

YWOA PROFILE

TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER AFRICA FOR
YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS



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About Us.

Introduction

Young Women of Africa (YWOA) is a dynamic, uniting and empowering movement that was established virtually in 2021 by a passionate group of young women who were youth and former youth leaders. Over the past five years, YWOA has rapidly grown into a continental network, uniting young women and girls and we are currently in 47 countries between the ages of 14 and 40. The movement serves as a powerful platform for young women to pursue and amplify the transformation agenda for a better Africa.

At YWOA, our mission is to empower, inspire, and support young African women in every sphere of life. We believe in the power of unity, knowledge-sharing, and collaboration to drive systemic change across the continent. By providing resources, mentorship, and advocacy, we are shaping a future where young women in Africa have the tools to lead, innovate, and succeed.

Since its inception, YWOA has made tremendous strides in reaching and supporting diverse groups of young women and girls across Africa moving them from the margins of development conversations to the centre of leadership, policy influence, and programme implementation across the continent. By combining grassroots mobilisation with high-level policy engagement, we ensure that the lived realities of African girls and young women directly shape continental development agendas.



Mission & Vision

MISSION

- Africa where young women are empowered, valued, and recognized as leaders and
- change-makers, driving transformative social, economic, and political change.
- To build a better Africa for young women and the girl child
- Striving for the emancipation of women and our social economic development in the
- continent.
- Incubate and develop young women leadership and second layer leadership.
- To establish a grassroots African movement that places young women at the Centre of
- their own development and struggle for the solutions Africa needs.
- To bring an end to xenophobia, regionalism, racism, patriarchy and all forms of
- oppression and injustice.
- To work with progressive organisation on the continent to fight for gender equality.

VISION

To unite, empower, and mobilize young women across Africa to drive positive change, promote gender equality, social justice, and human rights, and amplify their voices and contributions to Africa's development.



Core Values

- **Solidarity:** We believe in the power of solidarity and collective action among young women.
- **Empowerment:** We are committed to empowering young women with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to drive change.
- **Inclusivity:** We strive to create a platform that is inclusive, diverse, and representative of all young women in Africa.
- **Social Justice:** We are dedicated to promoting social justice, human rights, and gender equality in all aspects of African society.
- **Accountability:** We hold ourselves accountable for our actions, decisions, and impact, and strive for **transparency** and integrity in all our endeavors.

The Organization.

CONTINENTAL

Continental Executive

- President- Precious Banda
- Deputy President Sibongile Sibanda
- Secretary General - Helena Chihuissa
- Deputy Secretary General- Lioness Sibande

Continental Executive Portfolio Committee Heads

- Finance Secretary- Heather Hunda
- Continental Head of Stakeholder Mobilisation and Campaigns- Karabo Mohale
- Continental Head of Communications and Media- Jocelyne Ngoie
- Continental Head of Economic and Social Transformation - Emmanuela Kaganda
- Continental Head of Education Transformation - Sandra Murhola
- Continental Head of Young Women empowerment - Danila Braganca
- Continental Head of Rural Development-
- Continental Head of Policy and research -

REGIONAL

Regional Vice Presidents and Regional Secretaries (Head of Regional Structures and Ex - Officio to the Continental Executive)

- Regional Secretary for Central Africa - Dra Mariam Abdoulaye Ahmed
- Regional Vice President for Central Africa - Elvira Maye
- Regional Secretary for East Africa- Loy Dorothy Akech
- Regional Vice President for East Africa - Naserian Lilian Martime
- Regional Secretary for North Africa - Khadija Ali Regional
- Regional Vice President for North Africa -
- Regional Secretary for Southern Africa - Modiehi Nkhabu
- Regional Vice President for Southern Africa -
- Regional Secretary for West Africa - Asmau Idris Asmawu
- Regional Vice President for West Africa - Rokia Doumbia

The Organization.

COUNTRIES CHAPTERS

1. South Africa
2. Angola
3. Namibia
4. Botswana
5. Zambia
6. Zimbabwe
7. Mozambique
8. Lesotho
9. Cape Verde
10. Egypt
11. Eswatini
12. Madagascar
13. Burundi
14. Ethiopia
15. Kenya
16. Malawi
17. Rwanda
18. South Sudan
19. Tanzania
20. Uganda
21. Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
22. Congo Republic (Brazaville)
23. Cameroon
24. Central African Republic
25. Chad
26. Equatorial Guinea
27. Gabon
28. Benin
29. Burkina Faso
30. Cote d'Ivoire
31. Gambia
32. Ghana
33. Guinea Bissau
34. Liberia
35. Mali
36. Niger
37. Nigeria
38. Senegal
39. Sierra Leone
40. Togo
41. Libya
42. Guinea
43. Western Sahara
44. Algeria
45. Tunisia
46. Seychelles

Programmes '26

January

Launch of the YWOA Back to Class Campaign - **Eswatini**

Start of Monthly Webinars

February

Virtual Launch of the YWOA Annual Dignity and Sanitary Towels Drive - Omumbejja (**Uganda**)

March

Young Women in Governance and Peace Building - **Nigeria**

Commemoration of IWD - **Ghana and Congo (Brazaville)**

April

African Young Women Knowledge Festival - **Namibia**

Omumbejja Sanitary Towel Campaign - **Uganda**

Young Women in Leadership Dialogue - **Botswana**

Movement Build - **DRC**

May

Monthly Master Classes Are On!

Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation
International Women's Day
Healthcare : Prevention of Malaria through and innovation
Keeping Africa clean: Safe Africa

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June

Young Women African Economic Symposium - Economic Justice and Innovation Expo - **Tanzania**

Girls Conference - RSA

July

Agro Summit - Land, Food and Justice - **South Africa**
Pan African Women's Day

Pan African young women Education and digital futures Campaign - **Kenya**

August

September

Movement building
Camp - Ghana

October

MILES FOR CHANGE

Monthly
Masterclass

Children's Rights: Protecting the future of Africa.
Economics of Populations growth:
Preservation of African Cultures and history
Mental Health Awareness

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November

**Young Women's Assembly on
Migration and Statelessness -
Egypt**

December

6th Annual Continental Convention

Statutory meetings



Monthly Virtual Continental executive meeting
Monthly Bilateral Meeting - External
Quarterly Regional meeting

Monthly
Masterclasses

Peace and Stability: Political Tolerance
World Aids Day and 16 days of Activism



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