

YOUTH FOR SDGS FORUM



INTEGRATING THE YOUTH IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS

BACKGROUND

Was founded after the official launch of the SDGs here in Kenya after the realization that:

- There wasn't a proper mechanism for the engagement of young people in the implementation of SDGs
- Kenya and Africa at large are young considering the high percentage of young cohorts compared to the older generation
- Failure to implement the SDGs to the latter will have significant socio-economic and political impact on the current younger generation compared to the older generation
- The youth have innovative and bankable ideas hence must have a seat on the decision making table
- Rural youth are not or underrepresented in the implementation of SDGs
- Youth are best positioned to drive innovation agenda in SDG work

OBJECTIVES

- To advocate for sectoral implementation strategies and mechanisms that take into account the unique needs of the youth
- To ensure the youth are part of the decision making processes as far as the implementation of SDGs are concerned
- To ensure implementation strategies are flexible enough to accommodate ideas and suggestions from the youth
- To ensure the youth take active roles in the designing and implementation of programmes and projects aimed at meeting the targets of SDGs
- To provide youth a platform for empowerment to engage in SDG implementation.

MEMBERSHIP

With an operational Secretariat, Y4SDGs Forum accommodates members at Four different members

1. Individual Membership
2. Groups/Organization Membership
3. Membership by Co-option (Friends of the Forum)
4. Development partners (Organizations and Individuals)

THEMATIC AREAS

Due to the broad nature of SDGs, the forum has organized its proposed programmes under four major thematic areas which will ensure the targets of all the 17 goals are covered. These thematic areas include:

1. **Food security** - SDG 2 and SDG 3: Achieving food security is a key ambition of all countries of the world. Youth can do farming and be involved in value chain creatively
2. **Environmental sustainability** - Sustainable energy, Climate Action, Ecosystem conservation support the earth and are at the heart of young people – SDG 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 15
3. **Employment** – Youth need sustainable jobs. Green jobs and Innovation provide the opportunity- SDG 1, 3, 4, 8 and SDG 9
4. **Governance** – Youth are present and future leaders. We advocate for Accountability and Transparency– SDG 5, 10, 12, 16,

PROGRESS SO FAR

- National Youth Conference on Paris Agreement and SDGs – October , 2017
- Youth Talanoa Dialogue at UNEP on the sidelines of Africa Carbon Forum, April 2018
- National Youth Workshop on NCCAP and **Green Growth – May, 2018**
- National youth Conference on Climate Governance and **Green growth- August, 2018**
- **National youth consultative workshop on green growth – September 2018**

PROGRESS CONT.

- SDGs Week: June, 2019
- Consultative workshop on SMEs and Climate change, June 2019
- Coordinating Kenya Climate Strike; September 2019
- Partnering in Local Conference of Youth, 2019

SO FAR:

- Green growth has been incorporated a Key focus area and agenda of the Forum.
- The Forum is a known Youth Forum championing SGGs and Green Growth in Kenya
- We have established partnerships at sector level which will facilitate implementation of thematic work plans
- Youth Capacity on SDGs and green growth is being enhanced
- WORKING ON GREEN GROWTH matters

WHERE TO

- Implementation of SDGS – being involved in policy and practice
- Green growth agenda – As an important sustainable development approach, this is our agenda.
- Develop an engagement strategy on green growth in Kenya- Youth have made steps to define how to advance green growth at sector level
- Addressing inequalities in development and get involved in the development agenda

WHAT WE NEED:

Ideas Ideas Ideas