



Media Advisory: YouthConnekt Africa Summit 2024

"Jobs for Youth Through Innovative Skilling"

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I. ABOUT YOUTHCONNEKT AFRICA

YouthConnekt is a transformative initiative championed by the President of Rwanda, H.E Paul Kagame and was launched in 2012 to empower young Africans by connecting them to impactful opportunities in employment, entrepreneurship, and skills development.

Originally started in Rwanda, YouthConnekt has expanded across the continent, offering youth a platform to connect with leaders, learn critical skills, and access resources that help them thrive in today's competitive world, while solving pressing needs on the continent and contributing toward sustainable development.

II. ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The YouthConnekt Africa Summit is an annual gathering that brings together thousands of young leaders, innovators, policymakers, and stakeholders from across Africa. Held in a vibrant, interactive setting, the summit offers workshops, discussions, and networking opportunities designed to inspire youth-driven solutions for Africa's biggest challenges. Different editions of the YouthConnekt Africa Summit hosted in various countries including: Rwanda, Ghana and Kenya.

The 2023 YouthConnekt Africa Summit was a successful event in Kenya. It was the 6th edition and brought together thousands of young people, government officials, and business leaders to discuss youth development, innovation, and how to make Africa more connected.

III. ABOUT THE 2024 YOUTHCONNEKT AFRICA SUMMIT:

WHAT:

The 7th edition of the YouthConnekt Africa Summit will take place in Kigali, Rwanda, from 8 to 10 November 2024. Themed "Jobs for Youth Through Innovative Skilling," the summit will focus on equipping young Africans with the skills needed to thrive in the future of work.

WHO:

- Over 4,000 delegates, including Africa's emerging youth leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs
- Heads of State, policymakers, business leaders, and development partners
- Hosted by the Government of Rwanda, co-convened with UNDP, the YouthConnekt Africa Hub and MasterCard Foundation.

WHY:

- Africa's youth population is booming, creating a critical need for innovative skills and job creation solutions.



- The summit aims to foster collaboration between governments, the private sector, and youth to build an ecosystem for developing relevant skills and promoting youth employment across the continent.

The Summit will feature six thematic areas:

- Skilling and Education-to-Employment Transitions
- Digital & Tech Innovations in Africa
- Reimagining Africa's Creative Industries and Sports Economy
- Youth innovating the Agrifood Systems
- Youth Mental & Sexual Reproductive Health
- Youth In Trade, Entrepreneurship & Access to Finance

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Heads of State
- Ministers in charge of Youth
- Entrepreneurs, Young innovators, and leaders
- Development partners

REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION INFORMATION:

- The registration to attend the summit is being done on summit.youthconnektafrika.org
- Badges will be collected from 5-8 November 2024 at Kigali Convention Centre

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