



YCA '26 Summit Program

Pre-Summit - Monday 23rd to Tuesday 24th November 2026

Accreditation

Date & Venue: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

9th – 19th Nov 2026 for local delegates | Venue: **Gasabo District Hall**

20th – 25th Nov 2026 for international delegates | **Kigali Convention Center**

YouthConnekt Africa Technical Committee Meeting

Format: Workshop, Hosted by the YCA Hub | **Venue:** Ubumwe Grande Hotel

Dates: 23rd -24th November 2026

YouthConnekt Africa Export Accelerator Bootcamp

Format: Workshop | **Venue:** Ubumwe Grande Hotel

Partners: YCA, UNDP, AfCFTA, AUC

Dates: 23rd -24th November 2026

Mashariki Creatives Workshops

Format: Workshop | **Venue:** Mashariki Arts Academy

Partners: MFF, MAA

Dates: 23rd -24th November 2026

Generative AI Masterclass

Format: Workshop | **Venue:** UNIPOD – UR, CST

Partners: UNDP

Dates: 23rd -24th November 2026

YCA High Level Networking Cocktail

Format: By invitation only | Dates: 24th November 2026

Day 1 - Wednesday, 25th November 2026

8:30 – 10:30 Arrival of delegates

Format: Networking and entertainment - DJ

11:00-12:30 Official Opening Ceremony

Venue: Auditorium – Kigali Convention Center (KCC)

Format: High-Level Plenary

Presidential Xchange

Format: Moderated conversation with Heads of State

Theme: “Shaping the Generational Mission”

Launch of Youth Spaces

Marketplace: Youth innovations/products Marketplace

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:30 -16:00 Fireside Chat: Africa’s Turn

Format: Open conversation with an Eminent Personality | **Room:** Auditorium

Parallel Breakout Sessions

- **Passing the torch**, Civic action across generations
Lead partner: ASG | **Format:** Cine debate | **Room:** MH3
- **YouthConnekt Congo Basin:** Harnessing the Congo Basin's Natural Capital for Youth Employment
Lead partner: YC Congo Brazza | **Format:** Regional Side Event | **Room:** MH1
- **Policy Roundtable** on Climate change and SRHR
Lead Partner: UNFPA, AUC, Imbuto Foundation | **Format:** PolicyRoundtable | **Room:** MH4

Health Corner - AD11 | Connecting Zone - AD12 | AUC Egumeni Hub - AD10

18:00 – 20:30: Gala Dinner

Format: Banquet **Hosted by:** GoR | **by invitation only** | **Venue:** KCC

Kigali Immersion Activities

- **Film Screening**
Format: Outdoor film screening **Hosted by:** Mashariki Film Festival
- **Imagine Kigali Day**
Format: Networking Activities **Hosted by:** Zaria Court

Day 2 - Thursday, 26th November 2026

8:30 – 09:30 Arrival of delegates

Format: Networking and entertainment – DJ

9:30 – 11:00 The Future of Jobs

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** Mix of TED Talk and Interactive Panel | **Room:** Auditorium

Beyond the City: Building Resilient Livelihoods 4 Rural Young Women (Part 1)

Lead Partner: BRAC | **Format:** Workshop | **Room:** MH2

11:30-13:00 Financing Africa's Future Mission

Room: Auditorium | **Format:** High-level interactive Panel Engagement

Parallel Breakout Sessions

- **Skilled to Trade**
Lead Partner: AfDB, TDB, GIZ | **Format:** Interactive panel | **Room:** MH1
- **Beyond the City:** Building Resilient Livelihoods 4 Rural Young Women (Part 2)
Lead Partner: BRAC | **Format:** Workshop | **Room:** MH2
- **Influencing the Change, Youth leadership**
Lead partner: YCA YAC | **Format:** Ted Talk | **Room:** MH3

- **ACET Youth Policy Lab**
Lead partner: ACET | **Format:** Workshop | **Room:** MH4

Health Corner - AD11 | Connecting Zone - AD12 | AUC Egumeni Hub - AD10

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:30 – 16:00 **Legacy vs NextGen: Reimagining African Creativity**

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** Generational Debate with eminent personalities

Parallel Breakout Sessions

- **Making Finance Work for Rural Youth Entreprises**
Lead partner: Catholic Relief Services | **Format:** Learning Spotlight and Youth Fireside | **Room:** MH1
- **YouthConnekt XRegions**
Lead partner: YouthConnekt Mano River Union and Sahel Regional Forum | **Format:** Learning Spotlight and Youth Fireside | **Room:** MH2
- **Buy from Youth: Turning Green Livelihoods into Green Markets**
Lead partner: FAO,WFP | **Format:** Masterclass | **Room:** MH3
- **Policy Round Table on Inclusive Trade**
Lead partner: YCA Hub, Mastercard,UNDP | **Format:** Roundtable | **Room:** MH4
- **Health Corner | Connecting Zone | AUC Egumeni Hub**

18:00 – 20:30 **Youth Talent Night**

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** Mix of entertainment activities

Day 3 - Friday, 27th November 2026

8:30 – 9:30 **Arrival of delegates**

Format: Networking and entertainment - DJ

9:30 – 11:00 **The Next Tech Giants**

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** Mix of Fire side chat and Innovation spotlight

11:30 – 13:00 **Trajectories of Dignified Employment**

Venue: Auditorium | **Format:** segmented High-level interactive session

Parallel Breakout Sessions

- **YouthConnekt Southern Africa: Pitch Your Country**
Lead partner: Republic of Zambia,UNDP ECoWYERT Project | **Format:** Generational debate with eminent personalities | **Room:** MH1
- **Legacy Vs NexGen: The future of sport economy for Africa**
Lead partner: YCA Hub, Minisport | **Format:** Generational debate with eminent personalities | **Room:** MH2

- **Africa's Creative Wealth**
Lead partner: UNDP Africa | **Format:** TedTalk | **Room:** MH3
- **Thrive Africa: Investing in Innovative Youth Health, Education & Empowerment:**
Lead partner: UNFPA, Imbuto Foundation, African Union | **Format:** Intergenerational Fireside Chat & Youth Solutions Arena | **Room:** MH4
- **MRU YouthConnekt Steering Committee**
Lead partner: YouthConnekt Mano River Union | **Format:** Boardroom | **Room:** AD7

Health Corner | Connecting Zone | AUC Egumeni Hub

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:30 – 16:00 **Official Closing Ceremony**
Venue: Auditorium

17:30 – 19:30 **Kigali Night Run**
Venue: Nyarutarama Green Carpet

Day 4 - Saturday 28th November 2026

9:30 – 14:30: **YouthConnekt Africa Steering Committee**
Format: Ministerial Meeting – by invitation only

14:30 – 16:30: **Visit Rwanda Optional Activities**
Format: City excursions