# West Africa Youth Leaders Forum on Population and Development

**Theme:** ICPD25, the Contributions of West African Youth to Accelerating the Promise

**23-24 October, 2019 at Metzy Residence Hotel, Kololi**

## DRAFT AGENDA

### Wednesday, 23 October, 2019 (Day 1)

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<td><strong>Official Opening</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Moderator:</strong> Mr. Lamin Darboe, Executive Director, The Gambia National Youth Council</td>
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<td>- <em>Welcome Statement:</em> Mr. Dembo Kambi, Chairman, The Gambia National Youth Council</td>
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<td>- <em>Introductory Statement:</em> Ms. Natalie Sonia Mukundane, Executive Chairperson, African Youth Commission</td>
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<td>- <em>Keynote Statement:</em> Prof. Stanley OKOLO, Director General, West African Health Organization</td>
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<td>- <em>Partnership Statement:</em> Mr. Kunle Adeniyi, Resident Representative, UNFPA The Gambia</td>
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<td>- <em>Solidary Statement:</em> H.E. Vabah Kazaku Gayflor, Ambassador and Special Representative of ECOWAS to The Gambia</td>
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<td>- <em>Statement:</em> Hon. Hadrammeh Sidibeh, Minister, Ministry of Youth and Sports The Gambia</td>
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<td>- <em>Statement:</em> Hon. Dr. Ahmadou Lamin Samateh, Minister, Ministry of Health of The Gambia</td>
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<td>- <em>Opening Statement:</em> H.E. Dr. Isatou Touray, Vice President, Republic of The Gambia</td>
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<td><strong>Youth and ICPD</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Moderator:</strong> Haddy Jonga, Programme Analyst, Communication, UNFPA The Gambia</td>
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<td><em>Panel discussion on the main theme:</em> “Population and Development, ICPD25: the contributions from the West Africa Youth Leaders”</td>
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<td>- Mr. Aliou Oumarou, Acting President, Pan African Youth Union, Niger</td>
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<td>- Mrs. Jennifer Yere Agbaji, Commissioner Gender, Agriculture and Rural Economy, African Youth Commission, Nigeria</td>
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<td>- Mr. Andrew Gibba, President, African Youth and Adolescent Network (AfriYAN) Gambia</td>
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<td>- Ms. Marielle Mahule DEGBOE, Regional President of West Africa Network of Young Women Leaders (ROAJELF), Benin</td>
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Tea break

Key lessons from the region “What are West African youth doing to Accelerate delivery on the promise from Cairo”

Moderator: Alagie Jarju, Programme Manager, National Youth Council, The Gambia

Plenary session to share West African countries’ specific experiences (progress and challenges) in delivering the “Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights”.

Panelists:
- Mr. Emmanuel Ametepey, Executive Director, Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) and Convener of African Youth SDGs Summit, Ghana
- Mr. Loukman Abdel Aziz TIDJANI, Former Member of AfriYAN and National Youth Council, Benin
- Ms. Fadimatou Lyawa Ousmanou, President, National Youth Council, Cameroon
- Mrs. Musu Bakoto Sawo, National Coordinator, Think Young Women, Gambia
- Mr. Amos Williams, President, Federation of Liberian Youth, Liberia

Lunch break

WAHO and Youth

Moderator: Awolaran Olusegun, FRSPH Project Officer, Sexual and Reproductive Health of Adolescent and Youths, WAHO

Plenary presentation on initiatives of WAHO to promote better health in Africa through regional integration

Presenter:
- Dr MONGBO Mèdessi Yves Armand, PO Maternal and Child Health, WAHO

Access to RH Quality Services and Information for Youth

Moderator: Christine Sayo, Director of Advocacy and Communications, AYC

Plenary discussion on how access to RH quality services and efficient information sharing among youth could be improved to ensure rights and choices for all

Panelists:
- Mr. Lamin Darboe, Executive Director, National Youth Council, Gambia
- Ms. Christine Sayo, Director of Advocacy and Communications, AYC
- Mr. Khadim Diop, President, National Youth Council, Senegal
- Ms. Aissatu Forbs Djaló, President, National Youth Council, Guinea Bissau
- Mr. Bello Shagari, President, National Youth Council, Nigeria

Refreshment break

Exhibition of initiatives on Population and Development

Open space to showcase youth projects/initiatives that are advancing the ICPD agenda in ECOWAS countries
- Participating Member Countries
**End of Day 1**

**Thursday, 24 October, 2019 (Day 2)**

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| 09:00-9:30    | Recap of Day 1  
Facilitated by Rapporteurs                                                                  |
| 09:30-10:30   | ICPD at 25: Filling the promise of Cairo  
**Moderator:** Mr. Lamin Darboe, Executive Director, The Gambia National Youth Council  
*Inter-generational discussion around the table on “What has changed since 1994 and what can we do better beyond 2019 Nairobi Summit on ICPD25”.*  
**Panelists:**  
- Mr. Mbingue Ngom, Regional Director, UNFPA West and Central Africa  
- H.E Mrs. Vabah Kazaku Gayflor, Ambassador and Special Representative of ECOWAS to The Gambia  
- H.E Dr. Isatou Touray, Vice President, Republic of The Gambia  
- Ms. Natalie Sonia Mukundane, Executive Chairperson, African Youth Commission  
- Hon. Sarata Ceesay, Speaker, Children National Assembly, Gambia |
| 10:30-11:00   | Tea break                                                                                   |
| 11:00-12:30   | The role of Youth in ICPD Unfinished Business  
**Moderator:** Keith Andere, Director of Programmes, AYC  
*Panel discussion to explore the role of youth leadership in delivering on the ‘unfinished business’.*  
**Panelists:**  
- Mr. Ngolo Katta, Commissioner, National Youth Commission, Sierra Leone  
- Mr. Flomo Mau Maiwo, Deputy Executive Chairperson, African Youth Commission, Liberia  
- Ms. Alima DRAME, President, AfriYAN, Senegal  
- Mr. Moumouni DIALLA, President, National Youth Council, Burkina Faso  
- Ms. Fatou Jeng, Vice President, AfriYAN Gambia |
| 12:30-13:30   | Youth as Drivers in implementation of ICPD Plan of Action in ECOWAS region  
**Moderator:** Andrew Gibba, President, AfriYAN Gambia  
*Plenary discussion on how West African youth can have their say in the ICPD discourse and drive the implementation of its Plan of Action beyond Nairobi Summit on ICPD25*  
**Panelists:**  
- Mr. Bening Ahmed, Acting Secretary General, PYU, Ghana  
- Mr. Kawsu Sillah, Executive Secretary, African Youth Commission, Gambia |
| 13:30-14:30   |                                                                                             |
• **Representative**, African Youth and Adolescent Network (AfriYAN)
• **Representative**, Regional President of West Africa Network of Young Women Leaders (ROAJELF)

Lunch break

**Preparation for Nairobi**

**Facilitators:** The Gambia National Youth Council, AYC and AfriYAN Gambia

*Thematic breakout sessions to produce West Africa Youth Leaders position paper for Nairobi Summit*

**14:30-16:30**

16:30-17:00 **Closing and What Next?**

**Speakers:** WAHO, AYC and The Gambia National Youth Council

*From Commitment to Action: What support can be provided by the WAHO, AYC and others to translate the commitment of the West Africa Youth Leaders Forum to Action beyond Banjul*

End of the Forum