

**African Youth Powering the SDGs
Second Webinar Edition**

‘From the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development towards the High Level Political Forum 2019’

Title: A Journey of SDG Accountability from Marrakech to New York

Date: Thursday 16 May at 10am GMT

Introduction:

This webinar will be an opportunity for young people across the Africa region to share their reflections on the main outcomes and agreed actions from the [African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development \(ARFSD\)](#) that took place in Marrakech, Morocco from 16 - 18 April.

The webinar will also provide a platform for young people in the region to share their expectations of and plans for engaging in the upcoming [United Nations High Level Political Forum \(HLPF\)](#) in New York from 9 - 18 July. This will help to strategise on potential joint advocacy activities and try to ensure that regional agreements made at the ARFSD - specifically those most relevant for young people - will be properly reflected at the global HLPF.

Finally, there will also be an opportunity to share updates regarding the [SDG Summit](#) taking place under the auspicious of the HLPF from 24 - 25 September 2019, and provide an overview of potential avenues for young people to engage in this global advocacy platform.

Objectives:

- Share outcomes from the ARFSD and outline relevant implications and opportunities for young people in the region in terms of SDG implementation, follow up and review;
- Increase awareness and understanding towards the HLPF as a key decision making and influencing forum for SDG follow up and review;
- Create opportunities to strengthen youth networks and collaboration at national and regional levels between young people on SDG follow up, review and reporting- particularly towards the HLPF.

Draft Agenda:

Time	Activity	Led By
5 mins	Opening + Welcome: Introduction to the webinar agenda, format and speakers.	Rose Zwane, Commission for Gender Equality Rotimi Olawale, Youth Hub Africa
10 mins	Scene Setting: Brief background to the ARFSD and how	Emmanuel Ametepy,

Concept Note

	this relates to the HLPF and formal SDG follow up and review processes.	Convenor African Youth SDG Summit
30 mins	<p>Reflections from 5th ARFSD Participants: Reflections on some of the main outcomes in relation to youth and what young people see as implications for the region in terms of SDG implementation, follow up and review.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> This will not be a series of panel presentations, speakers should prepare a couple of points on each of the questions to share as part of a discussion. Viewers will also be invited to share questions for the speakers in the live feed chat box on You Tube.</p> <p>Questions to structure discussion will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In your view, was there one key outcome from the ARFSD that you believe has the potential to have a real impact for your work on SDG implementation and accountability? • What are the next steps for you and your organisation or networks in terms of follow up on ARFSD outcomes and continued engagement in SDG implementation and accountability processes? • Are there recommendations you would make for how the 6th ARFSD could strengthen the meaningful participation of young people? And any good practices you have come across in other processes that you might want to share? 	<p>Anne Sizomu, IPPF</p> <p>Damilare Oyedele, Library and You</p> <p>Mwinji Nachinga, Commonwealth Youth Human Rights & Democracy Network</p> <p>Kawsu Sillah, African Youth Commission</p> <p>Abel Koka, Restless Development</p>
5 mins	From ARFSD to the HLPF: A Case Study from Ghana: How can young people now look to engage and influence the HLPF process- an example from YAG.	Francis Ametepy, Youth Advocates Ghana
5 mins	UN Major Group of Children and Youth: Mechanism for regional and global advocacy through UN processes.	Keith Andere, Major Group of Children and Youth
2 mins	Thanks + Close	<p>Rose Zwane, Commission for Gender Equality</p> <p>Rotimi Olawale, Youth Hub Africa</p>