

# AYICC STRUCTURE, GOALS & PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

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## **AYICC OVERVIEW**

The African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) will address the bigger picture of climate change by appreciating its links with sustainable development. In this regard, AYICC will link climate change and poverty reduction targets, especially in terms of utilizing appropriate and ecologically strategies. Thus, ensuring both development and avoidance of the negatives impacts of climate change.

## **VISION**

An African continent with an empowered and united youth movement, proactively involved in the decision making process and the adoption of sustainable options towards a better climate and social equity.

## **MISSION**

Through skills development and knowledge building, ensure active youth participation at all institutional levels as well as influence the adoption of climate-friendly behavioural changes at the community level.

## **GOAL**

To build capacity and strong partnerships among African youth so that they may understand the urgency of the situation and take action against the impacts of climate change for both present and future generations. This will be accomplished through participation in the negotiation and implementation of adequate strategies at all institutional levels including strategies at the grassroots level that showcase youth-led initiatives against climate change.

## **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- Networking and partnerships, including South/South and South/North
- Communication and Education
- Precaution
- Mitigation
- Adaptation
- Indigenous and scientific knowledge

## **CORE VALUES**

- Representation
  - Gender equity
  - Geographical balance
  - Transparency
  - Democracy
  - Cultural democracy
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**AFRICAN INITIATIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE: NETWORK OVERVIEW**

<b>PROGRAMS AND DELIVERABLES</b>		
<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>EXPECTED OUTCOMES</b>
<b>NETWORK DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resource identification</li> <li>▪ Survey of existing youth climate groups</li> <li>▪ Survey rural and urban areas requiring youth actions on climate</li> <li>▪ Partnership identification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Database and list-serv.</li> <li>▪ AYICC Network.</li> <li>▪ Information on areas requiring resource development (i.e. youth groups).</li> <li>▪ Links to UNFCCC and proposed UNFCCC Youth Advisory Committee.</li> <li>▪ Participation in future COP/MOPs</li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNICATION TOOLS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Website expansion</li> <li>▪ Development of an ongoing series of video case studies highlighting youth led projects and success stories</li> <li>▪ Research on climate related issues and compilation of data on Indigenous and other ecological knowledge such as perma-culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extensive website database and e-newsletter.</li> <li>▪ Posters and other glossy documents for educational circulation.</li> <li>▪ Video series on youth initiatives to be used as educational tool for expanding youth initiatives on Climate Change.</li> <li>▪ Information booklet on how to incorporate traditional and scientific knowledge to ensure quality living environments.</li> <li>▪ Support National Action Plans</li> <li>▪ Public Education and outreach</li> </ul>

<p align="center"><b>SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Development of a African Sustainable Campuses project similar to and in cooperation with the Canadian Sierra Youth Coalition Sustainable Campus program</li> <li>▪ Development of Solar-Generation groups on campuses</li> <li>▪ Capacity-building workshops</li> <li>▪ Long-term: Youth entrepreneurial Renewable energy project</li> <li>▪ Long-term: scholarships and bursaries program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase capacity of youth actions on campuses across Africa</li> <li>▪ Youth Empowerment through active participation in the develop of their education environments</li> <li>▪ Increased youth understanding of complex climate issues and encourage youth to explore science material</li> <li>▪ Youth skills developed and increased youth participation in the environmental movement</li> <li>▪ Campuses involved in energy-efficient schemes</li> <li>▪ SolarGen brought to grassroots youth</li> <li>▪ Poverty reduction and climate change linked</li> <li>▪ Youth innovation encouraged</li> <li>▪ Youth encouraged to translate scientific and indigenous knowledge into concrete actions/projects</li> <li>▪ Provide necessary resources for actions</li> <li>▪ Basic AYICC activities Implemented</li> </ul>
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<b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b>	
<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	All members (each active member has one vote) approve steering committees action plans, elect steering committee, discuss relevant issues
<b>STEERING COMMITTEE</b>	Two delegates per 6 African regions (North, East, West, Central, South and Island) or a two year term
<b>ADVISORY BOARD</b>	Existing coordinating committee members, as well as representatives from NGOs, government, other youth networks and organizations
<b>NATIONAL COUNCIL</b>	1 representative selected from and by each nation
<b>UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION (AKA SECRETARIAT)</b>	Selected by Steering Committee for a two year period to provide assistance during AYICC development stage

**2006-2008 STEERING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

*Representatives Elected at COY2/AYICC Founding Conference for a two year period (November 2006-November 2008)*

- **Eastern African Representatives:**  
*Rachel Nampinga (Ecowatch-Uganda, Uganda)*  
AND  
*David Bwakali (YEN-Kenya, Kenya)*
  
- **Northern African Representatives:**  
*Dalia Mohammed Ahmed (Sudanese Environment Conservation Society, Sudan)*
  
- **Western African Representatives:**  
*Excellence Uso (Young Peoples Initiative, Nigeria)*  
AND  
*Sena Alouka (Jeunes Volontaires Pour L'Environnement, Togo)*
  
- **Southern African Representatives:**  
*Ingrid Koch (COY2/AYICC Founding Member, South Africa)*  
AND  
*Kogi Iyer (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa)*
  
- **Central African Representatives:**  
TBD
  
- **Western Indian Ocean Islands Representatives:**  
TBD

**2006 – 2008 ADVISORY BOARD COMPOSITION**

- **Tracy Coates**, Environmental Equality Network & AYICC Founding Committee Chairperson, Canada
- **Agnes de Rooij**, Greenpeace International & AYICC Founding Committee Member, Netherlands
- **Maurice Odera**, UNEP Tunza Youth Representative & AYICC Founding Committee Member, Kenya
- **Maya Aberman**, Earthlife Africa & AYICC Founding Committee Member, South Africa
- **Catherine Mulinde**, AYICC Founding Committee Member, Uganda
- **Steve Itela**, YEN-Kenya & AYICC Founding Committee Member, Kenya
- **Cameron Stiff**, Canadian Youth Climate Coalition, Canada
- **John Deans**, SustainUS, USA

**AYICC ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE**

