



AFRICA: MY HOME. MY FUTURE.

31st October to 5th November 2025

Nairobi - Kenya

Program Booklet

Program Guide

The second All Africa Youth Congress (AAYC) has been organized and hosted by the All-Africa Conference of Churches with support from various member churches and partners. This Congress runs from 31st October to 5th November 2025 at the Desmond Tutu Conference Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. The AAYC is the flagship project of the AACC's Pan-African campaign on the theme, 'Africa: My Home. My Future.' aiming to inspire the African youth to be patriotic and transformative Christians who invest in the development and transformation of Africa into the prosperous, peaceful, and secure continent they desire to live in as a home, and for the prosperity of future generations.

The AAYC runs with four specific objectives:

- 1.To showcase and celebrate our African heritage, cultures, innovations and development.
- 2.To Foster the spirit of Pan-Africanism and patriotism among the African youth.
- 3.To promote ecumenical solidarity among African youth in transforming Africa's Narrative.
- 4.To strengthen Africa's ecumenical youth networks for mutual accompaniment and effective collaborations, in transforming injustices, and driving Africa's holistic development.

All congress activities will focus on four sub-themes and these are: Pan-Africanism and Active Citizenship, Human Dignity and Socioeconomic Justice, Peace and Security, Ethical leadership and Eco-Stewardship. Some of the activities forming the congress program include daily ecumenical worship services, plenaries on each of the sub-themes, celebrations and breakaway sessions featuring conferences and workshops on various topics drawn from the subthemes.

Participants

500 young people from across Africa and the diaspora are physically participating in the congress and more will be joining the sessions that will be streamed on You-tube, and Facebook remotely. All participants are aged between 18 to 35 years. However, during the opening ceremony, we will be joined by some heads of churches.

Official Language

The official languages of the congress are English and French, translation services are available to facilitate easy communication especially during plenaries and break away sessions. Delegates who speak both languages are highly encouraged to assist the delegates who can only speak one of the two languages to effectively communicate with one another.

About this Booklet

This booklet provides most of the resource materials and information you need, to fully and meaningfully participate in the Congress. Beyond the warm welcoming messages from the AACC General Secretary and 2nd AAYC Steering Committee, you will find the Congress progress summary and the annotated program, room allocations for the break-away sessions and the spiritual corner with the liturgies for use in the different worship sessions. In the pages after the spiritual corner, the program provides the code of conduct and security brief that every participant must pay attention to, for their well-being, and safe stay in Nairobi as they participate in this historic gathering.

The booklet also provides some of the key contacts that each participant needs to keep close by, in case they need any form of assistance or special attention.

Special Plea

Every participant is highly encouraged to study this program ahead of the congress and refer to it from time to time throughout the congress to avoid all avoidable mistakes and unwanted occurrences that one may find themselves in, as a result of disregarding the informing herein.



Message from The AACC General Secretary

It is with great delight and honor, that I welcome you to the second All Africa Youth Congress at the AACC General Secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya. This gathering is of the Lord's doing, and we thank God for His faithfulness.

The All Africa Youth Congress, was conceived after the AACC's 11th General Assembly in 2018 in Kigali, Rwanda, as a flagship program for youth engagement in Pan-Africanism, in pursuit of the African Union Agenda 2063, "The Africa We Want." It was approved as part of the AACC Strategy by subsequent General Committee in November 2018.

At that time, our members reflected on the contradiction between the continent's vast wealth and visible development on one side, and the despair and hopelessness among many young people on the other. Troubled by the tragic stories of youth dying in dangerous attempts to migrate abroad, the General Committee resolved that the AACC must help the young people to refocus their energy to succeed and prosper here in Africa. So the Campaign for African Patriotism under the theme Africa: My Home. My Future. became part of the AACC's 2019–2023 strategy, with the All Africa Youth Congress as its flagship program.

The campaign was successfully launched at the inaugural AAYC in Accra, Ghana, in 2022, where 1,000 young people participated. I remain deeply grateful to our members in Africa, the Government of Ghana, and all AACC members and partners who generously supported the congress despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since its launch, Africa: My Home. My Future. has become a powerful vehicle of change. It is inspiring active citizenship, with young people emerging as promoters of ethical leadership, moral integrity, good and responsible governance transformation, denouncing corruption, demanding accountability, and encouraging innovations in entrepreneurship.

I am particularly joyful that AACC member churches have localized the campaign through their national youth gatherings, using it to mobilize young people for social and economic transformation in their communities. Now, as we gather for the second All Africa Youth Congress, we do so with gratitude to God, for what has been achieved in just three years, and with renewed hope for The Africa We Want. I congratulate and thank all young people present, as well as the churches, partners, the Congress Steering Committee, and AACC staff whose contributions made this congress possible.

Africa's greatest asset is its youthful population. When mobilized and empowered, young people can change the destiny of the continent and make Africa the next global engine of growth and prosperity.

Yet, many youth today view their countries and continent negatively, largely due to unemployment, conflict, corruption, poor democratic practices, and social injustices. Disillusioned, many become vulnerable to trafficking, modern slavery, radicalization, and violent extremism, while others risk their lives attempting to migrate.

However, the reality abroad is increasingly hostile to migrants, especially those of African descent. Racism, exclusion, and anti-immigrant sentiment are growing and spreading globally. Our future is secure only if we focus our energy on making Africa work for us. Africa is our home. We admit that Africa is a home with cracks and leaks. But the solution cannot be to abandon the home and go to the better homes of others. But it is instead to fix its "cracks and leaks," with determination, urgency and commitment.

The truth is: Africa has what it takes to thrive. The continent is rich in natural resources, innovation, and talent. We saw this even during COVID-19, when African approaches to solutions surprised the world. Proper management of resources and political will can enable Africa to leapfrog others. The rest of the world now recognizes Africa's potential, hence the floods of delegations, strategic conferences, loans, scholarships, and infrastructure gifts. While some partnerships are genuine, many are new forms of colonial influence. Young people must remain alert, safeguarding Africa's future and ensuring that its resources benefit Africans first.

It is painful that our markets remain dominated by imported goods, while local products struggle. Youth must challenge this mindset and pressure governments to prioritize African innovators, entrepreneurs, and industries. Encouragingly, youth-led movements, such as recent Gen-Z protests across the continent, show determination to demand change and accountability. These are firm steps toward building the future we want.

This second AAYC is therefore a call to accelerate the realization of a prosperous, peaceful, and secure continent through transformative youth agency. May this congress build on the legacy of the first by stirring our love for Africa, celebrating our heritage, and reminding us of our collective responsibility to drive the change we want.

History teaches us that young people have always been change-makers. Leaders of Pan-Africanism and independence movements were; if not all mostly in their youthful era. Julius Nyerere founded a political party at 32. Nelson Mandela began resisting apartheid laws at 30. Today, leaders like H.E. Ibrahim Traoré of Burkina Faso (who took office at 34) is celebrated for resisting neo-colonialism. Paul Kagame was 33. Abiy Ahmed was only 41. Yoweri Museveni, who now does not think young people without experience can lead, was himself 29 years old when he formed his FRONASA party, and was supported and trusted by Julius Nyerere. Martin Luther started reformation when he was 33 years old. John Calvin started reformation in Geneva when he was 27. John Wesley was 34 years old. He stands to remind us that young Africans can shape the future. It is my prayer that this Congress will inspire more Pan-African leaders to rise, strengthen our unity in diversity, and affirm that Africa truly is our home and our future.

I wish you all a successful and impactful Second All Africa Youth Congress.



Message from the AAYC steering Committee.

When the All Africa Conference of Churches held the first All Africa Youth Congress (AAYC) in Accra, Ghana in 2022, something historic was born. Young people from across the continent came together not only to dream about Africa's future, but to boldly declare that they themselves would be part of shaping it. The Congress was never meant to be just another meeting. It was designed as a movement, a rallying point for young leaders to rise, to own their story, and to build the Africa we all long for. Now, in 2025, the journey continues here in Nairobi, Kenya; with the second All Africa Youth Congress. We thank God for granting us the opportunity to be part of this gathering, indeed, we are delighted to welcome everyone participating in this Congress Across Africa and in the Diaspora.

We are forever grateful to the vision bearers of this initiative, the people who worked hard to ensure that the idea of the All Africa Youth Congress becomes a reality, including the Steering Committee, all structures that organized the AAYC, and everyone who contributed to the process. The second All Africa Youth Congress is a legacy of their work, and we are grateful to God for them. In the three years that have elapsed since the Inaugural AAYC, there have been a lot of efforts invested in sustaining the momentum of the Campaign on Africa: My Home. My Future at the continental level, as coordinated by the AACC secretariat and national and community levels through the work of the AACC member churches and partners. Such efforts indeed laid foundation for this second All Africa Youth Congress and we are grateful to God for them.

As the flagship program for the AACC's campaign for youth and Pan-Africanism on the theme, "Africa: My Home. My Future." The All Africa Youth Congress is indeed the largest contemporary Pan-African, and Ecumenical gathering of African Youth leaders, charged with mobilizing their constituents to actively and meaningfully contribute to building the Africa we Want. It is a space for celebration of our African heritage and diversified beauty, recognizing the role of African Youth in transforming Africa's narrative, building synergy and networks, and laying strategies through which we can spearhead Africa's sustainable development.

The AAYC offers an opportunity for ecumenical and interfaith fellowships, experience sharing, learning, capacity building and strengthening, building and nurturing meaningful relationships and celebrating one another as we renew our commitment to transforming Africa into the kind of home we need it to be, for our comfort. Shape its future for the prosperity of the future generations of Africans. We are confident that our experience at this second All Africa Youth Congress shall be memorable with a lasting positive impact on our lives, we also pray that this congress will indeed inspire generations of people of African descent to love, own and cherish our African heritage.

The congress is uniquely organized and designed by youth for youth as a demonstration of the AACC's belief in the leadership of young people and affirmation of their transformative and able leadership. We meet at a time when African Youths are faced with a multitude of challenges ranging from economic instability, unemployment, and impacts of climate change to issues of mental health and social justice. This AAYC provides a vital space where youths come together to engage on these issues and lay effectives strategies, towards addressing them. Amidst all these, this congress embodies hope and a beacon of possibilities by affirming that young Africans have the power to shape their destinies, contribute to the renewal of their churches, communities and countries, and building a sustainable future for their continent. By bringing together young people from diverse backgrounds, the AAYC fosters unity, collaboration, and a shared vision reminding us the African youth that we are all part of a larger nation held together by a rich cultural heritage laid down across generations.

The theme "Africa: My Home. My Future." is a declaration of love, responsibility, and hope for our continent. A home is where we find belonging, identity, and security. But just like any house, if the roof is leaking or the walls are crumbling, we must come together to repair it. Africa, our home, faces many challenges including poverty, unemployment, inequalities, conflicts and environmental crises. These manifest as the leaks in our continental roof, and the crumbling walls that we must fix to make our continent a more comfortable and secure home for us and the generations to come.

Declaring "Africa: My Future" is a commitment to taking ownership of what lies ahead. It means that we are not waiting for someone else to change things but we are stepping forward, ready to create the Africa we Want. The decisions we make today will shape the tomorrow we inherit. The theme "Africa: My Home. My Future." is also an expression of our pride in who we are and our sense of belonging.

We pray and hope that we all actively participate in each and every aspect of the congress and when we return to our countries or move to other places where the Lord will send us after this congress, we will take with us the lessons, inspirations and everything good that this congress offers. Amen.

Africa: My Home. My Future.

The 2nd AAYC steering Committee

Message from the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region - Regional Multifunctional Youth Forum (RMYF) Secretariat



On behalf of the Executive Secretariat of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), the Regional Multifunctional Youth Forum (RMYF) Secretariat of ICGLR, extends its warmest greetings and heartfelt solidarity to all the young people from across Africa attending the All Africa Youth Congress 2025.

The theme, "Africa: My Home. My Future" speaks directly to our shared identity and destiny. It calls us to cherish Africa as our heritage and to build it as our promise for generations to come. This Congress is an inspiration to African youth to embrace the enduring spirit of Pan-Africanism, unity, and collective responsibility.

As the Regional Multifunctional Youth Forum, we are proud to converge with you in advancing the critical agenda of Peace and Security, Democracy and Good Governance, Economic Development and Regional Integration, Humanitarian and Social Issues and Cross-Cutting Issues. These are the pillars that will sustain Africa as a peaceful, inclusive, and prosperous home for us all.

As we welcome you to Nairobi, the vibrant city of hospitality, innovation, and diversity, we look forward to forging stronger bonds of solidarity, deepening collaboration, and igniting transformative action. May this Congress be a beacon of hope, a platform of empowerment, and a renewed pledge by Africa's youth to rise above challenges and lead the continent toward lasting peace, shared prosperity, and sustainable development.

Together, let us boldly affirm: Africa is our home, and Africa is our future.

In solidarity,

ICGLR- Regional Multifunctional Youth Forum (RMYF) Secretariat-Nairobi, Kenya.

The 2nd AAYC 5-Day Program

Day	DAY 1(31st oct)	DAY 2(1st Nov)	DAY 3(2nd Nov)	DAY 4(3rd Nov)	DAY 5(4th Nov)
Sub-theme	Arrivals and Orientation	Active Citizenship and Pan- Africanism	Ethical Leadership and Eco- stewardship	Human dignity and Socio-economic Justice	Peace and security
06:30-7:00	Moving from Hotels to conference center	Moving from Hotels to conference center	Moving from Hotels to conference center	Moving from Hotels to conference center	Moving from Hotels to conference center
6:30-8:30			Breakfast		
09:00-09:30	Morning Devotion	Morning Devotion	Morning Devotion	Morning Devotion	Morning Devotion
09:30-11:00	Committee meetings	U	Main Plenary 2 Panel on accelerating sustainable development in Africa through fostering Ethical Leadership and Eco stewardship	Main Plenary 3 Panel on Transforming injustices that undermine human dignity	Main Plenary 4 Panel on peacebuilding, democracy and security
11:00-11:30	Health Break		Entertainment & health break	Entertainment & health break	Entertainment & health break
11:30-12:30	Committee meetings		Innovation show & Launch of the AAYN Entrepreneurship Award	Youth advocacy and activism against SGBV	Presentation & discussion of the draft statement
12:30-14:00			Lunch		
14:00-14:30	Delegates converge in meeting hall	Re-grouping for Breakaway sessions			
14:30-17:00	Orientation and housekeeping	Breakaway sessions	Excursions/ Breakaway sessions	Breakaway Sessions	Breakaway Sessions
17:00-18:00		Networking and Relaxation			
18:30-20:00	Dinner				
20:00-21:00	Worship Evening	Cultural Evening: Celebrating the diversity and rich heritage of Eastern Africa	Cultural Evening: Celebrating the diversity and rich heritage of Western Africa	Cultural Evening: Celebrating the diversity and rich heritage of Central and Northern African Regions	Closing Ceremony & Dinner
21:00-21:30		Transfer to hotels			



Time	Activity	Session Facilitator(s)	Speakers
08:00 – 16:00	Registration of participants	Steering Committee, Staff working group Stewards	N/A
16:00 – 18:00	Orientation and housekeeping	AACC Youth Office	N/A
18:00 - 20:00	Dinner	DTCC	N/A
20:00 - 21:00	Worship Evening		
21:00- 21:30	Transfer to hotels		

Saturday 01 November 2025

Subtheme: Active Citizenship and Pan-Africanism

Time	Activity	Session Facilitator(s)	Speakers	
06:30 – 8:30	Breakfast	DTCC	N/A	
08:30 - 9:00	Opening Worship	Karin Youssef, Egypt	Olivier Lwebaze, CAR.	
	Opening Plenary : Celebrating and Enhancing Active Citizenship and Pan-Africanism among African Youth.			
	Procession and flagging ceremony, Opening prayers, Anthems, welcoming and introduction participants and guests	rs, Anthems, welcoming and		
	Congress song		Ms. Ann Kioi	
9:00 – 12:30	Welcome Remarks	Yambasu	AACC President: Rt. Rev. Lydia Neshangwe	
9:00 - 12:30	Opening Remarks	Elizabeth, Sierra Leone		
	Keynote Address	Leone	AACC General Secretary: Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki	
	Feedback to the Keynote address & Goodwill messages from WCC Commission for Youth in the Ecumenical Movement		Phillip Tia Azia Uchenna, Antiguan and Barbudan	
	Vote of thanks		Dr. Marinette Dnoutchieu, Senegal	
	Group Photos and Press Conference/Health break	Stewards	JOGLO Studios	
12:30-14:00	Lunch	DTCC	N/A	
14:00-14:30	Re-grouping for Breakaway Sessions	Stewards	N/A	
14:30 – 17:00	Breakaway Sessions-Intergenerational Dialogues	Stewards	As per Program Annex A	
17:00 – 18:00	Networking and Relaxation	Stewards	N/A	
18:00 - 20:0	Dinner	DTCC	N/A	
20:00 - 21:00	Cultural Evening: Celebrating the diversity and rich heritage of Central and Northern Africa	Yemwo Harriet, Cameroon		
21:00- 21:30	Tran	Transfer to hotels		

Sunday 02 November 2025

Subtheme: Ethical Leadership and Eco-stewardship

Time	Activity	Session Facilitator(s)	Speakers
06:30 - 8:00	Breakfast	DTCC	N/A
8:00-9:30	Ecumenical worship service	Adrianally Sarobidy, Madagascar	Reginald Robertson, Ghana
	Panel on accelerating sustainable developr	n Plenary 2: ment in Africa thro n-stewardship	ugh fostering Ethical Leadership
9:30 - 11:00	Ethical leadership for the Africa we want		Ramoleko Morapelo, Lesotho
9.50 - 11.00	Creation care and life-flourishing economies.	Caroline Goddard To Johnson, Gambia	Tapiwa Yemeka ,Zimbabwe
	Artificial intelligence & Sustainable development for Africa.		NGENDAHAYO Placide, Rwanda
11:00 – 11:30	Entertainment/ health break	Choir	N/A
11:30 – 12:30	Innovation show; Youth led Entrepreneurial initiatives promoting Eco stewardship and launch of the AAYN Entrepreneurship Award	•	Kenyan Government Representative (Youth)
12:30-14:00	Lunch	DTCC	N/A
14:00 - 14:30	Re-grouping for Breakaway Sessions	Stewards	N/A
14:30-17:00	Breakaway Sessions	Stewards	As per Program Annex A
17:00 - 18:00	Networking/ health break	Stewards	N/A
18:00 - 20:00	Dinner	DTCC	N/A
20:00 - 21:00	Cultural Evening: Celebrating the diversity and rich heritage of Western Africa	Anselm Desmond Nicole, Sierra Leone	
21:00 -21:30	Transfer to hotels		

Monday 03 November 2025

Subtheme: Human dignity and Socio-economic Justice

Time	Activity	Session Facilitator(s)	Speakers
06:30 - 8:30	Breakfast	DTCC	N/A
09:00-9:30	Morning Devotion	Jediael Ingabire, Burundi	Joyce Khayiyi, Uganda
	Main Plenary 3: Panel on Transformir	ng injustices that ι	undermine human dignity
	Migration, modern slavery & Human dignity		ADIAKPO Yawo Seyram, Togo
9:30 - 11:00	Population dynamics and human dignity	DTCC Jediael Ingabire, Burundi Lugano, Mwakatapanya, American of African Descent Choir Shimanda Claudina, Namibia DTCC Stewards Stewards N DTCC N Nsimphiwe Nsibano	Dr. Muhindo Viso, DRC
	Human Rights and African dignity		Magashula Bakang, Botswana
	Participants' engagement	7 miledia Beederic	
11:00 – 11:30	Entertainment/ health break	Choir	N/A
11:30 – 12:30	Celebrating and strengthening Youth advocacy and activism against SGBV; A special focus on the Churches Campaign Against SGBV in Africa	Claudina,	Churches Campaign Against SGBV Technical Working Group
12:30-14:00	Lunch	DTCC	N/A
14:00 - 14:30	Re-grouping for Breakaway Sessions/ Excursions	Stewards	N/A
14:30-17:00	Breakaway Sessions/Excursions	Stewards	As per Program Annex A
17:00 - 18:00	Networking/ health break	Stewards	N/A
18:00 - 20:00	Dinner	DTCC	N/A
20:00 - 21:00	Cultural Evening: Celebrating the diversity and Cultural heritage of the EA & SA	Nsimphiwe Nsibande, Eswathini	
21:00-21:30	Transfer to hotels		

Tuesday 04 November 2025

Subtheme: Peace and Security

Time	Activity	Session Facilitator(s)	Speakers
06:30 - 8:30	Breakfast	DTCC	N/A
08:30-9:00	Morning Devotion	Gloria Quive, Moz	Luoma Bernard, Zambia
	Main Plenary 3: Panel Dis	cussion on Peace	and Security
9:00 - 11:00	Electoral Processes, Democracy and peacebuilding	Agnero Gnagne	Audrine Faith Otieno, Kenya
	Border control and Social Cohesion	Josias,	Loid Taye, Ethiopia
	Disinformation, Misinformation and Tech Facilicated Violence	Côte d'Ivoire	Akinadewa Jeremiah, Nigeria
11:00-11:15	Entertainment/ health break	DTCC	N/A
11:15-12:30	Presentation and discussion of the draft statement	Precious Kadwala, Malawi	Drafting team
12:30-14:00	Lunch	DTCC	N/A
14:00 - 14:30	Re-grouping for Breakaway Sessions	Stewards	N/A
14:30-17:00	Breakaway Sessions	Stewards	As per Program Annex A
17:00 - 18:00	Networking/ health break	Stewards	N/A
18:00-19:00	Harvesting from Breakaway sessions Adoption of the statement of Commitment	Drafting Team	Rapporteurs
19:00-19:30	Preparing for closing Dinner	Stewards	N/A
19:30 – 21:00	Closing Ceremony & Dinner	Grace Cangy, Mauritius	
21:00-21:30	Transfer to hotels		



Program Annex A

Breakaway Sessions Room Allocations

Code	Session	Meeting Room
001	Exchange Forum on Active Citizenship	Burgess car hall
002	Exchange Forum on Entrepreneurship	Annex A hall
003	Faith, fertility and the Future: Young People's theological Forum on Sustainable Population Growth	Jose Chipenda hall
004	Intergenerational Conversations on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	AACC Chapel
005	Youth Forum on Democracy and Governance	The Haven
006	Capacity strengthening workshop on influencing policy for economic and ecological justice	Apex hall
007	Youth forum on ending irregular migration and human trafficking	Jubilee Hall
008	Training of Trainers workshop on Addressing Tech-facilitated Gender Based Violence	Annex C Hall
009	Round table conversations on peacebuilding and reconciliation Day 1 - Promoting Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB): A Pillar for Peace and Justice in Africa Day 2- Youth and Climate mitigation Day 3- Eradicating Tech-facilitated violence	Seminar room 4

Main Plenaries Concept Notes

Main Plenary 1: Opening Ceremony

Theme: Celebrating and Enhancing Active Citizenship and Pan-Africanism among the African Youth

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

(1 peter 2:9, NKJV)

The first main plenary doubles as the opening ceremony of the 2nd AAYC. It is a time to celebrate African Identity, youth agency and unity. The session involves commemorating the inaugural launch of the AAYC that took place in Accra, Ghana, 2022 and the official celebration of the African Youth Day marked every 1st November.

Running with the scripture: 2 Peter 2:9, the plenary is facilitated by special guests to the AAYC whose presentations, speeches and remarks set the pace for the entire gathering. On addition to inviting and leading the congress into celebrating African identity, cultures, youth agency and the vision of the AAYC, speakers in this session will inspire the young people to renew their commitment to Africa's holistic transformation. They will stress for young people to divert their energy and resources from attempting to migrate out of the continent in such for greener pastures towards investing in the growth and development of Africa into the Kind of continent they want it to be, flourish in and leave behind for the prosperity of their descendant.

The guiding scripture for this session is **1 Peter 2:9** (But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light).

Main Plenaries Concept Notes

Main Plenary 2: Ethical leadership and Eco stewardship

Theme: Accelerating sustainable development in Africa through fostering Ethical Leadership and Eco-stewardship

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippian 2:3-4, NIV)

Much as Africa is rich in human and ecological resources, the continent is yet to realize its development aspirations due the various challenges it faces as a result of its leadership issues and the unstainable exploitation of its resource. Among these include soci0-economic inequalities, poor governance, ecological violence, and unethical technological advancements. Biblically grounded on Grounded on Philippian 2:3-4, the plenary will provide a safe space for the African Youth leaders to explore ways of addressed these challenges rooted in rooted in godly values and a pan-African vision for Africa as a prosperous continent by 2063. The plenary aims to:

- Enable youth leaders understand the role of ethical leadership in achieving the African Union agenda 2063.
- Inspire youth to live as lead as responsible stewards championing creation care and the establishment of life flourishing economies
- Provide an opportunity for the youth leaders to interrogate the role of Artificial intelligence in baring or advancing Africa's sustainable development.

The plenary features a panel discussion on the following topics

1. Ethical Leadership for the Africa We Want

The panelist unpacks the concept of ethical leadership from African cultural and religious perspectives and the moral crisis of leadership in many African societies. Building on this, he/she will provoke participants to redefine leadership as service rooted in integrity, justice, and accountability, inviting them to become transformative leaders who set a better example for this generation and generations to come.

2. Creation Care and Life-Flourishing Economies

Drawing from the AACC's theory for eco-stewardship which asserts that, "the welfare of the earth is our welfare," the panelist emphasizes that taking care of creation and promoting life flourishing economies like green jobs should occupy a central place in all efforts towards taking care of Africa as our home and preserving the integrity of its ecosystem for the wellbeing and sustainability of the next generations of Africans. The panelists will advocate for eco-consciousness and challenge capitalistic approaches to life.

3. Artificial Intelligence & Sustainable Development for Africa

As digitalization continues to expand and infiltrate every corner of Africa, artificial intelligence tends to attract human attention and gain influence in various spheres of life. The panelists presenting on this topic will explore how African youth can ensure ethical use of AI while protecting the integrity and dignity of human life, intellect and relationships to promote sustainable development in their communities.

Main Plenaries Concept Notes

Main Plenary 3: Panel on Transforming injustices that undermine human dignity

Theme: Transforming injustices that undermine human dignity

But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream! (Amos 5:24, NIV)

Human dignity is a cornerstone of African traditions, spirituality and Christianity yet it is persistently undermined and violated by systemic injustices such as demographic marginalization, human rights abuses, modern-day slavery, human trafficking, forced migration and various forms of discrimination including tribalism, nepotism and racism. Across Africa and beyond its borders, various structural injustices continue to threaten the sacredness of human life and the dignity of people of African descent. The unsustainable rate of its population growth with little or no adequate corresponding socio-economic development done to cater for the unchecked population growth also significantly contributes to undermining African dignity. Guided by the words of prophet Amos, this plenary provides a prophetic space for reflection, advocacy and building synergy for the youth to drive the needed mindset shifts, behavioral changes and policy developments needed to transform ideologies and systems that degrade African human dignity. The plenary seeks to achieve the following:

- To interrogate the nexus between migration, modern slavery and human dignity in Africa to encourage actions that encounter human trafficking and encourage dignified migration
- To explore the relationship between Africa's population demographics, quality of life and human dignity
- To mobilize youth leaders for social action ensuring the protection of the human rights and dignity of African people.

The plenary features a panel discussion on the following topics;

1. Migration, Modern Slavery & Human Dignity

The panelist examines the prevalence and realities of forced migration, human trafficking, and modern-day slavery among African people, and their implications on African dignity. He/she also addresses the tendency of African youth aspiring to flee the continent in search of greener pastures and emphasize the need for them to invest their resources, talents and gifts in building Africa into the kind of continent they desire to live in as a home and leave behind for the comfort of their descendants.

2. Population Dynamics and Human Dignity

Focusing on the ethical implications of unplanned population growth, the panelist reflects on the need to balance demographic realities with equitable access to resources, healthcare, and education in a way that affirms life and dignity. He/she inspires the youth to appreciate the need to plan for their families and cultivate a culture of establishing sustainable families where members can be afforded quality lives for the protection for their dignity. The emphasizes the implications of unstainable population growth to the prosperity and wellbeing of the Africa as our home and future.

3. Human Rights and African Dignity

Applying the Ubuntu philosophy as the foundation of the Africa's concept and concern for human rights, the panelist will challenge cultural, political and religious narratives that justify oppression, exclusion, marginalization and the denial of human rights and freedoms experienced by Africans. He will demonstrate the correlation between human rights protection and human dignity, calling for transformative youth actions advancing the protection of human rights for all African people.

Main Plenaries Concept Notes

Main Plenary 3: Panel Discussion on peace and Security

Theme: Peace and Security

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Mathew 5:9, NIV)

Peace and security are fundamental to Africa's sustainable development and occupy a pivotal place in the mission of the church and all religions in Africa. However, due to political instabilities, ethnic tensions, contested borders, terrorism, the misuse of digital platforms and other causes of conflicts, the continent is yet to realize its aspiration for peace and security. Africa's peace and security challenges go beyond the experiences of violent conflicts to the digital violence meted towards the continent on account of the various forms of literature that portray the continent as though nothing good is happening in its communities. Nevertheless, the commitment, resilience and persistence in calling and working for the transformation of Africa into a peaceful and secure continent remains among the continents young people of faith remain evident. Building on the Gospel of St Mathew 5:9, (Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.), this plenary examines and emphasizes the role of Faithinspired youth movements in fostering reconciliation and social cohesion, strengthening democracy and empowering communities to deepen the culture of peace in Africa. Its objectives include:

- ·To reimagine democracy and the role of elections in Africa's peacebuilding.
- ·To inspire African youth leaders to champion social integration and peaceful coexistence
- ·To understand the impact of disinformation, Misinformation and TF Violence on peacebuilding in Africa

The plenary features a panel discussion on the following topics;

1. Electoral Processes, Democracy and Peacebuilding

In many African contexts, electoral processes are punctuated by violence, manipulation, and post-election crises. The panelist explores how contested electoral processes undermine peace, implications of the rise and celebration of coup de'tats and the role of youth in building peaceful democratic cultures.

2. Border Control and Social Cohesion

The panelist will explore means through which dividing forces such as religious intolerance, ethnic tensions and contested boarders that threaten unity and peace in Africa can be addressed through youth led advocacy and activism. He or she is supposed to encourage the creation and execution of youth-led projects that highlight harmonious coexistence, heal divisions, and advance regional integration.

3. Disinformation, Misinformation and TF Violence

False information spreads quickly in the digital era, threatening democratic institutions, weakening trust, and instigating violence. The panelist discusses how disinformation and misinformation pose a direct threat to Africa's peace and security, call for digital literacy, ethical use of media, and proactive youth engagement in countering techfacilitated violence.

Closing Ceremony/ Dinner

The closing ceremony and Dinner is the official closing ceremony of the 2nd AAYC. It is a time to celebrating one another, God's faithfulness and the vision of the congress, expressing gratitude, and charging one another for transformative work beyond the congress. The dress code is African wear and the biblical charge for the ceremony is Mathew 5:14,16

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."



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