YOULEAD SUMMIT 2024 **POST SUMMIT AGENDA OF ACTION**

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About the YouLead Summit 2024

The YouLead Summit 2024 themed **"Igniting the Potential of Africa's Youthful Population; Re-instating education as an eminent public good"** brought together young people in the African continent, youth-led and youth serving organizations, governments, development partners and relevant stakeholder to deliberate on the state of affairs of African education and its relevance. The theme drew nexus to latest trends linked to its signature Forums to examine emerging issues related to socioeconomic development, evaluation of traditional practices and leveraging on traditional/Pan-African knowledge to stimulate home-grown solutions.

The outcomes of the Summit will serve as invaluable resources for key actors as they consider the structure of Africa's curricula, development plans and major education concerns that affect the continent in-depth. These will include methodologies, motivation, literacy, and professional development for the young population on the African continent.

The YouLead Post Summit Agenda of Action

Post-Summit Agenda of Action is a proactive mechanism to ensure that the life of summit discussions goes beyond the Summit reports. It is focused on actively transforming regional business and politics by providing the right environment at both policy and program levels, in partnership with the YouLead Network of organizations and formations by advocating for the implementation of summit recommendations.

This year (2024) the Post Summit Agenda attracted a different modality, with the quest from young people for a thorough submission of issues agreed in the previous YouLead Summit to enable relevant stakeholders to track progress, evaluate obligatory mechanisms towards novel and implementable propositions for the best interest of the community.

Further, the urge to warrant inclusivity of young people from Southern Africa, Western Africa, and North Africa was reiterated. Understandably, that most delegates are from East Africa; regional engagements of the Africa Youth Leadership Program (YouLead), including the signature YouLead Summit should reinvigorate expansionism for territorial coverage across the continent, this appeals to the spirit of leaving no one behind tallying with the current youth population, subsequent to the call for more resources to run the program as a conventional approach to mentor young leaders on the continent, amongst others.

The 2024 PSA split delegates into five (5) groups; to wit, Team Tanzania, Team Kenya, Team Uganda, Team Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, DRC, and Somalia, and Team Western, Southern, and Northern Africa. The table below unveils what transpired from the group deliberations.

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Country/Group	Thematic area(s)	Key Issues	Suggested Interventions	Timeline
Tanzania	Youth in Politics	 2025 General Elections (Meaningful Youth Participation) Creating responsive democratic spaces for young women 	 Sensitization of youth engagement to address political apathy in Tanzania Training on election observation and supervision 	2025
	Business & Enterprise	Raising awareness on AfCFTA (African Continental Free Trade Area)	 Virtual workshops on the AfCFTA for youth and women Capacity building for youth in business on engagement mechanism towards the AfCFTA 	2025
	Climate Justice	 East African Community climate action agenda Localization of Global Climate Justice Interventions 	 Collection of views and opinions on youth standing to address climate justice in the EAC Workshops/trainings on climate mitigation and protection measures for youth 	2025
	Gender Equality	 Education and capacity building. Integration of cultural values in advocating for gender issues. 	 Creating enabling mechanisms for more women in education/trainings for young women Addressing gender barriers to all other thematics/angles of lif 	2025
	Peace & Security	 Localization of global commitments to peace and security Digital security 	 Training on international legal frameworks for peace and security Tackling hate speech, misinformation and disinformation towards 2025 elections 	2025

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Kenya	Youth in Politics	Addressing Political Apathy in Kenya	 Establish platforms and initiatives to encourage cooperation and dialogue between youth and political leaders. Unify Political Parties Work towards building unity among political parties to promote youth involvement and reduce fragmentation in political representation. Increase Youth Media Presence through the YouLead social media platforms, Africa Unplugged and explore partnerships with media houses. Capacity Building for Youth in Campaigns and Branding: Provide training to young leaders on campaign management, branding, and communication strategies to strengthen their political efficacy. 	2025
	Women in research	 Engage Women in Budget-Making Processes Mentorship on Analytical Thinking Skills Share Fund- Related Information Seek Partnerships with NGOs 	 Advocate for women's participation in budgetary decisions, especially in research funding allocation. Establish mentorship programs to enhance women's skills in analytical thinking and policy analysis. Create channels to improve women's access to information on funding opportunities, especially in research sectors Collaborate with NGOs to secure additional resources and support for women researchers. 	2025
	Climate Action	 Form a Regional Climate Action Network Raise Awareness on Seed Banking Establish Country- Level Climate Secretariats 	 Develop a network for climate action with a focus on scientific approaches to address regional climate issues collaboratively. Launch awareness campaigns to educate communities on the importance of seed banking for biodiversity preservation and food security. Form secretariats in each country to strategize and coordinate national climate action plans. 	2025
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Uganda	Gender and Education	 Capacity building initiatives. Youth inclusion in budgeting (with Oxfam) 	 Structural Actions Formalize YouLead's gender position through internal discussions at LGA, focusing on biological inclusion (young women/men). Integrate gender advocacy into African Unplugged (e.g., discussions on cultural barriers). Capacity building Leverage EAC Youth Fellowship and Lead(H)er Fellowship for gender-inclusive leadership training. Alumni Engagement Alumni Engagement; Expand African Unplugged for alumni-led discussions on education and gender. Strategic Focus Avoid new thematic areas; instead, showcase existing work with partners (e.g., Global Partnership for Education, Oxfam). Mentor young women in budget analysis and policy advocacy. 	2025	
	Politics	 Training and capacity building to help youth present their opinions strategically. Youth engagement in democratic and electoral processes 	 Peer-to-peer training on civic responsibilities. Seeking accreditation for youth to observe elections. 	2025	
	Peace & Security	• Campaigns and roundtable conversations to promote peace and security.	 Proposals for youth-led initiatives in this area. 	2025	
	Climate Justice	 Awareness and sensitization campaigns. 	 Inclusion of youth in decision-making processes. 	2025	

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Team Western, Southern Africa	Youth participation in politics	Organize Educational Programs for Youth Participation in Elections	Develop educational initiatives to inform youth about the electoral process and encourage active participation.	2025
	Funding youth ideas	 Funding youth ideas Secure Funding for Youth Programs Through Proposal Writing 	 Write proposals to secure funding for youth- focused programs, such as intergenerational dialogues and mentorship opportunities. 	2025
	Forging Partnerships for youth development	 Foster Partnerships with CSOs, NGOs, Private Sector, and Government 	 Engage with civil society organizations, non- governmental organizations, the private sector, and government entities to enhance youth political involvement. Sustaining and Expanding Partnerships Focus on strengthening existing partnerships (EAC, AfCFTA, Plan International) while securing new collaborations through donor diversification and formalizing MOUs with leadership institutes. Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement CSOs/NGOs: Partner with Femnet (gender), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (peace), and UNITAR (youth training). Government: Boost ties with EAC (election observation) and AfCFTA (funding/MOUs). Private Sector/Media: Map media platforms for youth campaigns. Institutional Collaboration & Capacity Building Enhance staff skills through TCDC-supported training in fundraising and partnership management, while boosting youth engagement by expanding the African Unplugged platform and reviving the YouLead newsletter 	2025
	Climate Justice	 Awareness and sensitization campaigns. 	 Inclusion of youth in decision-making processes. 	2025
 				

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Team Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, DRC, and Somalia	Climate	 Expanding youth advocacy on climate. Raising awareness on climate financing and protection of biodiversity 	Advocating for climate-responsive legislation and COP engagement.	2025
	Peace & Security	 Expanding awareness on advocacy for peace. Mitigating future conflicts. 	 Endorsing national peace councils, working through the East African Youth peace networks to run peace and security awareness and advocacy campaigns 	2025
	Politics	 Capacity development for youth enabling them to engage in political spaces. 	 Working with consortium partners and Political political parties youth wings to have a common agenda towards development. 	2025
	Business	 Awareness of AfCFTA, especially through media platforms. Organizing youth business forums, bootcamps and workshops 	• Youth engagement in integration and sensitization of regional business corporations like AfCFTA.	2025
	Research and Development	 Engagement and collaboration with private institutions to enhance women's participation in research focused on protecting indigenous heritage through advocacy and mentorship initiatives. 	 Increased women's participation in research through advocacy and partnerships, mentorship for women in budget-making, and revitalizing the YouLead newsletter for research updates 	2025