

African Youth Policies Analysis Network (Y-PAN)



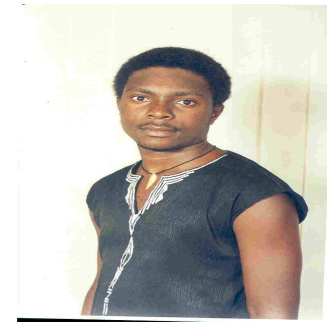
The initiative aims to build capacity among the youth to be able to analyze, criticize and promote best policies and procedures that will benefit the youth in Africa and beyond. Key Words: Policy Analysis, Employment, Youth Participation

Objectives

- To contribute actively in the formulation and implementation of policies.
- To enhance cooperation among young Africans for effective advocacy.
- To encourage other young people in Africa to actively participate in development activities in their respective communities.
- To revitalize the reading and writing culture in young Africans. Young publishers will emerge from this network.
- To produce critiques, policy papers as well as research papers on particular topical issues so as to contribute to and influence policy.
- Building awareness among young people on Government and donor policies.
- Building Critical and analytical skills amongst youth.
- Analyzing National Youth policies and making recommendations and
- Advocating for the development of National Youth Policies.
- Monitoring implementation and adherence to Youth policies.
- Participating in Policy Consultations at Local, National and International Level.

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Young people

The initiative, though in its early stages has already touched a number of young people's lives who have in turn pledged to help others also. It is expected that more young people will take keen interest in the work that the Government work, donor community and NGO community. Young people will be knowledgeable of Government and donor policies, hence placing them in a better position to provide concrete criticism and suggestion for the work of the government. Since the initiative heavily relies on ICT, an opportunity has presented itself to disseminate various messages that are relevant to young people like that of unemployment/employment offers, HIV/AIDS. Most young people will discover their leadership, writing and analytical skills through this network hence placing them in the limelight of policy makers and employers too!

Additional information

At the moment, the network has around 40 members, covering all the regions in the continent.

Current initial activities include:

- Setting up of the network website.
- Compilation of Guidelines for Policy Review.
- Review of National Youth Policies across Africa by Network members.
- Advocating for the development of Youth Policies.

You can join the initiative by sending an email to youthfirst@afriamail.com or tayanibanda@yahoo.co.uk

