



World Youth Alliance
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The World Youth Alliance Youth Summit 2015

Topic: “Empowering the Youth through Entrepreneurship and Leadership”

Friday 25th September 2015

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

University of Nairobi Main Campus, Education Building – EDII

Nairobi – Kenya

CONCEPT NOTE

A. INTRODUCTION

The World Youth Alliance - WYA is a global coalition of young people committed to promoting the dignity of the person and building solidarity among youth from developed and developing nations. WYA trains young people to work at the regional and international level to influence policy and culture. Through a lived experience of the dignity of the person, young people are able to affirm life at all levels of society.

Vision Changers Kenya’s mission is to provide high quality, reliable, accessible and sustainable entrepreneurial and leadership training, business incubation services, youth advocacy and financial accredited projects; hence, model the youth to become all round entrepreneurs. Our Vision is to empower youth with proper skills and knowledge, to enable them create sustainable social-economic development in the community.

Youth Alliance for Leadership and Development in Africa (YALDA) (of which YALDA – University of Nairobi is a branch) is a non-profit international organization that was established in order to create a resourceful networking database for those with a strong interest in Africa. The network is centered around YALDA branches, primarily at African universities, and serves to increase the capacity of youth in Africa for developing positive leadership skills and to espouse an honest work ethic.

The Youth Summit is an annual event of World Youth Alliance Africa. In 2015, we will partner with Vision Changers Kenya and YALDA - University of Nairobi. The Summit will bring together university students, young people, World Youth Alliance Africa members and youth leaders to listen and interact with entrepreneurs and leaders in order to be empowered on matters entrepreneurship and leadership. World Youth Alliance Africa, Vision Changers Kenya and YALDA UON will host the 2nd Annual Youth

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Summit, which will be held at the University of Nairobi Kenya on Friday 25th, September, 2015 from 2:00 – 5:00p.m.

On 30th October, 2006, Kenya's Vision 2030 was launched by the then President Mwai Kibaki; it was a long-term development process for Kenya, which had 3 pillars among them being the Economic Pillar. Kenya aims to achieve a 10% economic growth rate and sustain it up to the year 2030 and going forward; this aim can only be achieved if the youth, whose population is about 12.6 million and out of which 65% are economically inactive, are empowered to undertake entrepreneurship and take up leadership, thereby contribute to the economic development of the nation. Economic sustainability goes hand in hand with good governance/ leadership because suitable policies have to be made and corruption dealt with. The youth of this nation are leaders and they will play a crucial role in leading us to the attainment of Vision 2030. The Youth Summit's theme will focus on youth empowerment through entrepreneurship and leadership in order to influence economic sustainability and good governance, which are crucial in helping Kenya attain Economic development.

B. OBJECTIVES

The main aim of the summit is to empower the youth through entrepreneurship and leadership. We hope that during the summit, the participants will gain a clear perspective on the topics of economic sustainability and good governance/ leadership. The summit will bring together 150 youth from across Kenya Universities to deliberate, share ideas, and learn from expert speakers on issues focusing on the following topics:

- *Entrepreneurship*
- *Economic Sustainability*
- *Leadership*
- *Good governance*

C. EXPECTED RESULTS

We expect all participants to learn about entrepreneurship, economic sustainability, leadership and good governance. We expect that some of the participants will be empowered to get into entrepreneurship and as a result contribute to economic sustainability. We also expect participants to learn about responsible leadership/governance and carry with them values that will influence their decision-

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making as they currently and will in future hold positions of leadership in our country. We will also connect the participants to the speakers and entrepreneurs whom they can learn from beyond the summit. Finally, this will be a lead up to the Emerging Leaders Conference 2015 www.wya.net/aclc that will be held on 11th – 13th November 2015 at the Strathmore University Auditorium in partnership with the Strathmore Law School.

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