



Virtual Africa Youth Policy Consultation

Theme: Building Back Better with Young Africans

Tuesday 9th June • 15:30 – 18:00 EAT

Agenda

Session 1 (Plenary): Setting The Scene

Session Summary: This session sets the scene for the conversations of the day. It looks at the context of COVID-19 in Africa against the realities of young people, and takes stock of the continental youth response, highlighting the initiatives from partner organizations.

Time	Speakers	Moderator
15:30 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks by the Chair – Aya Chebbi, AU Youth Envoy (3 mins) Impacts of COVID 19 on African Youth: Overview” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Bakary Dosso, Chief, Demographic Dynamics for Development Section, SRO-WA (7 mins) COVID Youth Response Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Prudence Ngwenya, Head, Youth Division, HRST (6 mins) – Roberto Benes, Director, Generation Unlimited (6 mins) – Rowan Saeed, African Youth Front on Coronavirus, Sudan (6 mins) Wrap up of session – Moderator 	Rotimi Olawale, AU Office of the Youth Envoy

Session 2 (Plenary): African Youth Living and Responding to COVID-19

Session Summary: This session focuses on acknowledging the unique impact of COVID-19 on the lives of African youth, given their unique realities. It highlights the specific challenges faced by young Africans from the pandemic and its mitigation measures. Mostly, it showcases the efforts by young people to respond to different aspects of today’s reality within the pandemic, and deals with the themes of education, innovation, employment, health, and meaningful civic and community engagement.

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16:00 – 16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Adebola Williams – CEO, RED Media, Nigeria (3 mins) Ms. Petriker Paul – AU Youth Advisory Council, Tanzania (3mins) Ms. Nouha Belaid, Journalist, Tunisia (3 mins) Mr. Théophane Nzame-Biyoghe - Essayiste Gabonais, Gabon (3 mins) Q&A with attendees (30 mins) 	Ms. Aya Chebbi – AU Youth Envoy

Session 3 (Plenary and Breakouts): The COVID-19 Aftermath: Building Back Better with Young Africans

Session Summary: This session explores the work of African Member States to ensure maximum mitigation of the pandemic, and a smooth transition to the 'new normal' post-COVID-19. It takes stock of the concerns of youth over the implications of the pandemic during and after, and proposes recommendations to duty bearers to allay those concerns. Finally, it outlines the role of young Africans as a key partner in rebuilding societies and economies. Through a breakout session and a reporting back to the plenary, these conversations will be synthesized into an Outcome Document for the STC on Youth on the 17th of June.

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16:45 – 17:00	Moderator introduces the speakers who will chair each breakout room and guides attendees to move to breakout sessions. Each breakout session will discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issues and challenges in building back better; • The role of youth in building back better; • Recommendations to governments. 	Mr. Rotimi Olawale, AU Office of the Youth Envoy
17:00 – 17:35	Each breakout session will have a rapporteur to capture key points. It will begin with a brief intervention by the chair, who will then open the floor to comments and contributions on the discussion points. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakout 1: Employment - Mr. Daniel Amoako Antwi, Co-Founder, Africa Skills Hub, Ghana • Breakout 2: Health - Dr. Chiamaka Nwachukwu, AU Office of the Youth Envoy, Nigeria • Breakout 3: Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Mr. Hatim El Otmani, Atlas For Development, Morocco • Breakout 4: Civic and Community Engagement - Ms. Chaeli Mycroft, Co-Founder & Global Ambassador, The Chaeli Campaign & Chaeli Foundation, South Africa • Breakout 5: Education – Ms. Fadimatou Iyawa Ousmanou, National Youth Council, Cameroon 	
17:35 – 17:55	Plenary report- back session on key recommendations (4 mins per group)	Mr. Rotimi Olawale, AU Office of the Youth Envoy
Closing		
17:55 – 18:00	Ms. Vera Songwe, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa	