Introduction

The Youth Agenda (YAA) is a national Civil Society Organization that is independent, non-profit non-partisan youth organization duly registered with the Government of Kenya.

Youth agenda inception was sparked by evidence exclusion of the youth in spheres of life and fueled by a passion for the “active youth citizen”. Youth Agenda’s mission is to make the youth factor count by influencing, linking and enhancing youth access to social, economic, cultural and political opportunities nationally and at the county levels.

Inside This Issue

Program Activities

- Youth Bi-Monthly Meetings
- Launch of Tharaka Nithi Youth Association
- Chuka University Youth Agenda Empowerment Programme

Forums

- Commonwealth Youth Inclusion Regional Conference
- The Sixth Annual Devolution Conference
- The People’s Dialogue Forum
Youth Empowerment Bi-Monthly Meetings

Date: 19th -28th March 2019

Youth Agenda is currently capacity building youths in Transnzoia and Tharaka Nithi to have knowledge and skills to actively engage in the monitoring and tracking of their county government. The main objective is to have a well informed and active citizen all in a bid to ensure better service delivery and accountability by the county government. The trained youths participated in the review of county fiscal strategy paper and presented their memorandum indicating their priorities.

Launch of Tharaka Nithi Youth Association

The initiative by the Youth Agenda gave rise to the Tharaka Nithi county youth association, a registered civil society organization. The inception of the association was born in December after the first training with Youth Agenda which focused on Kenyan constitution, rights (bill of rights), County government formation and operations, Budget formulation and implementation, Public participation, oversight and accountability measures for the county government development plans (CIDP and ADPs).

The network’s main objective is to provide a platform to build and synergize the youth movement, allowing them to speak with one voice and negotiate agency to lobby and conduct advocacy on youth issues.

“Sauti Yetu, Haki Yetu”
Chuka University Youth Agenda Empowerment Programme

Youth Agenda participated in a youth empowerment training organized by the newly formed Tharaka Nithi County Youth Association in collaboration with Chuka University. The training, which was held on 23rd February 2019 at Chuka University, brought together about 300 youths drawn from the three constituencies.

The guest speakers for the event included the Vice chancellor, Chuka University, CEO, Youth Agenda, The Kenya Museum CEO, Former chairman of the Kenya National Cohesion and Integration commission, Principal Tharaka University College, National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) officials, Business man, county and national youth funds officials and many others. Some of the topics discussed were: Access to Government Procurement Opportunities; Role of Youth in attainment of the Big 4 Agenda; and Drug and Substance Abuse.

Forums

The Commonwealth Youth Inclusion Regional Forum

Date: 4th-5th March 2019

Uganda.

The commonwealth Youth Inclusion regional forum was held in Kampala, Uganda and brought together youths from different countries to discuss on how to advance youth inclusion in all spheres of life.

More emphasis was placed on promoting youth political participation and leadership in Africa.
The Sixth Annual Devolution conference

**Date: 4th-8th March 2019**

**Kirinyaga County.**

Youth Agenda participated in the 6th Devcon conference that brought together the government, stakeholders and the citizens to discuss the roles, achievements and challenges of the devolution seven years since its inception.

Youth Agenda was represented by the CEO, Diana Sifuna who was one of the panelist on the Sub-theme; National discourse on constitution change within the devolution context. The CEO presented to the conference the priorities of the Kenyan youths when it comes to constitutional amendments’ and ways in which the constitution has led to youth empowerment.

**Date: 7th-9th March 2019**

The people’s dialogue festival brought together leaders, different actors and citizens to an active and meaningful engagement on the country’s democratic landscape.

Youth Agenda participated in the event through holding a hang-out session for the youths. The session offered a platform to the youths to discuss with their leaders on the challenges affecting them. The leaders include the Young MPs and MCAs, Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka, Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, Hon Moses Wetangula, Hon. Raphael Tuju and the Right Hon. Raila Odinga.
Picture Story

Pamela Makena, Chairperson-Tharaka Nithi Youths handing over an invite session to Chief officer, Youths, sports, Gender and culture.

Mildred Nzau, Programme officer at Youth Agenda moderating a Hangout session to Hon. Musalia Mudavadi at the People’s Dialogue Forum

A youth Bi-monthly discussion in Transnzoia

Youth Agenda in Action
Mildred Nzau, Programme officer at the Commonwealth forum.

Mildred with other Kenyan youths at the Commonwealth Youth Forum.

The CEO, Diana Sifuna during the Sixth annual devolution conference.

Victor Nyongesa, programme officer facilitating training to Tharaka Nithi Youths.

The YAA secretariat posing with Hon. Martha Karua during the International women’s day.
Youth Agenda CEO and programme officer having a discussion with Hon. Moses Wetangula during the Peoples’ Dialogue Forum.

Youth Agenda Board Director, Waruguru wa Kiai answering questions during the PDF festival.

Victor Nyongesa, Programme Officer presenting YAA publications and journals to guest who visited our display booth.

Reach Youth Agenda through;

Email: info@youthagenda.org
Website: www.youthagenda.org
Facebook: Youthagenda Vijana
Twitter: @youthagenda254

From Left: the current CEO; Diana Sifuna, Board Director; Samson Mundia, The Former CEO; Susan Mwongera, Programme Officer, Mildred Nzau all participating in the youths Hangout session at the PDF festival.