**Call for Applications: GYIN GAMBIA REGIONAL EXCHANGE VISIT TO DAKAR, SENEGAL**

GYIN Gambia Chapter is a national youth network operating across the country and have successfully implemented numerous programmes on Entrepreneurship, Rural Business Advisory Services, Leadership, Coaching and Mentoring, Information Communication Technology (ICT) etc.

GYIN Gambia Chapter will organise a one week visit of 5 young entrepreneurs’’, selected from among the Rural Youth Award winners to Dakar, Senegal to allow the participants to learn from Senegalese entrepreneurs’’ in their sectors and to form professional networks. This regional exchange visit is funded by the European Union (EU) and supported by the International Trade Centre (ITC) through the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP).

The regional exchange visit will take the Award winners to experimentally learn on Agricultural Value Chain, Fashion and Design. It seeks to improve the knowledge and practices of the participants in new technologies, production and marketing cycles in order to integrate the experience gained from the visit into their daily lives.

**Objectives:**

* Bridging the market linkages.
* Forge partnership with institutions in Dakar, Senegal .
* Have real impact on the lives of the young entrepreneurs.
* Connecting opportunities.

**Target group:** Winners of the Rural Youth Award 2017 and 2018

**Duration of the programme:** one (1) week

**Target Number of participants:** Five (5) young men and women

The programme starts on the 18th of November and finishes on the 24th of November

Application forms are available at the GYIN Gambia secretariat at Churchill’s Town.

For enquires, you can contact the following numbers: +220 3938929/ 6181700/ 9165669/ 2502929 or E-mail: gambia@gyin.org

Copies of printed applications are to be returned to GYIN Gambia office by the 8th of October.

**PLEASE ALSO EMAIL A SAMPLE PICTURE(S) OF YOUR PRODUCT(S) TO** **gambia@gyin.org** **OR WHATSAPP IT TO +220 3938929**

**Please complete the application form correctly with accurate information**

**Personal Information**

1. Name:
2. Gender: Male  Female  Others 

1. Date of birth: …………………../…………………../…………………..
2. Telephone number(s) (Preferably, WhatsApp):
3. Email:
4. Educational background: Primary  Junior  Senior  Tertiary  None 
5. Where are you residing?

Village: District: Region:

**RYA information**

Which edition of the Rural Youth Award did you attend?

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| Rural Youth Award 2017 |  |
| Rural Youth Award 2018 |  |

In which category were you awarded?

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Please list and shortly describe your achievements since you became a RYA awardee:

Please list and shortly describe your challenges since you became a RYA awardee:

1.

2.

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4.

**Venture Information**

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| a) What type of business are you in? |
| b) Is your business officially registered? |
| c) Name of business |
| d) Business location |
| e) Describe your business venture? |  |

**Business Plan**

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| Do you have a business plan? |  Yes  No  |
| If yes, give summary of the plan. What are your business goals for the next 2 - 3 years? |  |
| Do you have an idea on how to make your business sustainable? If yes, please explain. |  |

**Motivation information**

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| What do you want to learn during the Regional Exchange Visit to Dakar, Senegal? |
| Why do you wish to be selected? |

Date Signature

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