



## **AFRICAN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT**

**“YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION”**

**27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

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THE NETWORK OF AFRICAN YOUTHS FOR DEVELOPMENT (NAYD)

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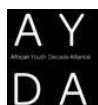
WORLD ASSEMBLY OF YOUTH (WAY)

A BETTER COMMUNITY FOR ALL (ABC4ALL)

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### ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The Summit is intended to provide a platform for youth and youth leaders to discuss and reflect on imminent issues faced in Africa, as a continent, and draw up opportunities to improve youth development towards achieving a sustainable future. During this time delegates anticipate to address the needs of both the African youth and the continent at large, with emphasis on its vast natural resources and potentials. It will culminate into the formulation of key recommendations for implementation for various agencies and stakeholders. This Summit will also provide delegates with an excellent opportunity to form networks and act upon the challenges that youth are facing by curving a long term path towards a better future for Africa.

### SUMMIT THEMES

The combination of lack of access to quality education and health; leadership and employment opportunities; effects of climate change; poor management of natural resources and unsustainable activities that lead to conflict; over many decades is affecting communities and livelihoods in Africa. The urgent global consensus and action is required to commit and invest in the challenges at hand. Working towards a sustainable development requires a concerted, deliberate and timely effort. The young people, through this Summit, shall encourage the establishment of an environment that is able to sustain economic and social activities at all stages.

After several local, regional and international events, the future of the Africa is left with no agreed roadmap for sustainability. This obviously has formed serious implications to youth and their future. The selected themes for this Summit outline an initiative conceived by the young people to address the gaps and grey areas of Africa, in an effort to achieve sustainable development. The thematic concern of the Summit shall address the following:

- **Quality Education for All**
- **HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse**
- **Leadership, Innovation and Employment**
- **Economic Growth and Good Governance**
- **Environment and Sustainable Development**
- **Conflict Management and Resolution**



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### SUMMIT MISSION

To create a youth-led roadmap for the sustainable development in Africa.

### SUMMIT OBJECTIVES

- i. To create and mobilize a platform for the youth willing to traverse a sustainable and inclusive future for Africa;
- ii. To involve all stakeholders in dialogue and showcase the innovations and entrepreneurial potentials of the youth;
- iii. To formulate key recommendations for all relevant stakeholders as a means to curve the path of the future;
- iv. To bring awareness and empower young people by providing opportunities for personal, professional and economic growth and development;
- v. To provide participants with the rightful skills and knowledge for the advancement of opportunities and solutions to conflicts and challenges in the continent;
- vi. To build and strengthen the social capacity by delivering comprehensive care and a supportive environment for all the youth of the continent;
- vii. To incorporate networking, collaboration and cooperation among all stakeholders to address youth issues.

### ORGANIZERS

The Summit is organized by the Network of African Youths for Development (NAYD) in partnership with the World Assembly of Youth (WAY), A Better Community for All (ABC4All), African Youth Decade Alliance (AYDA), African Views and Organisation Of African Youth. Synergy and cooperation are essential for positive and enduring changes in Africa. Hence, this partnership is formed by like-minded youth-led initiatives, both in Africa and beyond, to make this ground-breaking summit a success.

### PARTICIPANTS

This Summit shall bring together youth and youth leaders from all countries in Africa and other continents. The expected participants should be between the ages of 18 to 35 and gender balanced groups. The participants shall comprise of youth, youth leaders, academicians, head of departments from several ministries, journalists and other relevant stakeholders. The total expected number is 250 participants.



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### PROGRAM OUTLINE

The Summit will be conducted on participatory lines with short plenary sessions, presentations from various speakers, deliberations of reports from member countries, and followed by small-group workshops. There will be video presentations of documentaries on Africa. A special committee will be formed to follow up on the implementation of the outcome document. Feedback and evaluation process shall take place at the end of the Summit.

Field trip visits in the host country shall be conducted to showcase the culture and enhance networking amongst the participants. This Summit will be conducted in a dialogue manner that aims to promote social interaction, learning and appreciation of one another.

### DATE AND VENUE

The Summit will take place from the 27<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### OUTCOME

The expected outcome from this Summit shall be the African Youth Development Summit Declaration which will contain recommendations from the participants to all stake holders. The recommendations will outline how the themes can nationally be improved and strengthened more fully and actively towards a sustainable continental development effort.

With the success of the Summit, the organizers anticipate to achieve the following:

- An upsurge in youth participation in sustainable development and other societal issues in Africa;
- A better understanding of the concept of sustainability and the roles of the youth and relevant stakeholders in the future society;
- A clearly defined roadmap to achieve sustainable development in Africa;
- A strengthened network of youth and other stakeholders dealing with youth issues in Africa; and
- A re-energized youth ready to take lead on the challenges faced by our society.



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### CONCLUSION

The organizers hope the participants will gain the rightful knowledge and experience to tackle the issues at hand as this Summit is the key to their future. The organizers are committed to the attainment of real sustainable development and hereby call upon all likeminded individuals and organizations to join hands in the implementation and realization of the outcome document.

Hundreds of youth will gather at this Summit to impact positive change in their lives and transcend their differences. Therefore, we shall stand united with a goal in mind: Youth, the present and the future. Rise Africa, Rise!!!

Join us at is <http://summit.nayd.org>