CALL FOR SIDE EVENTS
4th Pan African Youth Conference on African Unity and Development
Theme: ‘Beyond All Talks; Youth as Drivers of Africa’s Peace, Political and Socio-Economic Development’.
23-27 March 2020, Nairobi, Kenya

1. Call for Proposals
This call for proposals is inviting partner youth organisations and youth development actors to organise side event workshops in alignment with their programmatic area of interest and thematic focus of the “4th Pan African Youth Conference on African Unity and Development”. In accordance with the structure of the conference, side events will be organised on the margins of the pre-two days youth conference on 24th and 25th March 2020.

The events are organised with the objective of sharing experiences, best practices, encouraging partnership, building alliances and the capacity of youth to influence policies and practices of their National Governments, the African Union, the United Nations, Regional Economic Communities and other youth development actors on the African continent. The events can focus on the main theme: Beyond All Talks; Youth as Drivers of Africa’s Peace, Political and Socio-Economic Development, or one of the following ten (10) sub-themes of the conference:

1. Pan Africanism and Regional Integration;
2. Youth, Peace and Security;
3. Youth Leadership and Political Participation;
4. Youth Socio-Economic Inclusion and Empowerment (Education/Skills, Job Creation and Business Development);
5. Gender Equality, Adolescent and Youth Health (SRHR);
6. Innovation and Digital Inclusion;
7. Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law;
8. Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change;
9. Migration and Sustainable Urban Development;

2. Selection criteria
Any entity interested in organising a side event can submit a proposal, but due to space and other considerations, each organiser cannot be involved in more than one side event. Submission must be on the attached Side Event Request Form, and organisers must attach a 2-page detailed description of the event; list of organisers and partners; panelists and guest speakers; and how the event will contribute to the main theme or sub-themes of the conference.
The basic selection criteria include the following:

- The inclusiveness of the event, priority will be given to side events organised by two or more partners; and/or number participants sponsored to attend the event;
- How well the side event is aligned to the conference main theme or sub-themes stated above or its cross-cutting nature;
- Geographic and gender balance of the speakers and panelists;
- Duration of the side event no longer than 2.5 hours.

3. Responsibility of the organisers
The organisers of the selected side events will be responsible for the following:

- Invite speakers, panelists, and arrange travel and visas for invited speakers or guests;
- Invite participants from member States;
- Publicize the event and invite the media for coverage if deemed necessary;
- Cover costs related to the venue, technological equipment, interpretation and catering services. However, for food it will have to be arranged through the designated caterers of the conference and fully paid by the organiser;
- Provide simultaneous interpretations in English or French;
- Prepare a summary report of the event and share it with the Secretariat of the conference;
- Room allocation, sound and projectors will be arranged by the AYC side-events coordinator.

Event organisers will be informed if their event is selected or not after the call for side events process is completed and a full list of all approved side events will be published on the AYC website.

Deadline for submission of side event proposals is January 24th 2020.

4. Communication
All queries related to side events should be addressed to the following officers:

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