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African Youth wants influence at UN Assembly

The future of Africa is right now on the table amongst world leaders at the 68th UN Assembly. 13 young africans are joyning presidents and UN delegates in the debate about their future.

From Cape Town to Cairo they have come from across the African continent ready to the UN 68th Assembly with one agenda. They are the voice of 172 million young Africans, when World leaders will discuss new Development Goals after 2015.

African Youth Panel is a group of 40 young people from all over Africa, and they represent the future of Africa. 172 million young Africans, making the continent the youngest population in the world. Still, the young are often marginalised in local, national and global decision making process. Ibrahim Ceesay is Chairman of African Youth Panel.

“Today's young people are tomorrow's leaders. It is vital, that young people are at the center of decision making, when the post2015 is being discussed and decided. Young people must take lead in shaping their own future”, he says.

At a special side event, African Youth Panel will launch a creative platform of voices of the African Youth into the world development agenda.

African Youth Panel is a platform of young people from different African countries with diverse skills and backgrounds including academicians, civil society experts, entrepreneurs, art managers and politicians. The panel is supported by Roskilde Festival and DANIDA. See more about the work and purpose of The African Youth Panel www.africanyouthpanel.org.



Special side event

“Post 2015: An African Youth Perspective”

How do we ensure *Youth Employment and Governance & Youth Participation in the post2015 agenda*? The African Youth Panel commits itself to interventions aimed at increasing the participation of youths in the post2015 process at the national, regional and international level. What will decision makers commit to? Ask them! You are invited to the side event “Post 2015: An African Youth Perspective”.

The 24nd of September from 10:45am to 12:15pm
at Double Tree Hotel 569 Lexington Avenue- 51st Street New York, NY 10022

Key note speakers

Mr. Momodou Toure, Founder Africa 2.0 Foundation

Madam Bineta Diop-Founder/President, Femme Africa Solidarite

Hon. Momodou Sabally, Minister of Presidential Affairs, Secretary General and Head of the Civil Service in Gambia

Mr.Ahmed Alhendawi, UN Secretary General Envoy on Youth

Ms.Saba Loftus, Major Group on Children & Youth

Mr.Ravi Karakara, Expert Advisor on Children & Youth to the UN Millennium Campaign

From the AYP communication desk, we will bring you daily updates as they unfold in relation to the UN Assembly. Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information or interviews, info@africanyouthpanel.org.

Contact for interview

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