

Agenda

Objective: To present youth-led social innovation programmes that contribute to youth and community development in Africa and to discuss how to identify synergies among key partners.

Moderator: [Ibrahim Ceesay](#), National Coordinator - Children for Children Organization (CFCO), Gambia

Rapporteurs:

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- [Malik Samassekou](#), Youth, Sport and Physical Education Section, UNESCO/SHS

Welcome and opening remarks

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| 09h00 - 09h05 | Introduction with a poem by Mr. Ibrahim Ceesay (5 min) |
| 09h05 - 09h10 | Opening remarks by Mrs. Lalla Ben Barka , Assistant Director-General for UNESCO's Africa department (5 min) |
| 09h10 - 09h13 | Importance of youth for African Member States by H. E. Mr. Jean-Marie Adoua , Ambassador of Congo and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Chairperson of the Group of African Member States at UNESCO (3 min) |
| 09h13 - 09h16 | Presentation of the UNESCO Strategy on African Youth by H. E. Dr Mary Mbiro Khimulu , Ambassador of Kenya, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, Chairperson of the Africa Group working group on the implementation of the UNESCO strategy on African Youth (3 min) |

- 09h16 - 09h19 Role of Youth in the social reconstruction of Côte d'Ivoire by **Mr. Mamadou Touré**, Technical adviser to presidency of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in charge of Youth and Sport, observer to the Youth Forum, 2007 and 2011 (3 min)
- 09h19 - 09h22 A testimony on youth-led social entrepreneurship by **Mr. Mundia Paul Hakoola**, Board secretary at the Young African Leaders Initiative, Zambia (3 min)
- 09h22 - 09h25 Report on the outcomes of the 7th UNESCO Youth Forum online discussions related to Africa by a **youth speaker** or youth delegate to be identified (3min)

Panel I: Youth-led social innovation and Civic engagement in Africa: A Framework for Action

- 09h25 - 09h30 Ratification of the African Youth Charter and update on the implementation of the African Union 10-year Plan of Action for Youth Development and Empowerment in Africa 2009-2018 by **Dr Raymonde Agossou**, Head of Human Resources & Youth Division, African Union Commission (5 min)
- 09h30- 09h35 Update on the implementation of the UNESCO Strategy on African Youth by **Mrs. Pilar Alvarez-Laso**, Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO (5 min)
- 09h35 - 09h38 Brazilian cooperation with African Youth, **H. E. Mrs. Maria Laura da Rocha**, Ambassador of Brazil, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (3 min)
- 09h38 - 09h48 Building youth-led social innovation in Africa: partnership between the International Youth Foundation and UNESCO
- **Mr. William Reese**, CEO International Youth Foundation (5 min)
- **Mr. Georges Gachara**, International Youth Foundation, fellow, Kenya (5 min)

- 09h48 -09h51 A testimony on youth-led social innovation by [Mr. Adeola Austin Oyinlade](#), founder and Director of “Know Your Constitution” Initiative (3 min)
- 09h51 -09h57 North-South cooperation to support youth development and civic engagement: presentation of the initiative led by UNESCO Chair in Children, Youth and Civic engagement, National University of Ireland, Galway in Zambia
 - [Ms. Lwando Chibwe](#) (Zambia), Student, UNESCO Chair of Galway initiative (3 min)
 - [Ms. Ciara Sarah O’Donovan](#) (Ireland) Student, UNESCO Chair of Galway initiative (3 min)
- 09h57-10h45 Debate (48 min)

Panel II: Youth-led social innovation and civic engagement in Africa: conceptual matters

- 10h45-10h50 State of the art on Youth Civic Engagement in Africa: Presentation of the Results of the regional paper on youth civic engagement and participation in Africa by [Dr. Dennis Bright](#), Regional Director for Right to Play, Former Minister of youth and Sports in Sierra Leone (5 min)
- 10h50-10h55 Discussant: [Pr N’Dri Assie Lumumba](#), Director of Graduate Studies Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University Ivory Coast (5 min)
- 10h55-11h00 Presentation of a desk and survey study on the use of ICT by youth for civic engagement in Africa, by [Dr Alice Nga Minkala](#) Lecturer, Deputy Director/ Head of studies. Advanced School of Mass communication, University of Yaoundé II (5 min)
- 11h00-11h30 Debate (30 min)

Conclusion: Partnerships for youth-led social innovation

11h30-12h00

Youth delegates and partners will debate approaches and mechanisms to support youth-led social innovation in Africa. They will also develop 2 succinct recommendations for future action (20 min)

Concluding remarks by [Mrs. Lalla Ben Barka](#), ADG/AFR (5 min) and [Mrs. Pilar Alvarez-Laso](#), ADG/SHS (5 min)