

AFRICAN EUROPEAN YOUTH CONFERENCE (AEYC)

Designing a youth inclusive future for Africans and Europeans

22/23 October 2022

Aula Magna, Campus Luigi Einaudi, Lungo Dora Siena, 100 A (Saturday)

Cecchi Point, via Cecchi 17 (Sunday)

Torino TO, Italy



Background

Last February, the Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the African Union (AU) and the European Union (EU) met for the sixth European Union-African Union Summit in Brussels. "A new, forward-looking and ambitious spirit emerged that must be the foundation of this special partnership between Europe and Africa" (Charles Michel, President of the European Council). The goal of the partnership is to achieve solidarity between the AU and EU in these categories: security, peace, sustainable development and prosperity.

We, as **Y-IDEA** (Youth for Intra-Dialogue on Europe and Africa), a **One Hour for Europe** project, in agreement and with the collaboration and active participation of the youth associations working on the partnership between the two continents, such as **GAP** (Young Activists for Participation) and others, in the occasion *inter alia* of the European Youth Year, believe that it is essential to also include the voice of young Europeans, Africans and the Diaspora in the relations between the two Unions.

The strong conviction that Africa is an increasingly important player on the international scene compels the European institutions to look to the African continent as an indispensable partner and a valuable ally in multilateral instances, in order to face common issues and challenges.

The assistentialism that has characterized past decisions must give way to proactive and creative shared choices in the economic and social contexts. Africa must be seen as an equal and active partner to give their own citizens a prosperous and harmonious future. Indeed, we request the EU and AU to develop common efficient policies that integrate the two continents.

TARGET

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For the reasons mentioned above, we decided to organize a conference where young people, who make-up the majority of the African by far, can be protagonists alongside the European youth and can discuss the state of EU-AU relations.

We want to include the youth aged between 15-35 years, who are interested in shaping and changing the narrative of the role of young people in the political space. We also aim to target youth as well as youth groups, who want to have a seat at the decision-making table of the African and European relationship. As inclusivity is very important to us, we want to include people from diverse and minority backgrounds to better reflect society.

GOALS

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This can be achieved by putting forward their own demands, starting with the need to include civil society and youth representatives in the official mechanisms in charge of implementing and monitoring the decisions taken during the Summit.

In addition, we want to build a common narrative upon the achievements of the European Youth Event and the [May Civil Society Days](#) that brought together stakeholders from both continents.

EXPECTED RESULTS

As a concrete outcome, we wish to permanently synergize the youth work and events on the Africa-Europe partnership with the view of being inserted in the follow-up mechanisms of the EU-AU Summit implementation. With this in view, we will issue, at the end of the conference, a programmatic document which will be entitled the **'Torino Joint Communiqué'**.

Languages: Italian, English and French

Location: 22/10 Aula Magna, Campus Luigi Einaudi, Lungo Dora Siena - 23/10 Cecchi Point, Via Cecchi n. 17

Expected audience: about 200 in presence and around 1500 connected remotely

How it takes place: interactive conference

Organisers: Youth Core Group

<https://onehourforeurope.org/youth.html>

Link to subscribe: <https://forms.gle/2dWSw1VyFEKEQw7q6>

Please note that some invited key speakers still need to be added based on confirmation. The speakers that will connect remotely are indicated with an asterisk.



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AGENDA

22 OCTOBER

09:30 - 10:00 - Solemn opening

SE Emanuela Claudia del Re*, EU Special Representative for the Sahel

SE Hana Hubáčková, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Italy, representing the EU Council

Brando Benifei*, MEP, Member of the Delegation for Relations with Mashreq countries (video message)

Ivano Martinetti, Councilor Secretary of the Piedmont Regional Council with delegation to the Regional Youth Forum

10:00- 10:45 - Introduction by the Youth Core Group

With contributions and in presence of, inter alia, the following African Core Group members:

Dossou Téo Blaise Noutai*, Faouziatou Ibrahima, Oluseye Eniola Oladipo*, Nibret Gizaw Geda, Sylvester Gomez*, Breno Gomez, Marie Jeanne Moudon*, Mohammed Shadad Hamissou*, Ysaac Chavely Mbile Nguema*, Félix Kouakou*, Isaac Damilola Fasoranti*, and Kiiza Hussein.

PANEL 1: EU-AU PARTNERSHIP: The way to go

10:45 -12:30

HE Giuseppe Mistretta, Director for Africa in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Chiara Adamo, European Commission, Acting Director of Directorate G: “Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace”, DG INTPA

HE Renzo Mario Rosso, President of the African Studies Center

Bitania Lulu*, former Youth Advisor of Commissioner Urpilainen

Marco Sicbaldi, European Youth Year Ambassador, journalist and member of the national board of PA Social

Questions to speakers, group discussion

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:00

World Cafe’ in view of the “Africa Youth Day”

Debate with the African Union Youth Division and MEP Herzberger Fofana in view of the Panafrican Youth Forum on the topic of “Breaking the barriers to youth participation and inclusion in advocacy”.

PANEL 2: Euro-African Peace and Security

15:15 - 17:15

Pierrette Herzberger Fofana, Member of the European Parliament, Vice - Chair of Committee on Development, DACP and DPAP

Domenico Moro, Coordinator for security and defense, Centro Studi sul Federalismo

Kiiza Hussein, Global Goodwill Ambassador and Chairperson of Peace and Interfaith Harmony Youth Alliance

Asad Beg*, Team Leader, Africa 1 Division, European External Action Service

Vasu Gounden*, Accord (African Center for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes)

Patrick Kumi*, “Similar Grounds” Association

Juuso Jarviniemi*, Vice President of Young European Federalists, Europe

Anass Hanafi, Curator, Global Shapers Turin Hub

Questions to speakers, group discussion

PANEL 3: Migration and Mobility

17:30 - 19:15

Silvia Sinibaldi, International Cooperation and Humanitarian Director, Caritas Europa

Roberta Ricucci, Associate Professor at University of Turin, Sociology of Islam, Sociology of Interethnic Relations and Sociology of migration

Abdoulaye Fall, Founder Maingate for migrants (and job opportunities)

Andrea Costa*, President of Baobab Experience

Lorenzo Mauloni, PhD student, volunteer of Baobab Experience

Fula*, Activist and rapper

Silvia Nocentini, NoOx, Afro Urban Italy, CEO, artist and label manager

Bassirou Sow*, Author of “Il Dottor vu cumpra’, il viaggio delle illusioni”

Dioma Cleophas Adrien*, President of the association “Le Réseau”

Abdullahi Ahmed, Author of "Lo Sguardo Avanti" and winner of the European Commission's Altiero Spinelli Prize 2020

Questions to speakers, group discussion

City Guided Tour

19:30 - Open End

AGENDA

23 OCTOBER

PANEL 4: Industrial development and access to sustainable energy

10:00 - 12:00

Youlin Zhao*, PHD Researcher, on "*China-Africa Cooperation on Blue Economy and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road*"

Allan David Emolot*, Independent Continental Youth Advisory Council of AfCFTA (ICOYACA), Chairperson

Moses Kanyesigye*, Regional Programme Associate, Youth in Business, Trade and Enterprise (ICOYACA)

Denis Odhiambo*, AU - EU Youth Cooperation Hub

Alberto Majocchi*, Professor Emeritus of Public Finance, Pavia University

Andrea Longo, PHD student on application of human rights at sea in the fisheries sector

Olimpia Fontana*, Mario Albertini Fellow, Centro Studi sul Federalismo

Emmanuel Buadi Mensah, Utrecht University

Questions to speakers, group discussion

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch

PANEL 5: Civil Society and Inclusion, Human Rights, Youth Participation, Culture

13:30 - 15:30

Thomas Huyghebaert*, Head of Cooperation and Policy Section at the EU Delegation to the African Union, European External Action Service

Faouziatou Ibrahima, Paralympic athlete, women and persons with disabilities rights

Musamba Mubanga, Senior Advocacy Officer, Caritas Internationalis representing Caritas Africa

Jantine Jacobi*, UN Aids Director for the European Union

Simona Riccio, LinkedIn Top Voice Italia and Social Media Marketing Strategist - Comitato promotore PA Social Piemonte

André Karl Joress Ebouaney, Specialized educator and Project manager at the Istituto dei Sordi di Torino

Riccardo Roba*, CONCORD

Sara Vaggi, Youth Engagement Specialist, UNICEF Italia

Ettore Bertelli, Emergency

Fatou Diako, President of Hamef onlus and Articolo21 Campania

Adriano Bertone, European Youth Year Ambassador

David Wateu*, Co-Founder of Radio Kamite

Questions to speakers, group discussion

PANEL 6: Climate Change

15:45 - 17:30

Benazir Hilali*, CEO, Axle International, African Risk Compass

Nathaniel Jowitt*, COO, Axle International, African Risk Compass

Gabriele Casano, PhD student Unige & CIMA Foundation - C.E.S.I.

Mahalmoudou Hamadoun*, Director General of AGRHYMET Regional Climate Center

Gina Bonne*, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

Nogaye Mbengue*, Expert on waste management

Isha Vajpeyi*, PhD student and expert on climate issues

Questions to speakers, group discussion and writing recommendations

18:00 - 20:00

Writing and Adoption of the Torino Joint Communiqué

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