

# AFRICAN YOUTH COMMISSION

UNITING YOUTH IN ACTION FOR AFRICAN UNITY AND DEVELOPMENT



## Presentation of AYC



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## ABOUT US!

- African Youth Commission (AYC) is an independent Pan-African Youth Network founded by youth leaders to foster synergy amongst youth and youth organisations on the African continent and Diaspora.
- AYC was officially inaugurated in January 2017 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**AYC is Not Affiliated to the African Union**

# OUR STRUCTURE!

## General Assembly (GA):

- Made up of AYC member organisations (National Consortium) spread across Africa and diaspora.
- Among GA's mandates is to Govern, Decide and Direct the business of AYC.

The GA is responsible for electing ten (10) Executive Council members from AYC member organisations to oversee the Commission's activities in between the Annual General Assembly meetings.

## OUR STRUCTURE...CON'T!

### **Executive Council (EC):**

- Made up of ten (10) elected representatives of AYC member organisations.
- EC is mandated by the General Assembly to **Mobilise** (human, technical and financial resources) to implement activities of the Commission, **Advocate** (issues affecting the development of young people and AYC member organisations at national, sub-regional, continental and global levels), **Enforce** (decisions/recommendations from the Annual General Assembly Meetings of the AYC and **Supervise** (the implementation of the Commission's activities in between the Annual General Assembly meetings and report to the GA).

## OUR STRUCTURE...CON'T!

### Secretariat:

- The Secretariat is the administrative and programme arm of the Commission. It is mandated by the Executive Council to **Organise**, **Communicate**, **Coordinate** and **Facilitate** activities of the AYC and its members organisations.
- The Secretariat is headed by Executive Secretary, Directors and Assistants.

Executive Secretary is given certain powers to exercise on behalf of the Executive Council.

**AYC Secretariat is located in Banjul, The Gambia**

## Advisory Board (AB):

- Made of 9 appointed distinguished youth leaders and professional representing the six regions of African Union.
- The AB is mandated by the EC to Advise, Connect and Strengthen the human resources and financial capacities of the Commission.

## OUR VISION!

### Vision:

AYC subscribed to the ideals and Pan African vision of African Union.

- “An integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena.”

## OUR MISSION!

### **Mission/Slogan:**

The mission or slogan of the AYC is:

- To unite youth in action for the promotion of African unity and development.



## OUR CORE VALUES!

### Values:

The core values of AYC are:

- Integrity
- Transparency
- Pan Africanism
- Inclusiveness

## WHAT WE DO!

We provide:

- A space for youth-led and youth-serving organisations on the continent to have their voices heard, set and drive their own agenda.

## WHAT WE DO...CON'T!

- **Advocate for inclusion and meaningful participation of young people in policy and decision making processes at all levels of the society.**

## WHAT WE DO...CON'T!

- **Promote the active involvement of young people as key partners in the implementation of the Africa 2063 Agenda as well the UN Agenda 2030 for **sustainable development.****

## WHAT WE DO...CON'T!

- **Support advocacy actions on the ratification and implementation of the African Youth Charter, other youth rights-based legal instruments.**

## WHAT WE DO...CON'T!

- **Build partnership and capacity of our member organisations to contribute to *advancing* the AYC Agenda through a network of locally based youth actors.**

# OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION!

In 2018, AYC developed a 3-year Strategic Plan (2018-2020) focusing on the following **five priority areas**:

- *AYC Strengthening,*
- *Employment and Entrepreneurship,*
- *Health and Well-being,*
- *Governance and Human rights,*
- *Peace and Security.*

The strategy is inspired by AU roadmap on harnessing the demographic dividend through investment in youth.

## OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION...CON'T!

Through the Strategy, our National Consortium members are implementing the following projects/initiatives:

- Promoting decent job and entrepreneurship opportunities for young people,
- Advocating for improved access to health services including comprehensive sexuality education in formal and non-formal education,
- Promoting human rights, delivering good governance and accountability,



## OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION...CON'T!

- Encouraging social cohesion, inclusion and active participation of youth in the maintenance of peace and security,
- Building partnership and the capacity of youth to influence policies and practices of their National Governments, the African Union, Regional Economic Communities and other youth development actors on the African continent.

# WHERE WE WORK!

We have active members in the following 46 African countries:

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|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Arab Republic of Egypt                   | 11. Republic of Benin         | 21. Republic of Kenya      | 31. Republic of Senegal      |
| 2. Burkina Faso                             | 12. Republic of Botswana      | 22. Republic of Liberia    | 32. Republic of Sierra Leone |
| 3. Central African Republic                 | 13. Republic of Burundi       | 23. Republic of Malawi     | 33. Republic of South Africa |
| 4. Democratic Republic of the Congo         | 14. Republic of Cameroon      | 24. Republic of Mali       | 34. Republic of South Sudan  |
| 5. Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia  | 15. Republic of Cape Verde    | 25. Republic of Mauritania | 35. Republic of the Congo    |
| 6. Federal Republic of Nigeria              | 16. Republic of Cote d'Ivoire | 26. Republic of Mauritius  | 36. Republic of the Gambia   |
| 7. Kingdom of Lesotho                       | 17. Republic of Djibouti      | 27. Republic of Mozambique | 37. Republic of The Sudan    |
| 8. Kingdom of Morocco                       | 18. Republic of Gabon         | 28. Republic of Namibia    | 38. Republic of Uganda       |
| 9. Kingdom of Swaziland                     | 19. Republic of Ghana         | 29. Republic of Niger      | 39. Republic of Zambia       |
| 10. People`s Democratic Republic of Algeria | 20. Republic of Guinea        | 30. Republic of Rwanda     | 40. Somali Republic          |

41. State of Eritrea | 42. The Republic of Chad | 43. Togolese Republic  
44. Tunisian Republic | 45. Union of the Comoros | 46. United Republic of Tanzania

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR WORK?

**Join our National Consortium today!**

- **Our National Consortium serves as an umbrella body to organise and coordinate activities of the AYC member organisations at national level as well as to promote and support other in-country youth initiatives.**

# WHO CAN JOIN THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM?

## Composition:

- The membership for National Consortium is open to youth organizations, youth groups, youth networks, youth coalitions, youth councils, youth commissions, youth associations, youth parliaments, youth professional and think tank bodies, youth chambers of commerce, youth clubs in high schools and colleges, and associations of university students from all member states of the African Union and Diaspora.

**ALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO AYC SECRETARIAT USING THE APPLICATION FORM LINKED TO AYC WEBSITE**

# WHAT ARE REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN?

## **Membership Eligibility, Obligations, Annual Membership Fees, Membership Benefits and Termination of Membership**

### **Eligibility,**

- a) Youth structures seeking for membership to the National Consortium shall be required to fulfill the following minimum requirements:
  - 1) Subscribed to the ideals and Pan African vision of “an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena.”
  - 2) Be a national youth structure from any member state of African Union or African Diaspora.

## WHAT ARE REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN...CON'T?

### **Eligibility,**

- 3) Acquired legal status to operate in a country or Diaspora where the structure exists.
- 4) Exists for a minimum of one (1) month and able to submit a copy of constitution, meeting minutes and prove of legal status for membership application.
- 5) Be committed to pay for an annual membership fee.
- b) All membership application to the National Consortium will be subjected to a review and approval by the AYC Secretariat.

# WHAT ARE REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN...CON'T?

## Obligations,

Members of the National Consortium would be required to:

- a) Agree to join the National Consortium alongside other members, appoint a focal point within the Consortium to coordinate and report the activities of the Consortium to the AYC Secretariat. The position of the focal point will be rotated annually among members of the Consortium.
- b) Pay a membership fee as stipulated in the annual membership fees below and submits a letter of financial commitment to the AYC Secretariat for payment of membership.

# WHAT ARE REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN....CON'T?

## **Obligations,**

- c) Renew their membership status every (1) year.
- d) Adhere to a Code of Conduct and Ethics to be developed by the AYC Secretariat.
- e) Register the National Consortium under the appropriate laws of their country and open a Bank account for the Consortium.
- f) Attend monthly meetings of the National Consortium, the Annual General Assembly Meeting of the AYC, and where necessary attend the national, regional and continental meetings of the AYC or its International partners.
- g) Promote the work of AYC and encourage membership at National level.
- h) Collaborate, strengthen and support the work of each other (members of the National Consortium).



# WHAT ARE REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN...CON'T?

## **Annual Membership Fees,**

Annual Membership fees, once paid, are non-refundable. The assessed Membership dues shall be as follows;

### **Africa,**

- a) \$300 (Three hundred US Dollars) for each member of the National Consortium in Africa.

### **Diaspora,**

- a) \$500 (Five hundred US Dollars) for each member of the National Consortium in Diaspora.

**ALL FEES MUST BE PAID DIRECTLY TO AYC SECRETARIAT**

# WHAT IS THE ADDED VALUE FOR MEMBERSHIP?

## **Membership Benefits:**

Members of the National Consortium are entitled to the following;

- a) Certificate of membership.
- b) Member profile and logo on AYC website.
- c) AYC Secretariat will contribute a grant up \$2,500 minimum and \$5,000 maximum for the operations of National Consortium in each Member State (this will be subjected to the size of National Consortium and compliance to the internal terms and conditions).
- d) Participation in activities (Capacity Building, Training Workshops, Consultations and Conferences) organised by the AYC or its International partners.

## WHAT IS THE ADDED VALUE FOR MEMBERSHIP...CON'T?

### **Membership Benefits:**

- e) Opportunity to engage, collaborate and network with other AYC National Consortiums and International Partners from across Africa and Diaspora.
- f) Nominate a representative to contest for Executive Council positions in the AYC.
- g) National Consortium will automatically become a member of Regional Consortium in the geographical region they are operating; i.e the National Consortium for the Gambia will join the AYC ECOWAS Regional Consortium.
- h) Technical and financial supports to design and implement in-country youth projects.

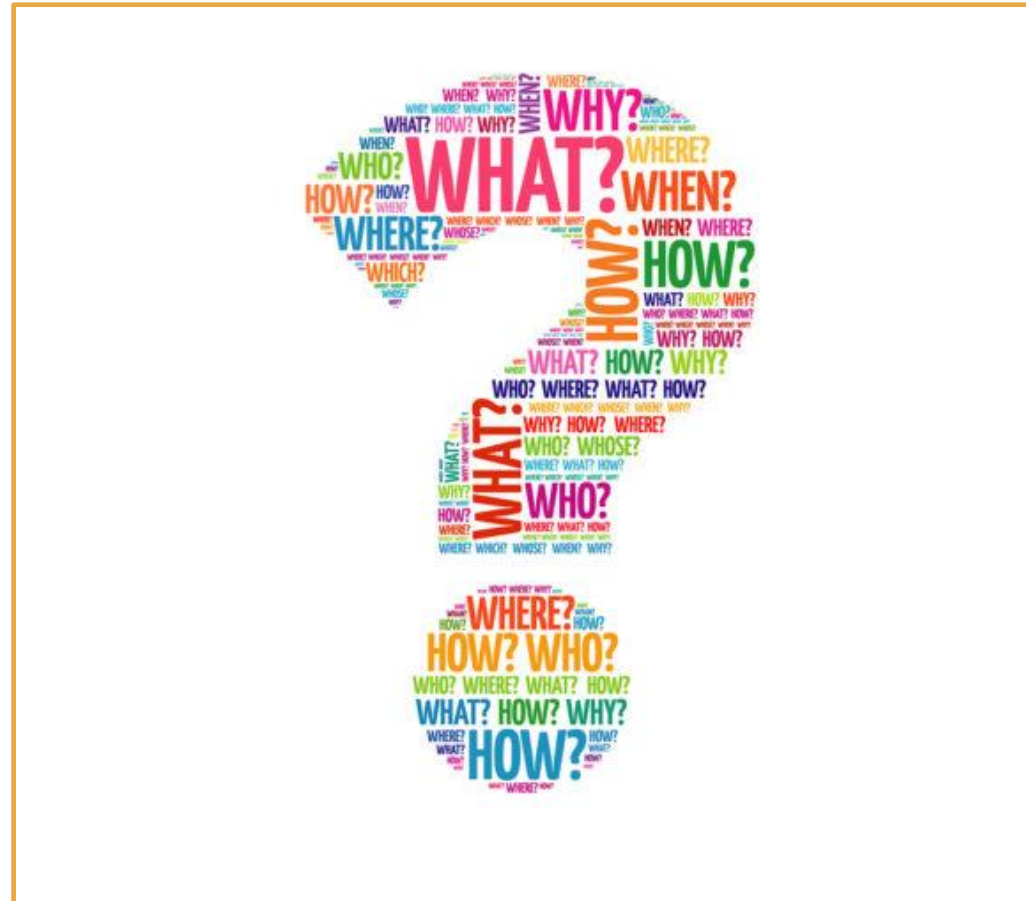
# WHAT CAN TERMINATE MY MEMBERSHIP?

## Termination of Membership,

Membership to the National Consortium will be terminated upon:

- a) Failure to participate in the monthly meeting of National Consortium for three (3) consecutive times.
- b) Failure to comply or involvement in activities incompatible with provisions in the Articles of the AYC constitution or agreed internal terms and conditions will result in a complete membership termination.
- c) Voluntary withdrawal or termination of membership by a member structure.
- d) Failure to pay a membership fee on stipulated or agreed timeframe.

# ANY QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATION?



# THANK YOU!



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