AB&SS: **We are the future, and from here we start!**