



SIDE EVENT JOINT PROPOSAL

3rd African Youth Conference on African Unity and Development Theme: 'The Future Is Now; Youth are Not Too Young to Lead'. 23-26 March 2019, Banjul, The Gambia

A. Thematic: Youth Entrepreneurship and access to health services: Closing Skills gap for better health system in Africa

B. Dates: 24th March 2019

C. Duration: 2:00

D. Organizers

- 1- OAFRESS** is a sub-regional platform composed by national Civil Society Platforms in 18 francophone African countries, dedicated to facilitate Civil Society participation and involvement in Health System Strengthening (HSS) and immunization promotion (<https://oafress.org/>)
- 2- UCD (Citizen Union for Development)** is a platform gathered 14 community based organization in Mbour who aim to promote Civic Education and Entrepreneurship program for youth through community services. At UCD we believe in the potential of young people and we work on the capacity building.
- 3- Youth Women for Action (YWA/Senegal)** is a network of feminist girls leaders. Its mission is to promote girls' empowerment and participation in development by strengthening their leadership and advocacy capacities, while promoting their effective participation in the development and implementation of policies and programs across institutions. national and international mechanisms.

E. Purpose

This note is a joint proposal of organizations working in various areas (Governance and, Empowerment, Health and Wellbeing, Climate Change) who have decided to bring together their expertise to inspire and to encourage youth engagement on the themes of the Agenda 2063 and UN 2030 SDGs. During the African Union Youth Commission General Assembly in March in Banjul, organizers will share experiences, best practices, encouraging young especially young entrepreneurs to address social needs through their initiative.

This event will be an opportunity to build alliances and partnership with actors to better influence policies and practices of their National Governments, the African Union, Regional Economic Communities and other youth development actors on the African continent.

F. Session methodology

This event will be a 2 hours interactive and dynamic dialogue with young participants organized as follow:

Part 1: organizers opening and Key note

After the opening by organizers (00:30'), we will have one key note:



Keynote: Closing skills gap, the importance of entrepreneurship skills for youth in Africa to address 2063 Agenda pillars 1) Employment and Entrepreneurship, 2) Education and Skills Development, 3) Health and Well-Being, 4) Rights, Governance and Empowerment of Youth.

Part 2 : Interactive discussion and questions to speakers

The second part of the event will be dedicated 40' exchanges and discussions between delegates, speakers, stakeholders and actors on the thematic. We'll take notes of discussion's inputs to have a final one to two-pages highlighting the best practices and suggestions that will be publish in divers channels and shared with large target (young entrepreneurs, youth organizations, civil society organizations, stage government, UN agencies, donors....). A 15' wrap up of this note will be done before closing the session. Specific questions will be prepare for each speaker (one/speaker) and the debate will be open after their answers.

G. Speakers (3)

Speakers have a great experience and a global vision in the thematic area. They are models that can inspire young African and are willing to share their experiences to engage stakeholders to support entrepreneurs and their initiatives in access to health, health system strengthening and immunization promotion. They also be able to demonstrate how research and demographic dividend are determinant in both entrepreneurship and HSS. We'll have tree speakers in these thematic in link to entrepreneurship:

- 1. Health system strengthening and immunization promotion.**
- 2. Demographic dividend**
- 3. Governance and political participation**

H. Outcomes and potential contribution to the 3rd Pan African Youth Conference on African Unity and Development

At the end of the session stakeholders will understand how to close the skills gap and how to develop more effective policies on this topic. And delegates can know well the importance of entrepreneurship in brining lasting solutions to address community's issues, especially, health access and immunization in Africa.

I. Logistics

- Format: **U**
- Maximum participants : **100 pax**
- Logistic : **Monitor & Venue for 100 pax**