2nd Annual General Assembly Meeting of the African Youth Commission  
#AYCGA2018  
Theme: ‘Championing Youth Oriented Agenda for the Promotion of African Unity and Development’.

Meeting Minutes

Date and Venue: 26/03/2018 at Belvedere Teachers’ College, Zimbabwe

Background

In accordance with ARTICLE 11, subsection 2 of the AYC constitution, the leadership of the Commission through its Secretariat is mandated to plan, prepare and coordinate the Commission’s annual Meetings. To this effect, the African Youth Conference on African Unity and Development was organised in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 22-25th January 2017 which prepared the first ever plenary session of Annual General Assembly Meeting of the African Youth Commission.

The second Annual General Assembly Meeting took place on 26 March 2018 at Belvedere Teachers’ College, Zimbabwe. The GA was attended by 52 participants from 11 Member States of the African Union (listed below) and AYC partner organisations.

1. Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia  
2. Republic of Kenya  
3. Republic of Lesotho  
4. Republic of Malawi  
5. Republic of Somaliland  
6. Republic of South Africa  
7. Republic of Tanzania  
8. Republic of The Gambia  
9. Republic of Uganda  
10. Republic of Zambia  
11. Republic of Zimbabwe

Out of 52 participants, 31 delegates duly subscribed to the AYC as official members and committed to pay their annual membership fees before end of the 2018 financial year. The remaining 21 participants attended the meeting in the capacity as partners or observers. Before commencing the official business, the Secretariat received the applications for membership and submitted the forms to Madam Chairperson for approval.
Agenda

- Official opening
- Chair’s summary report: Activity and Finance
- Question and Answer
- Any Other Business

Moderator

The AGM was moderated by Ms. Auxiria Mwanza, Director Youth2Youth Zambia.

Executive Chairperson

In accordance with ARTICLE 9: subsection 2, paragraph (b) of the AYC constitution, the 2nd Annual General Assembly Meeting was chaired by Ms. Natalie Sonia Mukundane the Executive Deputy Chairperson due to the fact that the Executive Chairperson was not able to make it for the meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda

Madam Chairperson Ms. Natalie Sonia Mukundane presented the agenda of the meeting to the floor for adoption.

Mr. Robert Ndlela, a member from South Africa proposed an amendment to the agenda to include the detailed activity reports for each of the elected commissioners and the financial statement, both to be presented separately so as to allow the house to critically assess them independently. Mr. Ndlela’s proposal was seconded by Mr. Siboniso Dlamini, a member from South Africa. Madam Chairperson took due note of the resolution and presented it to the floor for any objections. There was no objection to the amendment. The motion to adopt the final agenda was then raised by Mr. Ndlela and seconded by Mr. Dlamini.

Official opening

Ms. Natalie Sonia Mukundane officially opened the meeting and thanked delegates and partners for attending. She noted that this is the second Annual General Assembly Meeting of the AYC since being officially inaugurated in Addis Ababa on January 2017. She stated that the GA is a very important exercise to report back to members, assess the progress made from the last session, receive feedback, recommendation for action plans of the year and get the endorsement and support of the General Assembly for the Strategic Plan 2018-2020 to move the AYC forward.

Madam Chairperson further stated that, for the period under review, the Commission has registered a remarkable progress but the journey has been challenging and sometimes very frustrating for her team due to inadequate resources. She informed the Assembly that, the AYC has virtually been run since
the new Executive Council and Secretariat took over last year with a zero budget but the Commissioners and Secretariat did what they could regardless. This she noted seriously affected the operation of the AYC and commitment levels from some of the Commissioners and especially Directors in efficiently and effectively attending to their work. Ms. Mukundane went on to note that the Commission is financially constrained as its main source of income is annual membership subscription fees and members are not forthcoming in their dues and this has slowed down implementation of activities that the Commission planned to embark on. For the financial year 2017, the AYC implemented activities from donor funding mainly from GIZ/AGA Programme. She commended the Secretariat and especially the Executive Secretary Kawsu for a job well done in managing to pull off the AGM despite limited resources.

She emphasized on the need for the final Strategic Plan to be voted for by the General Assembly so as to mandate the Executive Council to operationalise the AYC and to make it easier to bring partners on board to support the implementation. Lack of a strategic plan had become a huge strain on the Executive Council she said, pointing out the criticality of having the Strategic Plan which the Executive Council and Secretariat invested a lot of energy and resources into for the past six months being adopted at this AGM. This would enable all key stakeholders to be able to walkout from the room with a clear roadmap for collectively mobilising resources to ensure the strategy is implemented across the board. She underlined how important it was for our Commission to have a steady source of income to be able to finance its own activities and maintain the Secretariat to allow the various officers execute their duties effectively.

Ms. Mukundane expressed her gratitude to all partners particularly the Zimbabwe Youth Council, Zimbabwe United Nations Association, Ethiopian Airlines, ActionAid International Zimbabwe, VSO International, Institute for Peace and Security Studies/Tana Forum Secretariat and the African Wildlife Foundation for their collaboration and immense contributions towards the pre Youth Forum and the AGM.

A welcome remark was delivered by Ms. Juliana Mbofana, the Principal of Belvedere Teachers’ College. Ms. Mbofana welcomed participants on behalf of the Government and people of Zimbabwe and wished them a fruitful General Assembly Meeting.

Activity Report

After the official opening of the AGM, Madam Chairperson presented a summary report of the Commission’s activities from January to December 2017. The report captured twenty-three (23) activities. Four (4) activities were directly implemented by the Commission and nine-teen (19) activities were organised by external partners and invited the Commission to take part or mobilise participants to take part in various activities. (See Annex 2 for list of activities presented by Madam Chairperson)
Following her presentation, the moderator welcomed questions/comments from the floor before she moved the motion to adopt the report.

Mr. Robert Ndlela, a member from South Africa questioned why the Executive Chairperson and the eight (8) elected Commissioners are not attending this very important AGM and where is their reports detailing what they had accomplished as Commissioners according to their ToRs since elected into. Madam Chairperson responded that the Executive Chairperson was unable to make it to Harare as he lost a close member of his family, and that as far as she knows besides from financial constraints, there was no official communication sent to the Secretariat from the Executive Chairperson and the eight (8) Commissioners as to why they could not attend the meeting. She noted that despite some of them not being able to make it, they sent in small financial contributions. Mr. Ndlela went on further to say, he noticed in the report some of the Commissioners represented the AYC in meetings, and asked if there are any reports from the representatives. Madam Chairperson after consulting with the head of Secretariat Kawu confirmed that the Executive Chairperson and Commissioner for Gender, Agriculture and Rural Economy reports were the ones that were submitted to him, and he did not receive any other reports for presentation to the General Assembly from the Commissioners. Mr. Ndlela then thanked Madam Chairperson for her honest answers, noted to the house that according to the report it seems all the Commissioners did was attend forums and conferences. He then went ahead to raise a motion for the meeting to note that if there were no reports from most of the Commissioners detailing what they achieved so far based on their ToRs, then the GA should move forward. The motion was seconded by Mr. Siboniso Dlamini, a member from South Africa.

Madame Chairperson responded to Robert’s comment stating that much as it seems according to the report that most of what the Commissioners did was to travel, it was for the benefit of AYC. Seeing as the biggest challenge of the organization is looking for resources, most of the forums and conferences the Commissioners including herself attended helped to put AYC's brand out and to establish strategic relationships with potential partners and key organizations.

**Adoption of the Activity report**

Madam Chairperson presented the report to the floor for adoption. Comrade Mugwadi Tafadzwa, a member from Zimbabwe, moved a motion for the report to be rejected for the following reasons:

1. The report is not comprehensive as it does not give an organisational analysis of the Commission. The presented report is a simple list of activities.
2. The report listed activities that some members of AYC took part in but there are no appendices of reports on those activities. The lack of such reports puts into question the accountability of the leadership as a whole.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Ndlela, a member from South Africa, Mr. Siboniso Dlamini, a member from South Africa, Ms. Anne Kahuna, a member from Kenya and Ms. Carolyne Kamau, a member from Kenya.

Financial report

Madam Chairperson presented a financial report of the Commission (income and expenditure) for the year under review. After her presentation, the moderator welcomed questions/comments from the floor.

Ms. Winnie Karanu, a member from Kenya questioned why costs incurred in the activities listed are not captured in the financial report. Madam Chairperson requested Mr. Kawsu Sillah, Executive Secretary of the AYC to answer that question. Mr. Sillah responded that, the Secretariat could not account for the funds simply because GIZ paid directly to the service providers. Ms. Karanu suggested that since the services were paid for on behalf of the AYC, it is important for the Secretariat to establish the costs and include them in the financial report. Mr. Siboniso Dlamini, a member from South Africa questioned what informs the philosophy of the financial expenses. Madam Chairperson responded that the Secretariat determines the expenses based on the issue at hand as the Commission is yet to have a financial procedure manual to dictate on what is to be funded, how and when.

Adoption of the financial report

Madam Chairperson presented the report to the floor for adoption. Mr. Arnold Chisvo, a member from Zimbabwe, moved a motion for the financial report to be rejected based on the following reasons.
1. No aggregated data
2. Spelling errors
3. Unprofessional financial reporting layout
4. Incorrect and unconstitutional as it was not prepared by the Director for Budget and Finance

The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Ndlela, a member from South Africa.

Any Other Business
1. Adoption of the Strategic Plan
The final Strategic Plan was presented for adoption but the General Assembly advised that, they are not willing to adopt the strategic plan until the Commission focuses on Pillar 5 which is strengthening of AYC, and has a more efficient leadership structure. They noted that AYC is not at the moment structurally capable of implementing/coordinating other Pillars of the strategic plan.
2. **Motion to dissolve the Executive Council and appoint an Interim Committee**

During the AOB, the General Assembly discussed the inadequate representation of Executive Council members at the meeting, lack of official communication for their unavailability to attend the AGM and failure to submit reports. The delegates expressed their disappointment that there were delegates from member states such as Kenya, Zambia and South Africa which are nearby and yet none of the Commissioners from those countries were present.

Madame Chairperson re-emphasized that the General Assembly should understand that the Commissioners had financial challenges, it was also not easy for her and the Secretariat to make it to Zimbabwe as well but they managed to. She acknowledged that the reports were not to the expected standard and apologized to the house promising that there will not be a repeat of a similar scenario. She stated that it was due to the leadership being overwhelmed by the amount of work it took to pull off such a gathering, and rather than choosing to cancel the GA and hide away, it was deemed more important to face the hurdles and go on albeit the numerous challenges, to make sure that the AGM is held as required by the constitution and that the final Strategic plan is reviewed and approved by the General Assembly.

Mr. Robert Ndlela, a member from South Africa pointed out that some of the delegates are affiliated to organizations and their participation are financed by the various organizations and the Commissioners could have found means to fundraise and gather the resources way before hand to make it for the meeting. He said it is not fair to have the members present and elected Commissioners not in attendance for reasons they cannot be accounted for.

After all the deliberations and in accordance with ARTICLE 7: subsection 7.2 and paragraph (e) of the AYC constitution, a motion was moved to dissolve the Executive Council and appoint an Interim Committee.

I, Comrade Mugwadi Tafadzwa, a member from Zimbabwe moved a motion to:

1. Relieve duties and functions of all Executive Council members that are not present, did not submit any reports and did not officially communicate reasons for absenteeism
2. Give a second chance to members of the Executive Council and Secretariat present at the GA to prove their capability
3. Appoint a task force to spearhead elections of a new Executive Council in an Extra Ordinary General Assembly in 3 months time
4. Give a chance to the Executive Council members who submitted a valid report and reason for absenteeism to send a letter of apology

The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Ndlela, a member from South Africa. Madam Chairperson presented the motion to the floor for any objections. There was no objection from the floor and the motion was voted in favor.

3. **Voting of the Interim Taskforce**
The moderator welcomed nominations from the floor for the vacant positions. Delegates nominated and voted for the following as members of the Interim Taskforce Committee:

1. Ms. Natalie Sonia Mukundane – Acting Executive Chairperson/Coordinator
2. Ms. Winnie Karanu – Resource Mobilisation Officer
3. Ms. Carolyne Kamau – Communications Officer
4. Mr. Richard Boutros Samunda – Assistant Resource Mobilisation Officer

It was concluded that the taskforce and the Secretariat work together to identify additional representatives from other regions of the African Union to be included in the committee for easy coordination of the activities and inclusive representation.

Madam Chairperson made a plea to the delegates that it does not make sense to dissolve the Executive Council and then elect her the coordinator of the new task force. She was concerned that making her coordinator for the interim committee would reflect badly on fellow Commissioners as foul play. The General Assembly requested for her support to aid the new task force despite the developments. This will go a long way in helping make the Extraordinary session to be planned in 3 months a success.

4. **Host country for Extraordinary congress**

Representatives from Republic of Zimbabwe and Somaliland expressed their interest to host the extraordinary congress and the General Assembly requested the two Member states to officially submit a proposal to the Interim Committee for review and approval.

5. **Date for Extraordinary congress**

Date will be determined after the approval of the host country.

The meeting ended at about 19:30 GMT.
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Annex II
Chair’s summary report presented

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Chair’s summary report
The Activities of the African Youth Commission for the
financial year (January-December) 2017

Activities
1. 1st ever African Youth Conference on African Unity and
   Development and General Assembly Meeting of AYC held at UNDP
   Regional Service Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22-25 January 2017
   Number of Participants:
   - 62 delegates from 32 African countries and Diaspora
   - The Chairperson of AUC was represented in the meeting
   - Youth Minister of Zimbabwe and a delegation from the Zimbabwe Youth
     Council attended the meeting
   - AUC/UN officials, VSO International and other partners also attended
   Outcome/Results
   1. Youth assessed the AU year 2017 theme and proposed recommendations
      based on young people’s priorities to ensure appropriate channeling of
      investments in youth
   2. Active and constructive youth engagement in African unity and development
      agenda promoted
   3. AYC Executive Council elected into office and Advisory Board inaugurated
   4. Draft AYC Charter/Constitution adopted
   5. AYC work plan for 2017 developed based on the Youth Conference resolutions

2. The African Artists Peace Initiative (AAP), Arts4Peace Forum held
   at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 25-29 January 2017
   Representation:
   Boubakar Yougbare, Executive Chairperson, represented AYC. The forum
   attracted 32 speakers and over 70 participants and stakeholders including;
   celebrated artists, youth leaders, civil society organizations, media, members of
   the diplomatic community and UN agencies.
   Outcome/Results
   1. Draft icon’s developed for each of the (7) aspirations of the AU Agenda 2063,
      as we have for the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
   2. Formulation of A Youth, Artists and Media (YAM) Campaign and action factory
      strategy for “Silencing All Guns in Africa by 2020”

“Uniting Youth in Action for African Unity and Development”
3. 7th Citizens Continental Conference - 26-28 January 2017

The session was organised by Centre for Citizens’ Participation on the African Union (CCPAI) and deliberated on issues young people in Africa are grappling with including unemployment, entrepreneurship, participation, activism, leadership and movements for change, radicalisation and organised crime

**Representation:**
Natalie Sonia Mukundani, Deputy Executive Chairperson represented AYC in the Conference and made a presentation on the panel on Youth – harnessing the demographic dividend

4. **Call for Applications: Secretariat Position, African Youth Commission (Online Application)**

In accordance with article 9, section (f) of the AYC constitution, the Executive Council are mandated to invite, review and appoint the Executive Secretary/Coordinator, Directors and other Staff members to steer up the day to day running of the Commission in between the sessions of annual General Membership Meetings.

Pursuant to this, the council invited suitable young African to express interest in vacant positions within the secretariat of African Youth Commission (AYC) from February 27th to 13th of March 2017.

**Number of Applicants:**
227 applied from across Africa

**Outcome/Results**
Eight (8) Successful applicants were appointed and took office effective 01 May 2017.

5. **African Youth Conference held in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania**

**Representation:**
Natalie Sonia Mukundani, Deputy Executive Chairperson, Mohammed Abdalshakoor Abdualrahman, Commissioner for Peace and Security, Azra Fredrick, Commissioner for Social, Economic and Environmental Affairs, Muthoni Kañuto, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, Velani Mboweni, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science, Technology and Innovation for represented the AYC.
6. UNESCO 2017 sub-Saharan Africa Regional Global Citizenship Education (GCED) Network Meeting held in Johannesburg, South Africa, 6-7 April 2017

**Representation:**
Boubakar Yougbare, Executive Chairperson, represented AYC in the meeting alongside 70 representatives of GCED-implementing institutions from the sub-Saharan Africa region.

**Outcome/Results:**
1. AYC was given a speaking opportunity to present its work on youth
2. Contributed in mapping out different activities of selected partner organizations

7. African Peacebuilding innovations for Change (APIC) - East and West Africa Skills Training for Youth - led CSOs held in Kampala, Uganda, 1-16 June, 2017

The AUC and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) convened a 10-day Skills development training for selected Youth-led Organisations in East and West Africa.

The event provided a forum for discussions on the engagement of young people in peacebuilding processes as well as an opportunity for capacity building of young people and experience sharing for youth engagement in peacebuilding.

**Representation:**
Mohammed Abdalshakoor Abdualrahman, Commissioner for Peace and Security and Keolebogile Lebagagile Marupula, Director for Outreach and Engagement represented AYC in the training.


**Representation:**
Natalie Sonia Muhuaini, Deputy Executive Chairperson and Mathoni Kahuho, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy represented AYC in the Forum.
9. AYC Leadership Retreat
The three-day Retreat held at Ngong Hills Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya, July 28-30, 2017 hosted by Voluntary Services Overseas (VSO), jitele and supported by the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)
Number of Participants:
It brought together 37 participants mainly the Executive Council, Secretary, Advisory Board members of the AYC, key partners from 16 African countries and stakeholder youth groups based in Kenya
Outcome/Results
1. The retreat addressed the definition of the AYC, its scope of operation, values and vision.
2. It prepared a short term plan of action focusing on a thorough membership mapping, capacity building of members within the network in alignment with relevant programmatic areas, as well as increased partnership scoping with regional, continental and international bodies.
3. The leadership agreed to develop a long term strategic document in line with thematic areas on employment and entrepreneurship, health and well-being, governance and human rights; as well as peace and security.

Representation:
Kolo Kenneth Kadiiri represented AYC in the Forum.
The meeting brought together Youth Ministers, senior government officials, youth representatives, youth workers and other youth development stakeholders from across the Commonwealth.

11. Women Advancing Africa Forum held in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, August 9-12, 2017
Women Advancing Africa (WAA) is one of Graca Machel Trust’s flagship programs, to showcase women’s contributions and leadership in tackling the development challenges of Africa.
Representation:
Dr. Angela Gichaga, Commissioner for Gender, Rural Economy and Agriculture represented AYC in the Forum
Outcome/Results
1. AYC was given a speaking opportunities and Commissioner Angela presented the AYC’s work on Youth and contribution to empowering young women and girls in Africa.

“Uniting Youth in Action for African Unity and Development”
12. Responsible Business Forum on Sustainable Development Africa held in Johannesburg, South Africa, 31 August to 1 September 2017

The Responsible Business Forum 2017 examines each of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in-depth with plenaries and workshops featuring case studies and perspectives from businesses, governments, UN agencies and international experts. Building on the SDG agenda from RBF Singapore 2016, the Africa forum guided companies to concretely contribute to achieving the goals through inclusive growth.

**Representation:**

RBF Africa brought senior government officials from across the Africa region together with leaders from UN agencies, businesses and media, to build wider support for delivering the UN global goals.

**Outcome/Results**
The two Commissioners participated in panel and spoke on behalf of the African Youth Commission on the opportunities that the SDGs present in achieving Africa’s 2063 priorities and also brought the youth perspective to the forefront at the event.

13. Capacity building training for young women organised by the International Centre for Girls and Women’s Education in Africa (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso) held at AUC Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**Representation:**
1. Dassou Dalila Aurelle from Benin
2. Gloria Toghan Tchegnono from Benin
3. Mizan Welderuafael Massa from Ethiopia
4. Betsania Lulu from Ethiopia
5. Salimatou Fatty from Gambia
6. Sally Njogu from Kenya
7. Idah Nduku Muema from Kenya
8. Olyvia Gatwiri Shikale from Kenya
9. Olamide Osunsanya from Nigeria
10. Solange Uwera from Rwanda
11. Salha Aziz from Tanzania
12. Janeth Missiri from Tanzania
13. Irene Kalumuna Novatus from Tanzania
14. Annet Dianah Namomo
15. Anoziva Marindire from Zimbabwe
14. **Regional Youth Dialogue on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance 2018 (DG'Trend) held in East Africa (Kampala, Uganda), West and Central Africa (Abuja, Nigeria) North Africa (Tunis, Tunisia) and Southern Africa (Lusaka, Zambia)**

**Representation:**
50 participants, 10 per region

15. **The Forum on Internet Freedom in Africa 2017 (FIFAfrica17) held at Sunnyside Park Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa, 27-29 September 2017**

**Representation:**
Kawusu Sillah, Executive Secretary represented AYC in the Forum

**Outcome/Results**
The ES met with Prof. Hubert Gijzen, Regional Director and Representative of UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa and pitched the AYC GA 2018 to him for possible support.

16. **UNECA Workshop on Policy Options for Youth in Africa and an Interregional Youth Policy Toolbox held at UN Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 3-6 October 2017**

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) has developed a youth policy toolbox in the context of the school-to-work transition. The Youth Policy Toolbox aims to act as a repository of knowledge, experience and good practices, and host learning modules that provide policymakers with a comprehensive resource for developing inclusive and responsive youth policies.

**Representation:**
Kawusu Sillah, Executive Secretary represented AYC in the Forum.

**Outcome/Results**
AYC was given a speaking opportunity to present its work on youth and contribution to attainment of the demographic dividend in Africa.

17. **The 3rd Afro-Arab Youth Festival 2017 held at Olympic Center, Maadi, Cairo City, Arab Republic of Egypt, 6 – 10 October 2017**

**Representation:**
Boubakar Yougare, Executive Chairperson, Kawusu Sillah, Executive Secretary, some members of AYC represented AYC in the Festival alongside 250 participants from African & Arab Countries.
18. *AYC Strategic Planning Meeting held at the Great Seasons Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda, 6-9 November 2017*

The strategic planning meeting in Kigali was a follow up to the AYC Leadership Retreat held in Nairobi to build on the draft strategy objectives, expected actions and results for the proposed four thematic pillars.

**Number of Participants:**

It brought together 23 participants mainly the Executive Council, Secretary, Advisory Board and members of the AYC.

**Outcome/Results:**

1. Offered an opportunity for AYC leadership (EC, Secretariat, Advisory Board and members) to reflect collectively, identify gaps in draft strategy objectives, expected actions and results for the proposed four thematic pillars and share experiences on developing a practical youth’s own oriented agenda in Africa.
2. Engaged and stimulated a broader view and input from the membership, youth and youth organisations through online and physical consultations.
3. During the meeting a draft Strategic document was developed and will be presented to the general membership at 2nd Annual General Assembly meeting for review and validation.

19. *Annual Meeting of Electoral Management Bodies (EMBS) held in Kigali, Rwanda, 9-10 November 2017*

**Representation:**

Nadjia Tchalla, Commissioner for Political Affairs, Natalie Sonja Mukundane, Deputy Executive Chairperson, Kawso Sillah, Executive Secretary, Kidus Melaku, Director for all Affairs, Regional Economic Communities, NEPAD and UN Agencies, and some members of AYC participated in the meeting.

20. *UN Interregional Youth Policy Forum held at ESCAP, Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok, Thailand, 21 to 23 November 2017*

The Forum concludes the interregional project on "Strengthening the capacity of Governments in the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) regions to respond to the needs of youth in formulating inclusive and sustainable development policies”.

**Representation**

Kawso Sillah, Executive Secretary represented AYC in the Forum.

A working relation with UNECA other participants from Asia, Africa and Middle East established.

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21. 6th African Internet Governance Forum - AfGF2017 held at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 4-6 December 2017
AfGF brought together African participants and outside partners to discuss Internet Governance issues and share best practices.
It was organized by African Union Commission (AUC) in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and National Telecom Regulatory Authority of Egypt (NTRA)
Representation
Kawso Sillah, Executive Secretary and Keith Andere AYC Secretariat represented AYC in the Forum
Outcome/Results
Kawso and Keith met and discussed with stakeholders to support Youth participation in ICT and Internet Governance related discussions. Also met with Registry Africa Marketing Manager and CEO and discussed possible partnership for AYCGA2018 and other youth initiatives championed by the Registry Africa

22. Annual High Level Dialogue on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance 2018 (DG Trends) held in Pretoria, South Africa
Representation
Boubakar Yougbare, Executive Chairperson and some members of AYC participated in the Dialogue

23. UN ECA African Economic Conference held at UN Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, 4-6 December 2017
Representation
Kedis Mebati, Director for AU Affairs, Regional Economic Communities, NEPAD and UN Agencies participated in the Forum

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Annex III
Financial report presented

Financial Report

Income and Expenditure Report of the African Youth Commission for the financial year (Jan-Dec) 2017

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