



Regional meeting Africa
Gaborone, 9th October 2018

Youth

What is working and what is missing after the EU summit?

WHAT IS WORKING

- ❑ **CORPORATE ENGAGEMENT**, firms who are generating their own funds for use to positively impact youth, without implied agenda
- ❑ Agendas, declarations, guidelines and structures **EXIST** to a certain extent (National councils, Organisations – Govt. and civil society)

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WHAT IS MISSING

- ❑ **Open application that serve the majority of African youth**
 - ✓ how do we meaningful engagement of all young people that are illiterate, unskilled, etc. marginalizing a majority of Africans avoid abuse and cosmetic engagement on the continent?

- ❑ **Local engagement on-the-ground**
 - ✓ through local govts. in their own langs., in what and how one will understand the information
 - ✓ critique on local govts. initiatives that are part of natl. govt structures, esp. where natl. govts may not be trusted

- ❑ **“Answer” to apolitical / non-affiliated / passionate youth**
 - ✓ Currently, largely CSO vs. political affiliations

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- ❑ **Oversight role in crafting youth initiatives by others**
 - ✓ In addressing the role of youth, who oversees and follows up on ideas and progress made?

- ❑ **Structure on how you engage as a youth**
 - ✓ how do we ensure a multiplier effect, beyond the city dwellers and the privileged

- ❑ **Full and meaningful ratification by all members, as well as implementation of commitments to youth**
 - ✓ E.g. AU – African Youth Charter

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SUGGESTIONS

- Youth mentoring for bottom-up approaches
- Partnership with private sector (PPPs)
- Youth-centred interventions towards giving youth apolitical / interest-based "homes"
 - ✓ for the not invited to initiatives or summits but interested in causes via listservs, engaging new and establishing continuity, using youth potential
- Inclusion of youth for sounding their voices and in decision-making processes, on high- and lower levels
 - ✓ mandatory slot(s) for youth representative, for instance on boards

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ **EVERYONE has a role to play.**
- ✓ Accountability at local, natl, regional and continental levels. Starting with existing structures and little resources to be used effectively.
- ❑ **More information needed of potential funding and financial sustainability**
- ✓ E.g. not just for the €10 million but a potential € 400 million at stake, in the instance of the AU-EU Youth Hub.
- ❑ **Africa needs to contribute its funds to youth development through AU**
- ✓ e.g. existing commitment of % funding to Youth Development Fund

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- ❑ **A clear M&E Framework is needed**, with youth engaged in the process.
- ❑ **Youth parliamentary representation needed to engage with HoS** at higher-level meaningfully, through a necessary framework
 - ✓ e.g. PAYU - Pan African Youth Union – a vehicle to achieve such?
- ❑ **IMPLEMENTATION of ratified youth commitments**, such as the African Youth Charter
- ❑ **Creation of the European Youth Charter**, inspired by AYC
- ❑ **ACCESIBILITY**
 - ✓ from audio to translated to offline mobilisation, for all (marginalised, PWD etc. so that process is non-discriminatory in practice)