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YouthConnekt Africa Summit Report

8-10 November 2024 – Kigali Rwanda

About the YouthConnekt Africa Summit



YouthConnekt Africa is a continental initiative that aims to empower young people by enhancing their knowledge, experiences, and skills while investing in their innovations, and initiatives to harness Africa's demographic dividend.

The 7th edition of the YouthConnekt Africa Summit convened over 5,000 delegates from more than 40 African countries from November 8-10, 2024, in Kigali, Rwanda, under the theme *Jobs for Youth through Innovative Skilling*. Co-hosted by the Government of Rwanda, YouthConnekt Africa, the African Union Commission, UNDP and the Mastercard Foundation, the summit showcased youth leadership and entrepreneurship, highlighting how young people drive positive change in their communities, regions, and nations.

Aligned with the African Union's 2024 theme, *Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century*, the event brought together young leaders, entrepreneurs, and creatives to engage with policymakers, development partners, and private sector actors on strategies to empower African youth and accelerate the continent's economic transformation.

Taking place against the backdrop of Africa's recovery from COVID-19's economic impact and efforts to create opportunities for the over 18 million young people entering the labour market annually. It emphasised leveraging the AfCFTA to bolster trade and production, mainly led by Africa's MSMEs, which generate over 80% of jobs on the continent.

The summit highlighted the pivotal role of youth-led innovation and technology in unlocking the potential and productivity of diverse sectors, including agriculture, education, health, tourism, and the cultural and creative industries. Policy roundtables on various thematic areas provided a platform to examine, from a youth perspective, how systemic thinking and ecosystem transformation, combined with policy reforms, can further enhance these contributions and drive sustainable growth.

The *Buy from Africa Marketplace* brought youth entrepreneurship to life with a unique feature in fashion, showcasing the diversity of African creativity and enterprise. Young creatives immersed the audiences on journeys of profound reflection through poetry, music, dance and comedy.

Discussions centered on six key thematic areas: Skilling and Education to Employment Transitions, Youth in Trade, Entrepreneurship, and Access to Finance, Digital and Tech Innovations, Reimagining Africa's Creative Industries, Youth in Agrifood Systems, and Youth Health.



Jobs for Youth Through Innovative Skilling

Over the years, the YouthConnekt Africa Summit has become the most significant policy and business convener, which tables forward-thinking discussions on the socio-economic development of African youth, which cuts across industries.

The African Union Theme of the Year 2024 – The Year of Education: “Educate (and Skill) an African fit for the 21st Century”, was timely and closely linked to the fundamental question of preparing youth for employment in an increasingly technological, competitive and climate-challenged world. In line with ensuring our policy and thought leadership engagements are contributing to the larger African conversation, which offered us a unique window to shape, inform and influence how public investments in education and skilling African youth are made in a forward-thinking manner, YouthConnekt Africa adopted a resonating theme in 2024: Jobs for Youth through Innovative Skilling.

Africa’s need for a concerted and clear strategy to skill and reskill its youth is imminent. To build context around the problem, we reviewed some definitions and considerations around youth skills in Africa. Today, Africa is 1.4 billion strong, a quarter of which are youth, with unemployment averaging 20%, the highest globally. In 2015, the NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) rate became the critical measure of progress in promoting decent work under the 2030 SGD Goal 8 - Decent Work, replacing youth unemployment as the primary measure. (ILO, 2023).

The World Bank estimates that an average of 9% of age-appropriate learners enrol in Africa (lowest globally) tertiary education, leaving a staggering 91% with basic literacy and education. Higher education attainment is correlated with higher economic earning capacities. In Sub-Saharan Africa, tertiary education is attributed to a 21% increase in earnings, compared to 7% for secondary education. (World Bank, 2024).

With the growing automation, digitalisation and climate resilience action, it is estimated that 1.1 Billion people globally will require reskilling and adaptability with the rapidly changing labour market. (World Bank, 2024). By 2030, an estimated 230 million jobs will require digital skills. (IFC, 2024), Currently, 65% of jobs on the market require some digital literacy. Considering the rapid developments in artificial intelligence and other technologies, the World Economic Forum predicts that 50% of today’s jobs will no longer exist by 2035.

In response to the challenge of youth unemployment and the need to catalyse economic, significant public investment developments in youth are going into education, technical and vocational training, and upskilling programmes. With this year’s theme focus on education - Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century, the continent is called to review and learn what skills are required for the African and global markets and how these skills and competencies can be transferred at scale and more effectively.



Policy Outcomes

Under the theme of this year, Jobs for Youth through Innovative Skilling, YouthConnekt Africa delivered on the following **policy outcomes**.

1. **Build a comprehensive understanding of the different facets of youth underemployment and unemployment in Africa**, working to gain insights into the root causes, regional disparities, and socio-economic implications.
2. **Inform and influence investments into tailored market-relevant Skills Development and Job Creation** - supporting a global partnership approach where skills development is designed to meet African youth's diverse needs and aspirations and adapted to current and future market demands.
3. **Enhanced Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange** among policymakers, educators, employers, and youth advocates in Africa to foster a multi-stakeholder approach, synergies and coherence to tackling youth unemployment.
4. **Showcase Successful Initiatives**. The continent at large has started to demonstrate pockets of evidence that it is possible to skill youth and connect them to employment opportunities that are locally based and/or globally sourced. We seek to inspire strategic investments and collaborations in market-driven/informed youth-skilling programs and accelerate turnaround times.

Thematic Areas



1. Digital Skilling and Technology Innovation

The role of digital skills and technology in empowering African youth, fostering innovation, and creating new job opportunities in ICT, e-commerce, and digital entrepreneurship sectors.



2. Education-to-Employment Transitions

Exploring solutions to the challenges of bridging the gap between education and employment in Africa, including reforms in the education system, promoting lifelong learning, and strengthening partnerships between educational institutions and the private sector. Also essential to engage in the need for innovative and market-relevant vocational training and apprenticeship programs to equip young people with practical skills and competencies for employment in key sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and agribusiness.



3. Reimagining Africa's Creative Economy and Sports Industries

A recent report by UNCTAD revealed that Africa's share of the global creative economy is around 1.5%, generating 2 million jobs – 5% of international cultural and creative industries jobs. Africa is ranked as 5th marketplace or consumer of the global creative economy. Further, The export of creative goods from Africa increased by 4% between 2010 and 2020.



4. Youth in Trade, Entrepreneurship and Access to Finance

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises significantly drive African markets. Recent data estimates that 300 million Africans are employed in the informal sector, and we can count up to 44 million MSMEs in Sub-Saharan Africa. To grow from informal to formal, from MSME to Enterprises, requires intentional investments targeted at these African-led businesses. Under this track, we seek to engage the potential of entrepreneurship as a driver of economic growth and job creation in Africa, focusing on supporting youth-led startups, fostering an enabling business environment, and promoting access to



finance and markets. We will hold a Buy from Africa Marketplace showcasing products and services of youth-led enterprises from across the continent.

2. Youth in Agrifood Systems



Agriculture continues to be a key economic sector on the continent. However, it is significantly characterised by smallholder subsistence production. Given the lack of opportunities for growth in the industry, studies indicate that agriculture has been left to the older generation - the average age of a farmer being 65. How can we leverage technology and the suitable set of support - incentives and subsidies to transform agriculture into a productive and attractive prospect for youth?

3. Youth Mental and Sexual and Reproductive Health



Africa is home to over 500 million young people aged between 18 and 35. This dividend has exerted demand for growth in health services addressing the demographic. YouthConnekt Africa continues to champion open conversations on how we can deliver better services, leveraging technology and youth-led initiatives to bridge the gap in ensuring youth in Africa can make empowering choices for mental and sexual and reproductive health.



Favorite Quotes

From our leaders



"We must build infrastructure that serves young people, and from there, they will excel in entrepreneurship, innovation, or whatever careers can earn them a good living, which everyone aspires to. Africa has everything to be where we want to be. If we fail, we can only blame ourselves."

H.E Paul Kagame
President of the Republic of Rwanda



What we need to do as African countries is to come up with an agreement to make it easier for our youth to create opportunities and trade among themselves and create policies to make it easy. We need to make Africa one.

Right Honorable Samuel Ntsokoane Matekane
Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho



"Investing in the youth is the core principle that will make our development pact sustainable."

Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa
UNDP's Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa



"Let's push for a future where young people have the information, services, and support they need to thrive both mentally and physically."

Ms. Lydia Zigomo
UNFPA Regional Director

The YCA Summit '24

In Numbers



Total
delegates



2,656

Local
delegates



2,672

International
delegates



Gender
Representation

58% - Males
42% - Females



+60

Countries
Represented



SUMMIT DELIBERATIONS

JOBS FOR YOUTH THROUGH INNOVATIVE SKILLING

I. Skilling and Education to Employment Transitions

Brief Overview

This year's summit theme "Jobs for Youth through Innovative Skilling", inspired by the African Union Theme of the Year - Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century - showcased how Africa is rising to the challenge to skill its youth leveraging technology and innovation. Education and skilling remain a sure pathway to increase employment and earning outcomes for young people. With the increasing number of young people who drop out of school at earlier stages, skilling programmes have become an important alternative to enable them to gain market relevant skills and to formalise their work. At the 2024 Summit, a particular spotlight was made on scalable, digitally enabled youth-led initiatives from across Africa that are championing new ways to bridge young people to new opportunities. Further to this, we held a career pathways lab that brought together multiple actors to identify emerging entry-level opportunities for in various industries



Key Recommendations:

1. Broaden skilling and education ecosystems by fostering partnerships between youth-led solutions, academia, private-sector employers, and non-traditional actors.
2. Utilize AI and advanced digital technologies to scale access to personalised career guidance and skills development, enabling young people to acquire competencies aligned with evolving job market demands.
3. Ensure equitable access to information on learning and employment opportunities, prioritizing inclusion for youth from rural and underserved areas.
4. Address the digital and gender divide for access to opportunities to learn and work.

II. Youth in Trade, Entrepreneurship and Access to Finance

Brief Overview

In line with YouthConnekt Africa's 2030 ambitions to link Young Entrepreneurs to African markets leveraging the AfCFTA - this year YouthConnekt Africa embarked in consultations with young entrepreneurs, and key stakeholders to define how to deliver at scale new opportunities and jobs for youth through production and trade. This year's summit also featured 120 entrepreneurs in production and trade, who set up the Buy from Africa Marketplace - and contributed to a Youth-led Ministerial Roundtable on Youth in Trade.



Key Recommendations:

1. Development and implementation of a preferential market access framework to empower young entrepreneurs in production and trade with:



- a. Tailored Business Development Services,
 - b. Ease of Access to Resources for increased Production,
 - c. Youth Friendly Financial Services,
 - d. Youth Responsive Trade Facilitation and Streamlined Regulations,
 - e. Dedicated Youth Trade Facilitation Desks
2. Strengthen the Ecosystem of Support for Youth-led Enterprises in production and trade, through data driven development of a broad base of evidence on opportunities and challenges within national ecosystems to drive scaled support to youth-led businesses.
3. YouthConnekt Africa, in collaboration with regional and national partners, will design and implement a comprehensive Youth in Trade program to equip young entrepreneurs with essential skills, financing, and support to expand production and enhance trade.

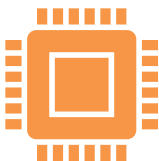
III. Digital and Tech Innovation

Brief Overview

The Digital Skilling and Technology Innovation track highlighted the transformative role of digital skills in empowering African youth, fostering innovation, and opening new job opportunities in ICT, e-commerce, health, education, as well as cultural and creative industries. The summit featured the launch of the Timbuktoo Health Tech Hub, the African Girls Can Code Hackathon, a policy dialogue that explored enabling Digital and Tech Innovation through Policy and Ecosystems and Hanga Pitch Fest.

The Hanga Pitch Fest will become a recurring opportunity as part of the YCA Summit, for innovators from across Africa to bring to life and to scale their tech initiatives.

Key Recommendations



1. Bridge the digital divide through access to affordable infrastructure and devices. Expanding access to safe infrastructures, platforms, digital tools and affordable internet in rural areas through partnerships with private sector.
2. Invest in the establishment of physical innovation hubs in semi-urban and rural communities to support access underserved communities and power youth-led digital entrepreneurship.
3. Digital Agent models that increase access to services in underserved communities, and generate income for digital savvy young people should be strengthened and incentivized.

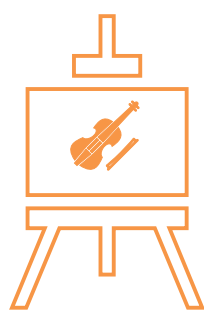
IV. Reimagining Africa's Creative Economy

Brief Overview

The theme emphasizes growing Africa's creative sector, which currently represents 1.5% of the global market and employs 2 million people. Key points include boosting investment in creative infrastructure, securing intellectual property, and leveraging digital platforms to expand Africa's cultural reach. With creative exports up 4% from 2010 to 2020, the sector holds significant potential for economic growth and global influence.

This year's summit put a particular focus on the Africa's garments and textile industry - which is picking up through youth-led entrepreneurship.

Key Recommendations



1. Recognize and amplify the economic potential of the creative industry and encourage young people to consider creative work as a viable career path and economic contributor. This could be facilitated by building portfolios, attending relevant training, and seeking financial literacy resources to understand business fundamentals.
2. Ensure creators benefit financially and gain rightful recognition by securing their intellectual property. This starts with enabling creatives to receive training and information on registration of their creations (e.g., trademarks, patents) and consulting legal experts or online IP services to understand protections.
3. Develop the culture of leveraging technology and social media to reach a global audience, expand market reach, and build community support.
4. Enable collaboration to strengthen the creative industry as an ecosystem connecting artists, managers, lawyers, and technicians.
5. Establish digital and physical creative hubs, production centres, marketplaces, events and initiatives to empower young creatives.

V. Youth in Agrifood Systems

Brief Overview

The **Youth in Agrifood Systems** theme is vital for fostering sustainable and inclusive agricultural practices across Africa, especially in rural communities where young people are stepping up as agents of change. This year's summit featured Youth in Agrifood systems as part of the *Buy from Africa* marketplace, provided a peer-mentorship platform connecting interested young people with emerging entrepreneurs in the sector. We also featured plenary discussions that spotlight young entrepreneurs driving transformation.

Investing in youth-led agrifood systems addresses the pressing challenges of food security, unemployment, and environmental degradation and sets the stage for sustainable economic growth in Africa.

Key Recommendations



1. We should position rural youth as catalysts for community development. This emphasizes the strategic value of investing in skills, financial resources, and technology that can dismantle barriers and drive sustainable local economies.
2. **Rural Tourism as an Economic Engine:** We must recognize agricultural tourism as a strategic opportunity to boost local economies, preserve cultural heritage, and create sustainable jobs, positioning it as a viable long-term economic model for rural areas.
3. **AI & Financial Inclusion Tools:** Leveraging AI and tailored financial tools for rural communities underscores a balanced approach, combining technology with local understanding to enhance financial inclusion and support economic resilience in underserved areas.

VI. Youth Mental and Sexual and Reproductive Health Brief Overview

Delivered under the theme *Thrive Together: Elevating Youth Health and Well-being* thematic that highlighted the need for accessible, youth-centered health services to address Africa's growing youth population of over 500 million. This theme focused on improving mental, sexual, and reproductive health (SRH) services by leveraging technology, supporting youth-led initiatives, and creating safe spaces for young people to make informed choices. Discussions underscored the need for integrated mental health and SRH services, youth engagement in policy-making, and addressing regional disparities in access to health services.

Key Recommendations



1. **Invest in Integrated Mental Health and SRH Services:** Governments should prioritize funding for comprehensive healthcare that combines mental health and SRH services. By investing in youth-friendly, accessible services, governments can address complex health needs and reduce barriers for young people across rural and urban areas.
2. **Leverage Technology to Expand Health Education and Access:** Promote mobile and digital health platforms like the timbuktoo #Health Tech Hub that offers SRH resources, mental health support, and educational tools accessible to all youth, including those in underserved regions. Partnering with private sector tech companies can expand reach and impact, particularly for youth without regular internet access.
3. **Support Youth-Led Initiatives and Safe Spaces:** Establish community-based “youth corners” or hubs that provide health resources, counseling, and mentorship, encouraging peer support and fostering a safe environment for open discussions about mental health and SRH. Empowering youth-led projects in these spaces can foster trust and engagement.
4. **Strengthen Public-Private Partnerships for Comprehensive Youth Health Services**
Collaborate with NGOs, UN agencies, and the private sector to improve

service delivery, create inclusive policies, and train healthcare providers in culturally sensitive care. Public-private partnerships can help sustain health initiatives and ensure consistent access to quality services across regions.

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Annex: YCA '24 Summit Program

Pre-Summit and Side Events

September 2024 Registration Opens
15th sept to 6th Nov 2024

Policy Co-Creation Workshop
18th sept to 19th September 2024
Format: Workshop

October 2024 Regional Youth in Trade Consultation
Format: Workshop

November 2024 Accreditation
Date & Venue: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
4th – 6th Nov 2024 for local delegates | Venue: Gasabo District Hall
7th – 8th Nov 2024 for international delegates | Kigali Convention Center

Mashariki Film Festival
Format: Workshops, film screening | **Venue:** Century Cinema
Dates: 4th -6th November 2024

YouthConnekt Africa Technical Committee Meeting
Format: Workshop, Hosted by the YCA Hub | **Venue:** M Hotel
Dates: 6th -7th November 2024

YouthConnekt Africa Export Accelerator Bootcamp
Format: Workshop | **Venue:** M Hotel
Partners: YCA, UNDP, AfCFTA
Dates: 6th -7th November 2024

YouthConnekt Leadership Workshop
Format: Workshop | Venue: Lemigo Hotel
Partners: UNICEF, Nia Delta
Dates: 6th -7th November 2024

Talent 4 Startups Africa Gathering
Format: Workshop | Venue: Norrsken
Partners: Digital Africa
Dates: 6th -7th November 2024

UNFPA Health and Climate Hacklab
Format: Pitching Contest | Venue: M Hotel
Partners: UNFPA
Dates: 7th November 2024

Day 1 - 8th Nov 2024

8:30 – 10:30 Arrival of delegates

Format: Networking and entertainment (DJ)

11:00 -13:00 Official Opening Ceremony

Venue: Auditorium – Kigali Convention Center (KCC)

Format: Exclusive Plenary |

Intergenerational Dialogue

Format: Panel discussion – (45 Min)

Theme: “Taking Africa Forward – Jobs for Youth”

13:00 -14:00 Lunch

14:30 -16:00 Reimagining Africa's Creative Economy

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** Plenary - Panel Discussions

Partners: Imbuto Foundation & MoYA

14:30 -16:00 Breakout Sessions

Re-thinking youth programming in a polarized world. Venue: MH1 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: UNDP	Career Pathways Lab Venue: MH2 Format: Workshop Partners: UNICEF ALX CMU
MASS's Learning and Entrepreneurship Initiative Venue: MH3 Time: 14:00 - 15:30 Format: TED Talk & Presentations Partners: MASS Design	La Responsabilité de la Jeunesse Africaine à travers son Leadership et son Autonomie pour son Propre développement. Venue: AD12 Time: 14:00 - 15:00 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: UNDP Senegal /UNDP WACA
Optimising the Employability of Young Africans in Tech Jobs : Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions Venue: MH3 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: Digital Africa - Time: 15:30 - 17:00	Agenda Jeunesse, Paix et Sécurité : quel est le rôle du leadership des Jeunes pour la stabilité des Pays Africains? Venue: AD12 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: UNDP Senegal - Time: 15:00 - 16:00
AUC - Egumeni Hub Venue: AD11 Format: AUC Dedicated Space Partners: African Union Commission	Access to Finance under the AfCFTA Women and Youth Protocol masterclass Venue: AD10 Format: Masterclass Youth-Led Session: ICOYACA

16:00 – 17:00: Ministerial Policy Roundtable

Theme: Access to Finance | **Venue:** MH4

Format: Roundtable | **Partner:** CRS & AFR

18:00 – 20:30: Social Events

Activity: Chillect Networking Event | **Venue:** BK Arena

Format: Networking Event & Entertainment Open to all (limited slots) |
Partner: The Chillect



Activity: Gala Dinner | **Venue:** Serena Hotel

Format: Banquet – Limited for Delegation and Partner Representation |
Partner: GoR & YCA Hub

Activity: Founders Friday | **Venue:** Norrsken

Format: Entrepreneurs' Networking Event – Open to all (limited slots) | **Partner:** Norrsken & ICT Chamber

Activity: Mashariki Film Festival | **Venue:** Century Cinema

Format: Film Screening – Open to all (limited seats) | **Partner:** Mashariki Film Festival

Day 2 - 9th Nov 2024

8:30 – 9:30: Arrival of delegates

Format: Networking and entertainment (DJ)

MC of the day:

08:30 -10:00 **Scaling Evidence-Based Youth Programming in Africa**

Venue: MH4 | **Format:** Policy Round Table

Partners: Gold Youth | YCA Hub

09:30 -10:30 **Innovations in skilling and employability**

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** Exclusive Plenary - TED Talk Style

Partners: Mastercard Foundation | YCA Hub

10:30 – 12:00 : Breakout Sessions

Innovative Skilling Programs for Youth Empowerment Venue: MH1 Format: Panel Discussion Partner: YouthConnekt Zambia Chapter	Zantchito Entrepreneurship and Access to Finance Venue: MH2 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: YouthConnekt Malawi Chapter
Empowering the next Generation of Women Innovators Venue: MH3 Format: Panel discussions Partners: UN Women & Smart Africa	Policy Round Table: Enabling ecosystems for youth-led "Made in Africa" production trade through AFCFTA Venue: MH4 Format: Policy Round Table Partners: MoYA & YCA Hub
Timbuktoo - Embracing Innovation to power impactful health Solutions Venue: AD12 Format: By Invitation Only Partners: UNDP, MINICT	AUC Egumeni Hub Venue: AD11 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: African Union Commission

Youth-friendly and Sustainable Business Development Services

Venue: AD10

Format: Partner and Youth Consultation

Partners: CRS

12:00 – 13:00 : Reimagining the African Union Youth Charter

Venue: Auditorium

Format: Panel Discussion

Partners: African Union Commission

13:30 – 14:30 : Lunch

14:30 -15:30 Youth Perspectives for inclusive Agrifood systems in Africa

Venue: Auditorium

Format: Panel Discussion

Partners: FAO

14:30 – 16:00: Breakout Session

Skilling and Education to Employment Transition: Unlocking Africa's Youth Potential Venue: MH1 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: YouthConnekt Gambia Chapter	Building Collaborative Entrepreneurial Networks in the Sahel Region Venue: MH2 Format: Panel Discussion Youth Led Session: Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs and Leaders of Senegal (AJELS)
54 faces of Africa: Voices of today and tomorrow Venue: MH3 Format: Panel Discussion - Partners: UNV	Deal Room Venue: AD12 Partners: YCA Hub - Format: Pitching
Egumeni Hub Venue: AD11 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: African Union Commission	Skilling and Education-to Employment Transitions Venue: AD10 Format: TED Talk Youth Led Session: AIESEC, JCI Rwanda

15:30 -17:00 Spotlight on Youth in Rural Areas Making a change in their communities

Venue: Auditorium

Format: Panel Discussion -

Partners: UNDP

16:00-17:30 Policy Roundtable

Theme: Digital and Tech Innovations

Venue: MH4 - **Format:** Panel Discussion

Partners: MINICT, Dalberg, Smart Africa

18:00 – 20:30: Social Events

Activity: Gen Z Comedy Night | **Venue:** KCC Auditorium

Format: Entertainment – Open to all | **Partner:** Gen Z comedy

Day 3 - 10th Nov 2024

8:30 – 09:30 : Arrival of delegates

Format: Networking and entertainment

09:30 – 11:00: Breakout sessions

Youth workforce for social impact Venue: Auditorium Format: Panel Discussion Partners: UNICEF	Les jeunes dans le commerce, l'entrepreneuriat et accès des jeunes au financement. Venue: MH1 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: YouthConnekt Burkina Faso
Harnessing roles of young people in agrifood systems through radical inclusion and gateway for the future of africa Venue: MH2 Format: Pitching Partners: YouthConnekt Sierra Leone	Session: Jobs for youth through Innovative Skilling Time: 09:30-11:00 Room: MH3 Lead: PanAfrican Youth Union
Policy Round Table - Bridging Skilling and Education to Employment Venue: MH4 - Format: Roundtable Youth Led Session: Peza Hub, Jefa	Innovate to Elevate: Youth Solutions for Africa's Agrifood Systems Venue: AD12 - Format: Panel Session Youth Led Session: Afrika Youth Business Council & Policy Action Initiative
Egumeni Hub: Jobs for Youth Through Innovative Skilling Venue: AD11 Format: Masterclasses, Workshops, Presentations Partners: African Union Commission	Speed Peer-Mentoring for Young Entrepreneurs. Agripreneurship – My Story Venue: AD10 Format: Pitching & Speed Dating Partners: FAO

11:30 – 13:00: Thrive Together: Elevating youth health for brighter Africa

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** Plenary

Partners: AUC, UNFPA, UNICEF UNAIDS and imbuto foundation

11:30 – 13:00: Breakout sessions

Partage d'expériences sur la politique tchadienne en matière de jeunesse. Venue: MH1 Format: Panel Discussion Partners: YouthConnekt Chad	Remote Work Opportunities Session Venue: MH2 Format: MasterClass Youth Led Session: Umurava
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13:00 – 14:00 : Lunch

14:00 -15:30 **Hanga Pitch Fest**

Hanga Pitchfest Pitching Session

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** Pitching and Awarding

MCs: Ms. Alice Higiroy & Chaste Niwe

Official Closing Ceremony

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** Official Closing and Hanga Pitchfest Awarding Ceremony

Partners: GoR | **MC:** Ms. Alice Higiroy & Chaste Niwe

- Youth Health Hacklab Awarding
- Hanga Pitchfest Awarding

Day 4 - 11th Nov 2024

9:30 – 15:00: **YouthConnekt Africa Steering Committee**

Format: Ministerial Meeting, by invitation only



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