



# YouLead Summit 2022

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## THANK YOU NOTE FROM YOULEAD DIRECTOR

On April 20th 2023, I will turn 36 years of age. By legal confines, and in the words of H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, while addressing the APRM Continental Youth Symposium in Kampala in July 2022, I will become a “former youth”. By my own choice, YouLead Summit 2022 became my last summit to convene, ever since the first summit in 2017. Honoured and humbled to have been part of a beautiful growth, it’s heartwarming to note that over the years, we have grown and built a capable team that can now take over and ensure continuity and even make greater the platform.

The East African Community (EAC), MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MSTCDC) and the East African Business Council (EABC) convened the 6th YouLead Summit 2022, from 12-16 December in Arusha Tanzania under the theme: Digital Access and Future of Work. Acknowledgment with gratitude goes to H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania, and Hon. Dr Peter Mathuki, Secretary General of the East African Community.

I would like to thank the convening partners, as well as the other partners who have joined forces to ensure the success of YouLead Summit 2022, including the Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC), Oxfam, African Union’s African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat (APRM), International Trade Centre, the Independent Continental Youth Advisory Council on AfCFTA (ICOYACA), ActionAid International and Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre based at Makerere University.

I also would like to thank partners, mentors and young people who have contributed and actively participated in the series of pre-summit activities and events, including the Continental Bootcamp for 60 Youth Leaders and Policy Makers on Youth Inclusion in Social-Economic Development and Policy Formulation in Africa held from Monday, December 5th to Friday, December 9th in Arusha that drew participation from 15 African Countries.

Overwhelming gratitude goes to our 620 delegates from over 45 African countries attending the Summit physically in Arusha, and over 2300 virtual delegates. Their active participation made it possible to deliver the four main forums of YouLead Summit: the Under 40 Political Leaders Forum held on Monday 12 December that also featured the Policy Makers and Development Partners Roundtable, and a Continental Fireside chat on Leadership for the Africa we want, the Under 40 Business Leaders Forum focused on how to make the AfCFTA work for youth through the Protocol on Women and Youth in Trade, held on 13th December that featured the East Africa Youth Enterprise Awards (YEA), the Gender Equality Forum and the Arusha Peace Forum held on Wednesday, 14th December. Their engagement was vital, as well, on Thursday 15th December, dedicated to developing a Post-Summit Agenda of Action by delegates and partners as a proactive post-summit program mechanism and providing the right entry points and opportunities for both policy and program level interventions and partnerships.



I also would like to thank YouLead Africa Secretariat, EAC Youth Ambassadors, the volunteers and young people who valuably supported the preparation of the Summit, including the unveilings and launches featured during the Summit. Among them, the Launch of Tanzania Youth Democracy Dialogue Project funded by the US Embassy in Tanzania and the presentation of the EAC Youth Leadership Fellowship - an emerging leaders fellowship initiative being developed by the East African Community, Jakaya Kikwete Foundation, MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation, Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre (Uganda) and Emerging Leaders Foundation (Kenya). The summit also featured the unveiling of the MS TCDC - Danida Fellowship Partnership - Together for Impact.

I thank the young innovators who were featured during the Pitching session for EAC Youth Enterprise Awards (EAC YEA) for cross-border trade innovations focused on post-COVID19 economic recovery, and aimed at creating decent jobs for youth. Vote of thanks goes also to the partners and young people who participated, contributed and attended the launch of the Afrikan Youth Business Council (AfYBC) by H.E. Albert Muchanga, African Union's Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals. The AfYBC is a continental apex body for youth-led business entities.

As we look forward to YouLead Summit 2023, the summit was climaxed with a popular survey for delegates to contribute toward the YouLead Summit 2023 theme and destination. A majority of participants voted for the 2023 theme to be "Youth Economic Empowerment", followed by "The role of Youth Innovations in advancing the Buy Africa - Build Africa Agenda".

On the destination city for the 2023 YouLead Summit by vote, delegates wish to see the summit hosted in Nairobi, Kigali, Kampala, Arusha, Bujumbura, Kinshasa and Juba respectively. Important to note is that voting by delegates is one among other factors that are considered for the theme and destination of each year's YouLead Summit.

Last but not least, I thank notable speakers of the Summit, including H.E. Fatoumata Tambajang, former Vice President of the Gambia, Hon. Amb. Ezéchiel Nibigira, Chairperson, EAC Council of Ministers, who doubles as Minister Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture Republic of Burundi, Hon. Rebecca Miano, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of EAC Affairs, H.E. Albert M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry, Mining (ETIM) at the African Union, Mr. John Bosco Kalisa, Chief Executive Officer - East Africa Business Council, H.E. Donald J. Wright, US Ambassador to Tanzania, Ms. Charlene Ruto, First Daughter of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Mette Norgaard, Danish Ambassador to Tanzania, Hon. Paula Ingabire, Minister responsible for ICT and Innovation in the Republic of Rwanda, Prof. Eddy Maloka, Hon. Dr. Peter Mathuki, EAC Secretary General represented by Dr. Irene Charles Isaka, Director Social Sectors at EAC, Ms Hodan Addou, UN Women Representative in Tanzania, Hon. Maasay Pamela Simon, EALA MP, Tanzania, Hon. Nusrat Hanje, MP Tanzania, Dr Mona Girgis, Director of Plan International Tanzania. Ms Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, AU Youth Envoy, among other dignitaries, Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director of the International Trade Centre, Ms. Yafika Chitanda, representative of the AfCFTA Secretariat, and Ms. Makena Mwobobia, Executive Director of MS-TCDC and Mr. Ronnie Murungu, Africa and Middle East Director at the International Youth Foundation.

**Ivan Atuyambe**  
Head of Leadership and Governance Academy  
Training Centre for Development Cooperation  
YouLead Program Director





## WORD FROM YOULEAD AFRICA'S PATRON

Excellencies, distinguished young people and dear friends,

YouLead Summit is convened annually by the Secretary-General of the East African Community, in collaboration with MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation, and other partners. Since 2020, it has been an honor serving as patron of this noble youth leadership development initiative of the East African Community that now spans the continent of Africa. To all the government leaders, members of the legislatures, policymakers, technocrats and young leaders from the private and public sector, who attended the summit – I salute you.

I urge every African leader to urgently start engaging the youth in decision-making processes, in order to better face the realities of the 21st century, which are being shaped by circumstances beyond the control of many of our people. That is the very least we can do in a continent where 65% of the population is under the age of 35 years.

**HE Jakaya M Kikwete**  
**Former President of the Republic of Tanzania**  
**and YouLead's Patron**



## WORD FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

The treaty establishing the East African Community is people-driven and the youth form not only part of the population but constitute the largest number. That is to say, the community belongs to the youth.

Therefore, as the EAC, we feel it is important to hold this youth summit. We want the youth to know the community belongs to them, encourage them to take responsibility, and let them know that now is the time to do so.

Now is the time to promote dialogue across cultures and generations. Now is the time to establish a structured approach to youth engagement with policymakers so that whatever decisions are being made for our countries, youth are part of those discussions.

We must identify and understand the existing gaps in order to create capacity for the future. Africa needs over 12-15 million jobs annually to absorb the youth entering the labour market. To achieve this, we cannot ignore the relevance of technology, a field in which the youth are most adept and need support to transform their talents into solutions that create impact. We cannot achieve the Sustainable development goals like no poverty, zero hunger, gender equality, decent work and economic growth unless we make smart investments in and strategic partnerships with the youth.

It is the duty of every government and other stakeholders to empower the youth through deliberate and enabling policy frameworks to promote innovation. It is important to address issues which directly affect businesses; political instability, climate change, inadequate financing for youth-led solutions.

Therefore we as the EAC stand with and for the youth and will do whatever it takes to involve them in our processes.

I pledge from where I sit to continue working with all the stakeholders to promote the ideals of empowering young people as leaders, not of tomorrow, but of today. Thank you and God bless you.

**Hon. Dr. Peter Mathuki**  
**Secretary General**  
**East African Community**



## WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MS TRAINING CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Africa is the richest continent in resources (including human resource), we are fortunate to be able to draw on the resourcefulness and creativity of the more than 1.2 billion young people, this demographic advantage therefore compels key actors' accountability for practicability of young peoples' engagement in political and economic governance. Governments must invest in their capacity in issues that affect young people, stakeholders should keep mobilizing supporters to mobilize young people as an important sphere of African development.

We must say that the YouLead program has proven that the meaningful engagement, adequate resourcing, capacity building, effective leadership and governance, and mentorship of young people can be appropriately addressed. To that end, I call upon a greater partnership with our development partners, private sector and governments, CSO's and the young people's constituency to make Africa's development a reality by bringing together our vast youth resource through the YouLead Summit 2022.

**Ms. Makena Mwobobia,**  
**Executive Director**  
**MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation**





## WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EAST AFRICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL

As of 2019, three of the ten fastest-growing economies in the world were Rwanda, Tanzania and Ethiopia. This growth is anchored in infrastructure investment, private consumption, and dedicated regional integration. It is evidence of the existence of strong commitment and political will which is driving economic growth and prosperity. As we work to complement each other and support our communities to derive the full benefits of regional and now, continental integration through the AfCFTA, there are key issues we cannot ignore.

Among those are putting forward women and youth to take a leading role in creating trade based economic solutions and addressing economic inequality and bridging the employment opportunity gaps for women and youth. The East African Business Council in collaboration with YouLead Africa, is harnessing youth talents and advancing their voices through the EAC Youth Enterprise annual YouLead Summit to ensure they are part and parcel of building 'The Africa we want'.

**Mr John Bosco Kalisa**  
**Executive Director**  
**East African Business Council**

# ABOUT YOULEAD

YouLead is a joint initiative of MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MSTCDC) and the East African Community (EAC) in Arusha, Tanzania. H.E. Jakaya Kikwete, former President of Tanzania is current Patron. YouLead Secretariat is situated within MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation's Leadership and Governance Academy (LGA). YouLead is Africa's flagship youth program seeking to unlock youth potential for a prosperous continent. We work to unlock youth leadership potential for a prosperous continent by identifying, recognizing, connecting and fostering cooperation among Africa's vibrant and influential young leaders and their initiatives. Our work is premised on our passion and apparent need for mobilizing, skilling and tooling African young women and men for effective participation in economic and political life. Two Program Pillars form the foundations of our work and provide opportunities and entry points for quick wins and long term impact partnerships through our signature multi-stakeholder youth programming and engagement approach.

Our youth in politics work explores models and solutions on youth participation in political life - how youth leadership in public sector governance can be re-invented and entrenched. Our youth in business work examines the "state of doing business environment" and promotes business policy dialogue between young business leaders and economic policy makers for a better policy environment for youth led enterprises.

The annual climax of our year of work is YouLead Summit, one of Africa's largest and most diverse forum of young leaders, mentors, government policy makers, development partners, private sector, academia, media and civil society from all over Africa to craft responses to the continent's rapidly growing youth population, their challenges and opportunities.



Delegates at #YouLead22

# YOULEAD SUMMIT 2022

Since 2017, YouLead Summit has been the climax event and convening platform for different stakeholders to debate, assess and deliberate on the most pressing issues affecting young people.

In 2017, the inaugural YouLead Summit was themed “Unlocking Youth Leadership Potential: Youth at the Centre of East African Integration”. In 2018, the second East Africa Youth Leadership Summit was themed “Youth Political and Economic Inclusion: Scenarios for Sustainable Regional Integration”. In 2019, the Summit was held under the theme “Youth at the crossroads: Migration, participation and access to opportunities”. The 2020 Summit was encountered with the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and resulted in the incorporation of the virtual component as a preventive measure. Despite the challenges, the 2020 Summit was held under the theme “Development is People: Youth at the Centre of the Peace and Development Agenda”. The 2021 YouLead Summit was themed “The Future of Africa: Creating Jobs, Feeding, and Housing the World’s Youngest Continent”.

Delegates attending the Summits (2017-2022)	<u>Physical: 160</u> <u>Virtual: 25,490</u>
Dignitaries attending the Summits (2017-2022)	<u>Physical: 56</u> <u>Virtual: 62</u>
Speakers contributing to the Summits (2017-2022)	<u>Physical: 270</u> <u>Virtual: 55</u>
Countries represented in the Summits (2017-2022)	<u>Africa: 20</u> <u>Other: 5</u>
Partners and Contributors (2017-2022)	<u>43</u>
Volunteers engaged during the Summits (2017-2022)	<u>103</u>



The success of the 2022 YouLead Summit relies on the convening power of YouLead, as well as success of previous editions (as outlined above), bringing together young people, policy-makers, development partners, civil society organizations and academia.

YouLead Summit 2022 was held from the 12th to the 16th December 2022 at the EAC Headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania, and MS-Training Centre for Development Cooperation under the theme: Digital Access and Future of Work.

The Summit was co-convened by H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, former president of Tanzania and YouLead Patron, H.E. Fatoumata Tambajang, former Vice-President of the Republic of the Gambia, Hon. Dr. Peter Mathuki, Secretary-General of the East African Community, Ms. Makena Mwobobia, Executive Director of MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation, and Ms. Angelina Ngalula, Board Chairperson of the East African Business Council.

The selection of 2022 theme particularly sought to take stock of the transformational role of digital access on the future of work in Africa's development agenda and re-position Africa's digitalization agenda as a pre-eminent public good, examine efforts to recover from pandemic-related employment and income losses, renew policy and business leaders' collective commitment to improving young peoples' digital access and bridging the digital opportunities gap given its effects on society in the political, economic and social spheres of life today and tomorrow.

The Summit serves as a forum for the examination of the state of digital transformation and the future of work and aimed at putting forward solution models for a predictable future of decent employment and work opportunities for African youth. The role of policy makers and the private sector in securing a shared future through innovations was prominently featured and a pledging session was hosted for government and private sector leaders to share their commitments to supporting the digitalization agenda for youth employment. Selected case studies from African nations in general were utilized to demonstrate how the digitalization agenda has worked as a tool for economic transformation and development in general.



*A cross section of delegates during opening remarks on day 1 of #YouLead22*

# YOULEAD SUMMIT CONVENING ORGANIZATIONS

## MS Training Centre For Development Cooperation

MS-TCDC is a Training Centre for Development Cooperation in East and Southern Africa, situated in Arusha Tanzania. The Centre was founded in 1967 on the basis of a bilateral agreement between the governments of Denmark and Tanzania. MS-TCDC offers technical assistance and capacity building programs for the state and non-state actors in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Arab regions to enhance their ability to influence democratic governance, equitable, sustainable, and transformative change. MS TCDC program priority areas are good governance, transformational leadership, gender equality, youth voice, participation, and climate governance. The Centre offers a lively international atmosphere promoting the sharing and cross-cultural mediation.

***YouLead Summit is convened annually by YouLead's mother organizations, MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation and the East African Community, and different partners.***

## East African Community

The East African Community (EAC) is a regional intergovernmental organization of seven (7) Partner States; Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Its vision is a prosperous, competitive, secure, stable and politically united East Africa within a mission of widening and deepening economic, political, social and cultural integration to improve the quality of life of the people of East Africa through increased competitiveness, value-added production and investment. The community's greatest asset is young people and are the drivers in facilitating regional integration.



# RECAP OF YOULEAD SUMMIT 2022



*Panel discussion during the Under 40 Business Leaders Forum on Day 2 of #YouLead22 at the EAC Headquarters*

YouLead Summit 2022, held under the theme “Digital Access and Future of Work”, featured three main Forums, complemented by evening activities. Day one hosted the Under 40 Political Leaders Forum, which examined the policy and institutional environment and the state of youth participation in political governance, explored factors that help or hold back youth from becoming leaders, and advanced new thinking on what it will take for Africa’s youth to become the leadership for the Africa we want. The Policy Makers and Development Partners Roundtable examined the role of policy makers and development partners in creating an enabling environment for Young People’s Participation. The roundtable examined the relevance of the Africa-Europe Partnership to African youth and how to best make it work for African youth in the areas of digital access, economic opportunities and decent work for youth especially under the AfCFTA.

During the second day, the Under 40 Business Leaders Forum explored making the AfCFTA Promises to African Youth a Reality - Opening Markets and Opportunities for Women, Youth and SMEs. It also served as the last mile for YouLead’s ongoing process of collaboration with the AfCFTA Secretariat, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa on consultation and collecting of youth and women views and contributions for AfCFTA Protocol on Youth and Women in Trade.



The third day featured the Gender Equality Forum, which offered a platform for discussion for African youth's priorities towards the Commission on Status of Women 67 - Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. The Arusha Peace Forum hosted a discussion on Youth Peace and Conflict, Climate Change Nexus from policies to actions. The Arusha Peace Forum assessed achievements so far from UNSCRs on YPS (2250, 2419 and 2535) and AU Continental Framework on YPS and discussed the important steps to be taken so that those important policies transform into impactful actions.

As a bonus point, during the YouLead Summit, the inaugural EAC Youth Fellowship was unveiled - an Emerging Leaders Fellowship initiative being developed by EAC, Jakaya Kikwete Foundation and MSTCDC.



*Izabela Elly Mwamalekela, Dreams Alive Foundation emphasises a point during a panel discussion at the Gender Equality Forum on day 3 of #YouLead22*



*A delegate leading a discussion during the post summit agenda on day 4 of #YouLead22*

On day four, the Post-Summit Agenda discussion was hosted to ensure that the life of summit discussions goes beyond the summit reports. The last day, through the Arusha Experience, participants had the opportunity to explore the many features and recreational opportunities that Arusha and its surrounding offer.

This report provides an overview of the discussions held during the Under 40 Political Leaders Forum, the Under 40 Business Leaders Forum and the Gender Equality Forum, as well as Arusha Peace Forum. The Post-Summit Agenda complements this report.

# MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2022 (DAY I) UNDER 40 POLITICAL LEADERS FORUM

**Venue: MS Training Centre For Development Cooperation**

The morning session of the first day of YouLead Summit marked the commencement of the Summit. During this session, dignitaries and high-level officials provided remarks marking the opening of YouLead Summit, as well as welcoming both physical and virtual delegates to the Summit.

Ms Makena Mwobobia opened the YouLead Summit by greeting the delegates and dignitaries, and highlighting the relevance of YouLead Summit which provides a platform for youth and policy makers to dialogue on what is in the best interest of their respective communities and Africa at large.

Ms Makena then thanked Hon. Dr Peter Mathuki, Secretary General of the East African Community, and H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, former President of Tanzania and YouLead Patron, for the support and leadership. Lastly, Ms. Makena expressed her appreciation to all the partners for the valuable contribution provided to the success of the Summit. Ms Makena's remarks were followed by the ones of Ms. Julie Koch, International Director of ActionAid Denmark, highlighted the challenges that young people face, including poverty, unemployment and climate change, and the importance of supporting youth to ensure positive change can happen because they are the future of Africa.



*Executive Director MSTCDC, Ms Makena Mwobobia giving opening remarks on day 1 of #YouLead22*

H.E. Amb. Donald J. Wright, Ambassador of US to Tanzania, highlighted the support of the US Embassy to young people, and how youth are vital to Africa's future, and as such they must sit at the decision-making table. The remarks of the Ambassador were followed by the ones of Dr. Irene Charles Isaka, Director of Social Services at the East African Community, representing Hon. Dr. Peter Mathuki. Dr. Irene highlighted the work of the East African Community, including the one of the East African Community Youth Ambassadors Platform, and outlined the importance of the Summit as an opportunity to support youth inclusion in digital spaces and democratic processes.

H.E. Fatoumata Tambajang, former Vice-President of the Republic of the Gambia, provided virtual remarks, outlining that YouLead Summit 2022 is a milestone that attempts to address a variety of issues ranging from social justice to transformational leadership. Her Excellency commended youth leadership, and called for leadership accountability to ensure that resources are used equitably for the benefit of African people. Lastly, Her Excellency called for intergenerational dialogue and leadership. The remarks of Her Excellency, were followed by the ones of Hon. Amb. Ezéchiél Nibigira, Chairperson of the EAC Council of Ministers, who doubles as Minister Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture of the Republic of Burundi. Hon. Amb. Ezéchiél highlighted that the EAC should promote the development of technology in order to respond to youth challenges, and as such the EAC should invest more in technology to upscale youth engagement and empowerment.

Conclusion of the morning session was the keynote address by Mr. Jean Yves Adou, Ag. Director of Monitoring and Evaluation at APRM Continental Secretariat, representing Prof. Eddy Maloka, Chief Executive Officer at the African Union Peer Review Mechanism Continental Secretariat. Mr. Jean Yves Adou commenced his speech by highlighting the MoU between MS-TCDC and APRM secretariat to spearhead the youth agenda. He continued by acknowledging the various partners, and acknowledged the various governments with youth inclusive governance.

The afternoon session of the first day of the Summit featured two main sessions, namely the launch of the Tanzania Youth Democracy Dialogue Project and the plenary experience-based young leaders debate on "if you sat where they (the leaders) sit".

The launch of the Tanzania Youth Democracy Dialogue Project featured remarks from H.E. Donald J. Wright, US Ambassador to Tanzania, Hon. Maasay Pamela Simon, EALA MP, Tanzania, Hon. Nusrat Hanje, MP Tanzania and Arif Fazel, Global Platform Coordinator, Tanzania.





*H.E Donald J. Wright, US Ambassador to Tanzania giving remarks during the launch of the Tanzania Youth Democracy Dialogues at #YouLead22*

H.E. Donald J. Wright highlighted that youth in Africa want democracy, and that democracy gives us, especially to the youth, the opportunity to build, strengthen, learn, share ideas, collaborate and get mobilized to achieve the Tanzania we want. Hon. Maasay Pamela Simon highlighted the relevance of such an initiative, and called upon the integration of climate change as a key to achieve digital access and the future of work in Tanzania. Hon. Nusrat Hanje called on youth MPS to connect with the youth by meeting them, engaging them and ensuring young people are meaningfully engaged. She called upon having special seats in political parties for youth to represent their colleagues in youth parliaments, and to champion their causes as youth leaders.

Arif Fazel presented the Youth Democracy Dialogues Project in Tanzania, funded by the US Embassy in Tanzania, and implemented by YouLead Africa and the consortium members in Tanzania, namely: Tunaweza Organization, Global Platforms Tanzania, Voice of Youth Tanzania, Africa Youth Transformation, Kijana Hali Foundation, Pamoja Youth Initiative, Tanzania Youth Vision Association, Empower Youth Prosperity, Bethany International Services, and Mwanza Youth and Children Network.

The Youth Democracy Dialogues project comes after the broad topic of debating and defining the kind of democracy Tanzania Youth want in their country, which has always received attention and elicited mixed reactions from national leaders and the general public. The project intends to reach more than 10,000 young people in person and through online platforms in 10 regions targeting young people aged between 15-35 coming from different backgrounds, including universities, young entrepreneurs, youth from political parties, influential young Tanzanians active in politics and civil societies, established opinion leaders and stakeholders among the political and economic elite, national and regional media outlets, and the general public.

Following the launch, dignitaries, guests and delegates engaged in the plenary discussion on “If you sat where they (the leaders) sit”, and the conversation provided the opportunity for delegates to outline their priorities if they were the leaders in certain elected positions. Young people called on accountability to the people, as well as transparency. Other delegates outlined the importance of changing the education system, and investing in local manufacturing, as well as ensuring youth are included in all decision-making programs. Other delegates outlined the importance of leaders in ensuring that there is no spread of hate speech, but also investing in young people in key areas that benefit the country’s agenda. Another relevant area that emerged from the conversation was decolonization, as well as investment in health and ensuring the inclusion of differently-abled people in leadership.

The session outlined young people’s readiness in taking up leadership roles and positions, driven by the purpose of leaving no one behind. Following the session, MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation, the Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation, the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre (Makerere University) and the EAC Secretariat, proceeded with the presentation of the EAC Youth Fellowship and call for partnerships.



*Hon. Nusrat Hanje, MP Tanzania giving remarks during the launch of the Tanzania Youth Democracy Dialogue Project*

The day ended with an inspirational fireside chat between delegates and Dr. Suzan Nassozi Muwanga, the first Female head of Department of Political Science at Makerere University and Executive Director of the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre.



*Dr. Suzan Nassozi Muwanga, Executive Director of the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre sharing her life experiences during a Fireside chat with #YouLead22 delegates*

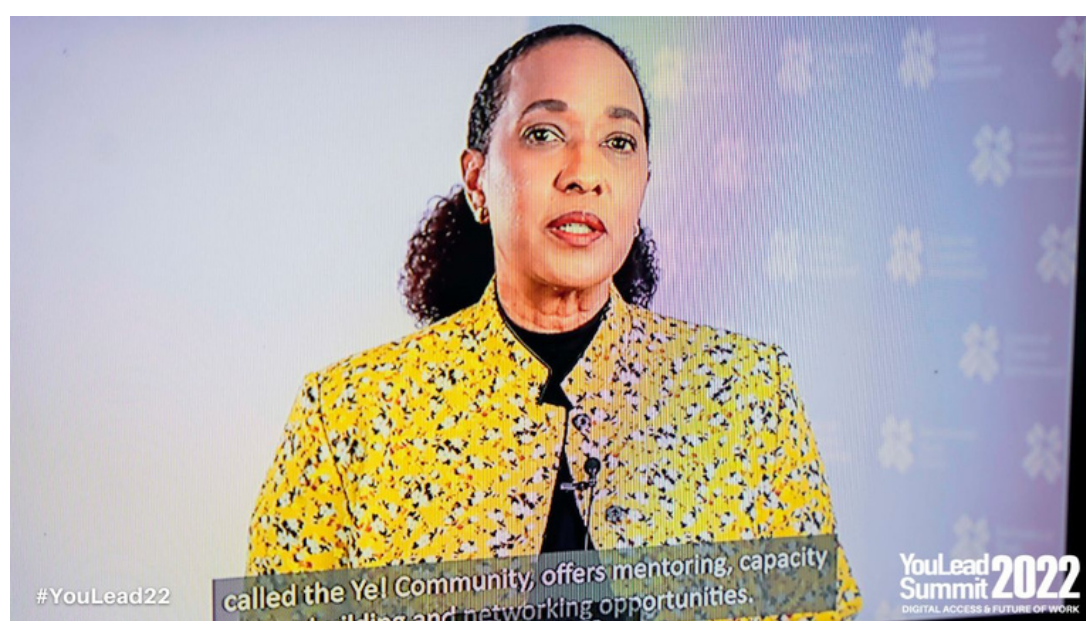
## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2022 (DAY II)

### UNDER 40 BUSINESS LEADERS FORUM

**Venue: East African Community Headquarters**

Tuesday, December 13th was dedicated to the Under 40 Business Leaders Forum, with the objective of assessing the entry points and opportunities for women and youth in trade and entrepreneurs in the AfCFTA women and youth in Trade Protocol. The Forum started with opening remarks by distinguished guests and representatives of MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation and the East African Community, setting the foundation for a fruitful dialogue.

What emerged from the opening remarks provided by the East African Business Council, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the International Trade Centre is that youth have limited knowledge of opportunities in export trade and ways to integrate into value chains such as agribusiness, tourism, pharmaceutical, textile and garments, automotives. There is a low level of digital embrace in terms of trade, as well as lack of awareness on trade procedures, and high costs of transport and logistics, among others. A call to action that stakeholders and youth made include digital economy, capacity building, knowledge sharing and strengthening intellectual property rights.



*Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director, International Trade Centre delivering a virtual address during the Under 40 Business Leaders Forum*



The opening session was followed by the Policy Makers and Development Partners Roundtable, a session that was slated from Day I to Day II, which hosted a fruitful dialogue and exchange on Africa-Europe partnership and entry points for young people. The discussion, which hosted representatives from both Africa and Europe, including the African Peer Review Mechanism and the Young European Federalists, tackled the following aspects, namely partnership for green transition and energy, partnership for digital transformation, sustainable development and jobs, peace and governance, and migration and mobility. As a result of the dialogue, it became clear the importance of championing intergenerational leadership to bring young people to the table of key negotiators and involve them in implementation processes.



*Representatives from both Africa and Europe, including the African Peer Review Mechanism and the Young European Federalists during the Policy Makers and Development Partners Roundtable on day 2 of #YouLead22*

The afternoon session of the Under 40 Business Leaders Forum provided an opportunity for delegates and distinguished guests to discuss YouLead's work on Youth in Business, Trade and Enterprise, and the entry points and opportunities for women and youth in trade entrepreneurs in the AfCFTA women and youth in Trade Protocol.

Entry point for this discussion was a presentation by YouLead Secretariat of its work on youth in business, trade and enterprise which included a summary of pre-summit activities, such as the AfCFTA Youth Inclusion Accelerator Project and the National public-private sector roundtable dialogues on youth and AfCFTA.

### **Spotlight: AfCFTA Youth Inclusion Accelerator Project (AfCFTA-YIAP)**

This continental project funded by GIZ-AU and implemented by YouLead Secretariat and its continental ad-hoc working group has as objective the amplification of continental mobilization, awareness, engagement, and participation of African young people between the ages of 18 and 35 years in the Popularization and Implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA).

For further information, please visit our dedicated [website page](#).

The presentation was followed by the Pitching Session of the EAC Youth Enterprise Accelerator Awards (EACYEA) for cross-border trade innovation. The session started with two impact stories from previous EACYEA participants, highlighting the impact of such initiative. This was followed by the presentation by four seven applicants of the EACYEA 2022, who were given the opportunity to present their business idea proposals, and invite start-up investment from partners attending the Summit.



*Emmanuel Buusiwa, Wallycard (Uganda) pitching his fin-tech business during the EAC Youth Enterprise Accelerator Awards*

The pitching session featured the following entrepreneurs:

***Alfred Opio, Kaino Project (Uganda):*** Alfred runs a project in Soroti, Uganda, focusing on Early Childhood Digital learning through Kaino Africa. The project focuses on numeracy, easy, and simplified learning sessions among children and teenagers.

***Emmanuel Buusulwa, Wallycard (Uganda):*** Wallycard created a credit card solution to improve financial literacy and improve financial decision-making among young people, especially teenagers. Wallycard's core business is training in financial literacy.

***Kevin Niyonkuru, Spota Company (Burundi):*** SPOTA is a microbusiness company that focuses on processing potatoes into baking flour and sugar. The main problem SPOTA seeks to solve is the limited access to industrial produced sugar that is expensive in Burundi. SPOTA produces a number of nutritious products out of sweet potatoes, including porridge, baking flour and potato chips for several demographic and markets in the country.

***Peter Garang Nor, SUDD Health Tech (South Sudan):*** SUDD Health leverages digital solutions to offer sexual and reproductive health to young women and women. SUDD offers remote patient monitoring, video conferencing and a client health emergency fund among its business models.

### **Spotlight: EAC Youth Enterprise Acceleration Awards (YEA)**

The East African Community (EAC) Youth Enterprise Acceleration Awards is one among our Youth in Business initiatives, developed in response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and in search for ways to be part of creating solutions in the spirit of "building forward with youth", under YouLead's Youth in Business Program Pillar which strives toward youth inclusion in economic governance and enhancing access to economic opportunities and decent work for sustainable development.

For further information, please visit our dedicated [website page](#).



Following the pitching session, delegates and distinguished guests discussed the importance of tech, digital marketing and data analysis, among others. Distinguished guests and speakers included Hon. Pamela Maasay, EALA MP from Tanzania, Hon. Rebecca Miano, CS Ministry of the EAC of Kenya, and Hon. Paula Ingabire, Minister responsible for ICT and innovation in the Republic of Rwanda, who provided a ministerial address on “Tech Policy, Digital Transformation, and Future of Work: the case of Rwanda’s Digital Transformation Vision”.

The discussion and the Under 40 Youth in Business Forum was closed with remarks by H.E. Albert M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry, Mining at the African Union, who officially Launched the Afrikan Youth Business Council (AfYBC)



*Mr John Bosco Kalisa CEO, East African Business Council, Hon. Nusrat Hanje, MP Tanzania, Hon. Maasay Pamela Simon Member EALA, Miss Charlene Ruto, First daughter Kenya, Mr. Ivan Atuyambe, Summit Director 2022 and several young business leaders during the Launch of the Afrikan Youth Business Council*

The Afrikan Youth Business Council is a continental apex body for youth-led private sector entities, institutions and associations in Africa advocating for a youth friendly business policy environment in general and making AfCFTA Promises to African youth a reality in particular. The mission is being a leading youth-led continental private sector organization that advocates for youth friendly economic and trade policies, promotes fair trade, fair competition, connectivity for youth led enterprises and promotes free movement of persons, goods, services and skills for youth.

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2022 (DAY III) - ARUSHA PEACE FORUM & GENDER EQUALITY FORUM

**Venue: East African Community Headquarters**

The morning of the third day of YouLead Summit was dedicated to the Arusha Peace Forum, and the theme of 2022 was from Policies to Actions - Climate Change Nexus. The Forum featured the voices and expertise of prominent youth leaders in the fields of Peace and Security from across Africa, as well as civil society representatives, such as Oxfam Horn, East and Central Africa. The conversation culminated with a keynote address by the First Daughter of the Republic of Kenya, Ms. Charlene Ruto.



*First Daughter of the Republic of Kenya, Ms. Charlene Ruto makes remarks during the Arusha Peace Forum*

## **Spotlight: East African Youth Peace Network (EAYPN)**

The East African Youth Peace Network is a collective of young peacebuilders and youth-led or youth serving organizations working in peace building and conflict resolution in the region. The EAYPN is a result of the Arusha Peace Forum, and aims at providing a platform for young peace builders and actors in Youth, Peace and Security to network, share experiences and best practices, as well as reflect and learn from each other's interventions.

The conversation held during the Arusha Peace Forum rotated around multiple pillars intersecting the thematic of Youth, Peace and Security, including how conflict manifest, what young people in the East African region and African continent at large are doing to tackle conflict, the best practices including the Kenya Ya Amani campaign of YouLead Africa, and the nexus of conflict and climate change. What emerged is that frameworks exist but there's a need for further implementation and awareness among youth. Similarly, the participants and delegates have investigated the role of social media for both mediation, conflict resolution, but also division and perpetuation of violence, and the importance for youth to capitalize on the digital space to increase mediation. The climate change nexus was investigated, and resolutions included the need of integrating a feminist approach, and ensuring that further spaces such as the Arusha Peace Forum are created for young people to convene and co-create pan-african youth-led solutions to such challenges.



*Ms Anita Soina, Environmentalist and sustainability influencer and Ms Akumu Pamba Feminist monitoring, evaluation, accountability & learning advisor Oxfam International during the panel discussion on the nexus between climate change and conflict*

Ms. Charlene Ruto highlighted the importance of creating more opportunities for youth, especially work opportunities, as a mitigation to conflict factors, and called on young people to reshape our thinking to strengthen collective youth effort to achieve peace and security in Africa.

A strong deliberation resulting from the Arusha Peace Forum include mapping of climate change challenges in Africa, and capacitating/strengthening the work of the East African Youth Peace Network for deliberate and ongoing conversations and spaces to be offered for young people to network, analyze and jointly co-develop solutions pertaining youth, peace and security in Africa.



The afternoon session was dedicated to the Gender Equality Forum themed “African Youth priorities towards the Commission on Status of Women 67 - Innovation and Technological change, and Education in the Digital Age for achieving Gender Equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”, providing a platform for African youth to deliberate and provide recommendations towards the Commission on Status of Women 67 in 2023.

The Gender Equality Forum commenced with opening remarks from Ms Makena Mwobobia, Executive Director of MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation, Dr Mona Girgis, Director of Plan International Tanzania and Ms Hodan Addou, UN Women Representative in Tanzania. The opening remarks commended the work of Lead(H)er Fellows and the importance of the Fellowship as a contribution to achieve gender equality and empower young women in the fields of politics, business, trade and entrepreneurship, and peace and security. The opening remarks, as well, offered an opportunity to assess gains and challenges in achieving gender equality in Africa, and provided an overview of the Commission on Status of Women 67 and entry points for participation of African youth.

The opening remarks were followed by an Intergenerational Dialogue on Bridging the Gap to Foster Innovation and Technology for Gender-Sensitive Education, serving as the consultative platform for CSW 67. Speakers included Hon. Nusrat Hanje, Member of Parliament of Tanzania, and Lead(H)er Fellows, Ms Anita Soina, Ms Glory Florentine Kimario, Ms Patsy Mugabi and Ms Izabela Elly Mwamalekela.

Hon. Nusrat commended the work of H.E. President Samia Suluhu Hassan and the gains for women’s rights and Her Excellency’s leadership, being a role model for young women to attain leadership roles and positions. Ms Anita Soina outlined the intersection of innovation, technology and climate change, while Ms Glory Florentine highlighted the importance of mental health, and Ms Patsy Mugabi the intersection with finance literacy and capitalizing on entrepreneurship. Ms Izabela presented her work in Tanzania and the importance of data dissemination and analysis to attain a clearer picture of GBV and gains for gender equality. Delegates have valuably contributed to the conversation, calling on the importance of gender-sensitive education, outlining existing positive case studies and wins, and the importance of more deliberate spaces and platforms for young people to discuss gender equality. Whereas some delegates pointed out the importance of having males in the panel, the majority agreed on the importance of providing space and platform for women to discuss openly about solutions and outline the challenges they face daily.

The Gender Equality Forum concluded with the graduation of Lead(H)er Fellows and the launch of the call for applications for the second cohort, commencing in January 2023. This was complemented by keynote closing remarks by Ms Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, African Union Youth Envoy, calling for youth engagement and participation to achieve gender equality, and commending the work of the Fellowship, Plan International and YouLead Africa.



*Hon. Nusrat Hanje, MP Tanzania, Ms Mona Girgis, Director Plan International Tanzania Ms Makena Mwobobia, Executive Director MSTCDC, Mr Charles Nyukuri, Research Policy Advocacy and Research Advisor, Plan International and part of the 1st cohort of the Lead(H)er Fellowship during their graduation*

## Spotlight: Lead(H)er Fellowship

Lead(H)er Fellowship, which stands for “She is a Leader”, is a pan-African and feminist Fellowship, an initiative of YouLead Africa and Plan International. The Fellowship targets young women from Eastern and Southern Africa, aged up to 25 years old, with a keen interest in politics, business and peace and security. The first cohort was successfully held in 2022, with 36 fellows undergoing three modules and two assignments. The graduation was held on the margins of the Gender Equality Forum during YouLead Summit 2022.



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## Expenditures

Description	Total
Summit Venue setup and tech equipment (EAC & TCDC)	12,000
Local media coverage, mobilization & facilitation	1,278.26
Catering Services and Facilities - TCDC & external providers	41,461.20
Accommodation (for partner sponsored delegates)	24,452
International/Regional & National flights	327
TCDC & EAC Buses (in summit & Arusha experience)	6,790
Police Traffic Van and Security Allowance and EAC Driver Allowances	710
Creative arts talents, socially engaged artists/musicians (open mics, cultural performances, art exhibition)	5,000
Branded Summit Communication & Learning Materials	5,307
Promotions, Media, Publicity & Videography: pre, during & post-summit	10,700
Human Resource: expert support & volunteers	4,221.74
Youth Enterprise Awards - YEA	0
<b>Total Summit</b>	<b>111,737.00</b>

## Revenues - sources of funding

1. Partner delegate sponsorship packages based on cost per per pax
2. Lumpsum contribution toward overall budget (the YouLead Fund)
3. Sponsorship of specific budget lines - knocking items off the budget
4. Delegates self sponsorships
5. Travel grants

## List of partner contributions

1. DFC Danida Fellowship Centre (contribution toward summit week-the YouLead Fund partner) - 46,177.50
2. Oxfam HECA - lumpsum contribution toward overall budget (the YouLead Fund partner) - 20,000.00
3. International Trade Centre (lumpsum contribution toward meals) - 5,000.00
4. Plan International - 5000
5. Africans Rising- 1,500.00
6. Youth solidarity fund - delegate self payment- 12,000
7. TAHA Tanzania Horticultural Association - 8,000.00
8. ActionAid International- Denmark, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania (delegate sponsorship) - 22,000
<b>TOTAL - 119,677.5</b>

