

# AFRICAN YOUTH SDGs SUMMIT

## OUTCOME DOCUMENT

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### **Introduction**

We the African youth participating in the 2nd African Youth SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) summit, having gathered in Accra, Ghana from the 7th to 9th November 2018, to collectively discuss, connect and advocate for partnering to move from policy to action in the implementation of the Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063, declare the following resolutions.

We call on our governments to take action on:

### **GOAL 3. Good health and well being**

- Make health centers in Africa more youth-friendly
- Increase funding and access to Sexual and Reproductive and Health Rights (SRHR) Information and Services (e.g. maternal healthcare, contraceptives and safe abortion, free sanitary pads)
- Work towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (access to health facilities, services, essential drugs and qualified health professionals also for mental health) for all groups, including marginalized groups.
- Priorities and invest in nutrition for young mothers and children.

### **GOAL 5. Gender equality**

- Strengthen the implementation of national policies on gender based violence and child marriage
- Implement and domesticate international laws and policies that ensure reproductive rights of women and safe mother practices (e.g Maputo Plan of Action and Addis Ababa Declaration on Population and Development).

### **GOAL 6. Clean water and sanitation**

- Increase the budgetary allocation to the water sector
- Prioritize policies and programmers that ensure access to clean water and improved sanitation infrastructure including waste management (e.g recycling and disposal programs for sanitary pads and diapers)
- Enforce policies to protect water sources and the environment from pollution and waste

### **GOAL 8. Decent work and employment**

- Increase financial commitments to youth development and youth employment

- Create a supportive environment to drive youth innovations and entrepreneurship
- Invest in developing youth professional skills by creating opportunities for volunteering, national youth service, access to information, capacity building, mentorship and vocational trainings.
- Create opportunities for youth exchange across African countries to facilitate education, training and employment.

### **GOAL 13. Climate action**

- Employ African youth in the green economy and create incentives for young African entrepreneurs investing in the green economy (e.g the Green fund)
- Invest in research and development of opportunities in green economy in Africa
- Implement policies and strategies to transition to sustainable renewable energies

### **GOAL 16. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions**

- Strengthen cooperations and partnership between institutions and youth organizations to accelerate SDG implementations.
- Domesticate and implement the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance to ensure functional and independent democratic institutions
- Increase participation of youth, women and gender minorities in governance by creating opportunities and safe spaces (participation in policy development, decision making and running for political positions)
- Strengthen, resource and promote the independence of electoral bodies to ensure credible, transparent, free and fair elections
- Strengthen enforcement of laws towards corruption and illicit financial flows.

We call on all African youth to work in partnership with all stakeholders and within networks to:

- Monitor and evaluate on the implementation of SDGs based on the indicators at different levels.
- Build their own capacity on SDGs to increase awareness, support, and mobilization for the SDGs implementation.(e.g Active participation of youth in the Voluntary National Review and the High level Political Forum )
- Advocate jointly in an innovative way to hold duty-bearers accountable for the implementation of the SDGs

We invite African youth to lead by example by embodying the values of the SDGs and working for the development of people, partnerships, peace, planet and prosperity.