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# **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
  - ❖ AMCEN, CAADP, CCDA, ADF, etc.
- Youth in national policies and programmes
  - ❖ AYICC 40 Chapters
  - ❖ Partner youth organizations

## 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



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