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VISION 2030 YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS ASSOCIATES

## THE YOUTH ISSUE BASED POSITION

## **Background of Vision 2030 Youth Entrepreneurs Associates**

Vision 2030 YEA was established in 2013 with one aim only Empowerment of Youth Entrepreneurs in all Sectors of the Kenyan Economy

### **Vision**

Vision 2030 Youth Entrepreneurs Associates envisions a world that has a dynamic youth entrepreneurship culture and developed youth-owned enterprises, operating in all sectors of the economy, which contribute to economic growth, poverty reduction and employment creation as well as assist in bringing about economic transformation and an equitable society.

### **Main Objective**

To build bridges in youth innovation and entrepreneurship for sustainable development, while empowering youth leaders and youths in general through enhancing their capacity therefore enabling them to participate fully in their socio economic development.

### **Areas of Interest**

Youth in Agriculture: Agribusiness and Agro Industry

Youth in Science, Technology and Innovation

Youth in Trade: Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises

Youth in Infrastructural Development

Youth Training and Policy Engagement

Poverty Reduction and Employment creation Among the Youth

Vision 2030 YEA has being fully accredited to attend and Participate during the WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi. VYEA will be Lobbying for the Inclusion of the Youth Issue Based Position.

We have a qualified team of Youths who are well prepared for the MC10. We are featured in the Ministerial Conference Program at the NGO Centre to hold two vital meetings on the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2015 and 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2015. We will be holding both Private and Public Meetings. We have also invited all International Accredited Youth Organization and Delegates to attend this meetings. We intended to use this opportunities to lobby for a Youth Issue Based Position during the WTO MC10 Nairobi.

## **YOUTH STATISTICS:**

- 70% of total population of Africa are below the age of 35.
- By 2020 it is projected that out of every 4 people 3 will be on average 20 years old.
- About 10 million youth arrive each year on the Labor Market.
- Africa is the second-largest and second most populous continent on earth with an estimated population in 2013 of 1.033 billion people. Africa has a High Levels of Unemployment among the youth. 650 million people aged between 18 and 35, a number that is set to double by 2045, currently, this age group comprises 60% of Africa's unemployed.
- Average age of the African Farmer in Africa is 55yrs.
- Africa has 9% of the Youth population involved one way or another in Agriculture.
- African youth are the bulge of Youth in informal MSME'S and are more likely to use innovation and invention than any other age set

# **YOUTH ISSUE BASED POSITIONS**

## **AGRICULTURAL REFORMS**

The establishment of clearly defined structures for the exchange of information on planned changes; Promotion of youth involvement in agriculture through : Access to knowledge, information and education; Access to land programs; Access to financial services; Access to green jobs; Access to Global markets; Value addition opportunities.

Ministers of all Members States should consider adopting the following as a strategy to attract Youth into Agriculture:

### **✓ Access to Knowledge, Information and Education:**

- I. To encourage out-of-school youth in rural areas to pursue professional careers in agriculture through vocational training and extension services training.
- II. Rebranding Agricultural in Schools.
- III. Distance learning for young farmers.
- IV. Promote use of ICT for agribusiness Solutions among youth.
- V. Establish Agribusiness Resource Centre's.
- VI. Inclusion of Youth in Policy Making.

### **✓ Access to land programs**

- I. Establish a Young Rural Enterprise land Fund.
- II. Reclaim Semi- Arid land.
- III. Promote Short-term Land Leasing Programs for Youth.

### **✓ Access to Financial**

- I. Establish a Youth Agribusiness Private Public Investment Fund.
- II. Installation Aid/ Grant Agribusiness Program for Youth.

### **✓ Access to Green Jobs Program**

- I. Agro-ecotourism Youth Run Enterprises.
- II. Raising youth's awareness of organic agriculture.
- III. Green jobs apprenticeship programme.
- IV. Vocational training in small biogas plants and Beekeeping.

### **✓ Access to Markets**

- I. Connecting young farmers to Markets Program.
- II. Innovation in Distribution and Sales of Products of Youth.
- III. Linking Youth Producers with Consumers.

#### IV. Value addition and value chain opportunities for youth

### **GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND COMPETITION**

Ministers of all Members States should consider adopting the following as a strategy to strengthen the capacities of Youth through Affirmative Action.

- I. Create Special Provisions of Quotas for Youth in small and medium sized enterprises to access government procurement opportunities.
- II. Encourage provisions of Fair Competition incentives for youth in Least Developing Countries and Small and Vulnerable Economies to ensure Regional and Multilateral .
- III. Standardization of Quality in Developing Countries and LDC'S to ensure the Goods and Services are up to standard therefore enable them to compete and Access International Markets.

### **LDC PACKAGE, SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT**

Ministers of all Members States should consider adopting the following as a strategy to strengthen the capacities of Youth Through:

- I. The Reinstatement of the Youth Ambassador Program in order to include youth in Trade policy dialogue Frameworks within the WTO.
- II. Inclusion and Participation of African Youth in the Moot Courts and Students Debates Program aimed at building the capacity of LDC Youth with Exposure to Trade Negotiation.

### **CAPACITY BUILDING FOR YOUTH LED MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES.**

Ministers of all Members States should consider adopting the following as a strategy to strengthen the capacities of Youth Through:

- I. Setting up Trade Accelerators Centre's in Developing and Least Developing Nations that will be targeting stimulate youth led enterprises to be integrated into Global value chains by offering trade related services e.g. Training, Advisory, Mentoring and Funding.

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Ministers of all Members States should consider adopting the following as a strategy to strengthen the capacities of Youth Through:

- I. Protection of the Intellectual Property of Youth Globally from exploitation and Loss through development of Protection Policy Mechanisms so as to safeguard youth inventions and innovations.
- II. Create Awareness about Protection of Intellectual Property conducted by Youth.

## **INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Ministers of all Members States should consider adopting the following as a strategy to strengthen the capacities of Youth Through:

- i. Establishment of ICT and Innovation/Incubation Hubs across the member countries.
- ii. Establishment of a start-up fund for youth ICT enterprises

## **TAX JUSTICE**

Ministers of all Members States should consider adopting the following as a strategy to strengthen the capacities of Youth Through:

- i. Preferential treatment of youth owned enterprises and businesses by governments of member states
- ii. Subsidized tax obligations for young people who run businesses.