Mainstreaming Youth in Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policy Processes: Actions, Contributions, and Prospects for African Youth Inclusion

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Outline

1. African youth contribution to climate change and sustainable development policies
2. The smart paradigm: African youth in agriculture
3. African youth in post-2015 policies
4. Recommendations
1. African youth in climate change actions

- Youth in the UNFCCC and UNCSD processes
  - Focal points
  - Global South youth representation
  - National delegations

- Youth in regional policy platforms
  - African Union
  - AMacen, CAADP, CCDA, ADF, etc.

- Youth in national policies and programmes
  - AYICC 40 Chapters
  - Partner youth organizations

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2. The smart paradigm: African youth in agriculture

**The Rationale**
- Youth unemployment
- Declining agricultural productivity
- Climate Change
- Urbanization
- Trade & regional markets
- Global food crisis
- Entrepreneurial fervour
- Education & Technology

**The Framework**
- Ensuring access to productive resources
- Facilitating access to climate-smart technologies
- Ensuring access to climate-smart services
- Facilitating diversification of opportunities
- Enabling policies and institutions
3. African youth in post-2015 policies

• Youth and the African Union Agenda 2063
• Youth and Sustainable Development Goals
• Youth in post-Paris climate negotiations
  □ Climate Resilience
  □ Employment- Decent & Green Jobs
  □ Inclusive growth
  □ Smart development
  □ Environmental Sustainability
Conclusions/Recommendations

• Inclusive decision-making
• Re-orienting education to meet the needs of the jobs market
• Increasing incentives
• Innovative financing mechanisms
• Intergenerational Dialogues
• Investing in young peoples’ social capital
• Celebrating youth role models & change-makers
• Multi-level collaborations & Partnerships