

EMPOWERING VOICES, BUILDING TOMORROW.

A more participative future begins with the voices we elevate today. By enhancing participation of women and youth, we build stronger, more inclusive democracies for tomorrow.

WYDE Political Parties is a transformative initiative designed to **empower women and youth across east and west Africa** to take an active role in political processes. Despite progress, **barriers such as entrenched norms and economic constraints** continue to leave these groups underrepresented. Funded by the European Union, the project tackles these challenges by **fostering inclusivity and strengthening democratic institutions**. Through training, mentorship, and advocacy, we ensure that the voices of women and youth are not just heard, but are **instrumental in shaping the future of their countries**.

In three years, the program aims to:

- **Enhance Inclusivity:**

Increase the participation of women and youth in political processes and decision-making roles.

- **Strengthen Democratic Institutions:**

Support political parties and regulatory bodies in selecting and designing the tools and knowledge they envision to become more inclusive, transparent, and accountable.

- **Promote Cross-Regional Collaboration:**

Foster cooperation and the sharing of best practices across political parties in different African regions.

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How?

- **Capacity Building:** Training sessions and workshops to develop leadership and advocacy skills among women and youth.
- **Mentorship Programs:** Connecting emerging leaders with experienced mentors to guide them in their political careers.
- **Advocacy Campaigns:** Promoting gender equality and youth participation through targeted advocacy initiatives.
- **Policy Dialogue:** Facilitating discussions between political parties and stakeholders to encourage inclusive policy-making.

Partners

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- KAS (Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung)
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WYDE Political Parties is part of the broader EU initiative WYDE - Women and Youth Democratic Engagement, under the European Commission's Thematic Programme for Human Rights and Democracy 2021-2027. The project's main goal is to strengthen the capacity of political parties globally to be more inclusive and representative, particularly of women and youth, who are often underrepresented in political processes.

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