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# Home

## About All Africa Youth Congress

The All Africa Youth Congress, the first of its kind, seeks to establish a movement of enthusiastic, creative and innovative young people, who are patriotic and inspired to harness their skills and talents for the transformation Africa.

Recognizing that Africa the youngest continent due to its high proportion of young people , and the contribution of young people is paramount to the growth and future of the continent, All Africa Conference of Churches(AACC), has taken the initiative to organize the 2020 maiden Congress whose theme is Africa: My Home. My Future.

 The congress, will provide a platform for young people to connect, exhibit innovation and creativity, an opportunity for the African youth to be seen and heard, to be assured that their contribution matters and therefore initiate a process of rekindling the spirit of Pan African Movement among African youth and continue affirming their commitment to the continent..

## Profile of Innovative and Patriotic Youth

All Africa Youth Congress is targeting to bring together 5000 African youth aged between the ages of 15 to 35, currently living in and out of the continent. The youth will be from, churches, faith groups, universities, youth focused organizations, youth in the diaspora and those of African descent. The target number of participants is 5,000 youth.

## Snapshot of Speakers bios

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## Snapshot of the themes

Youth and African Patriotism

The youth congress will provide a space for reflection on Pan Africanism. It will bring different stakeholders, senior and youthful pan Africanists to critically engage on the needs of young people in Africa on economic, social and political front, reawakening the of pan Africanism among the youth.

Active Citizenship

Africa’s young people have the potential, energy, numbers and talents to transform the continent’s fortunes. Empowering the youth to channel their efforts, intellect, energy for constructive outcomes will benefit both nations and the continent at large. The youth congress creates a space for engagement on how young people can become active citizens of their countries and communities.

Justice and Security

To achieve the Agenda 2063, and to contribute towards agenda 2063 tackling issues of justice and security in Africa are important. The youth of Africa have the potential to champion gender justice, climate justice, to be ambassadors of peace, harmony and security. The youth congress is an opportunity to engage, organize, and advance the search for justice and security in Africa.

African Dignity

The ultimate goal for the Africa is to ensure peace, unity, solidarity, inclusion and dignity prevails on the continent. Reflecting on the liberation of Africa, and the achievements of post-independence Africa, young people need to take up the struggle of this day and era, which threaten the dignity and shared prosperity for Africa. The youth congress to reflect on issues of inequality, irregular migration, discrimination among other issues.

# About

## Africa: My Home. My Future.

A continental campaign focusing on Youth and African Patriotism. The campaign aims to inspire young people to be patriotic to their countries and Africa at large by utilizing their talents towards building a thriving continent.

The campaign aims at creating a generational movement made up of empowered, patriotic and passionate African youth committed to the holistic transformation of their countries and continent. This congress endeavors to deepen awareness on the potentials and opportunities for young people in Africa by creating a space to connect, engage other innovative and youthful entrepreneurs. It is also an opportunity for ecumenical youth people to connect and worship together.

The All Africa Youth Congress therefore creates a platform for constructive engagements among African youth that will inspire young people to be patriotic and to harness their talents in the transformation of their countries and the continent at large.

## African Patriotism

Africa has the youngest population in the world. The continent is home to over 1.2 billion people, where over 60% fall below the age of 25 years. As Africa’s youthful population continues to rise, there is uncertainty over the continent’s preparedness to tap this resource for economic growth. Yet the continent already has challenges that affect young people which are political, economic and social.

All over the continent, there is widespread frustration and agitation by and among young people over limited economic opportunities, growing corruption, rising unemployment, and limited opportunities for political participation. As a result of this growing frustration many choose to migrate to Western countries, where better opportunities are believed to exist, which is not true while others are being recruited into extremist groups. Many young people in Africa are facing the reality that they may never realize their dreams to be self-reliant or in control of their destinies while in Africa thus many are willing to risk drowning in the Mediterranean Sea, living in appalling detention centres in North Africa, rather than making determination to succeed in Africa. This notwithstanding, the continent is gradually becoming a hub for several start-ups and innovators who are breaking all odds and making significant contributions within the business and technology sectors.

When offered the right tools and motivation, young people can change the continent. AACC attaches particular importance to the crucial role that youth can play as powerful agents of change in the development of the continent as well as in preventing and countering negative vices such as irregular migration and human trafficking, violent extremism, xenophobia, drug and substance abuse that continue to perpetuate in the African continent.

AACC also recognizes that the future of the continent lies in the potential of our young people as they are needed in the continent to deliver an emerging Africa, the ‘Africa we want’ as envisioned in Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030.

About the congress

Arrival: Sunday 27 September 2020

On-site days: Monday 28 September 2020 – Thursday 1 October 2020

Departure: 02 October 2020

Thematic Vision

Africa: My Home. My Future.

Mission

To inspire young people to contribute to the transformation of Africa.

Objectives

* To motivate young people to be more patriotic
* To create a viable space for connectivity and networking
* To accelerate constructive conversations and innovative actions

Outcomes

* Emergence of national youth networks actively engaging in decision making processes
* Increased participation of young people in governance and political processes in Africa
* Potent spaces created between entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs for ongoing future empowerment
* Youth informed by the dynamics of Agenda 2063 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for active involvement towards nation building

## Organizers

All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)

All Africa Conference of Churches is a continental ecumenical body that accounts for over 140 million Christians across the continent. AACC is the largest association of Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Indigenous churches in Africa and is a member of the worldwide ecumenical network. AACC is a fellowship of 193 members comprising of Churches, National Councils of Churches (NCCs), theological and lay training institutions and other Christian organizations in 42 African countries.

 Vision: Churches in Africa together for life, peace, justice and dignity.

Website: [www.aacc-ceta.org](http://www.aacc-ceta.org)

## Steering Committee Members

Bios to be added

## Pentecost Convention Center

The Pentecost Convention Center is the venue for the congress. It is located approximately 42 km from the capital Accra in Ghana. It is Ghana’s new purpose-built, world-class conference and event center located at Millennium City (Gomoa Fetteh) in the Central Region. It is a unique convention center with high technological specifications and excellent flexibility, which offers churches and other Para Christian organization an inspirational venue for meetings, conferences, retreats and events, complete with premium levels of service and a warm Ghanaian hospitality welcome.

See website: <http://pcc-global.org/>

## Delegates

The congress is for youth aged between 15 to 35, living in and out of the African continent. The youth will come from, churches, faith groups, universities, youth focused organizations, youth in the diaspora and those of African descent. There will be 5,000 participants of the different categories mentioned below:

* Youth leaders
* Youth innovators
* Youth activists and political leaders
* Youth organizations
* Development partners
* Church leaders
* Government Officials
* Senior Pan Africanists
* Musicians
* African Entrepreneurs
* Accelerators, Incubators & Innovation hubs

# Programme

## Congress Program

## Themes & Tracks

The congress is organized around 4 thematic pillars and 16 tracks comprising of multiple sessions to allow for engagement and sharing of ideas by the youth:

**YOUTH AND AFRICAN PATRIOTISM**

Tracks:

* Celebrating arts, culture and heritage
* Showcasing youth innovation, entrepreneurship and job creation
* Embracing youth in cyber technology and development

**ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP**

Tracks:

* Youth participation in governance and decision-making processes
* Ending corruption in Africa, addressing transparency and accountability in Africa
* Building a new generation of Patriotic African leaders

**JUSTICE AND SECURITY**

Tracks:

* Youth for gender justice
* Confronting climate change
* Silencing the guns
* Addressing inequality and injustice in the extractive industry
* Mitigation of human trafficking and irregular immigration
* Responding to Africa’s emerging debt crisis

**AFRICAN DIGNITY**

Tracks:

* Responding to disease crisis (HIV, Ebola, Hepatitis, Cancer, Malaria, Tuberculosis)
* Addressing inequality and discrimination against people with disabilities
* Overcoming xenophobia, racism, religious persecution, Afrophobia
* Overcoming harmful traditional practices
* Wellness (mental, physical, spiritual, financial)

## Congress Session Formats

The congress is organized in different formats to suit the needs of the young people. The congress will embrace story telling by young people, and celebration of African cultures and diversity in music and in worship.

1. Concurrent Sessions

These will be partner led sessions to discuss relevant issues of the day related to the thematic area of focus.

1. Story telling

There will be a corner designated for young people who want to share their African stories related to the themes.

1. Exhibitions

This will be a market place of sharing and exchanging ideas. Organizations and Individuals will be having their booths for show casing.

1. High level plenary sessions

A daily full plenary with leaders, influential young people, change-makers and inspirational speakers make each plenary session memorable and provocative, making contributions to the theme Africa: My Home. My Future.

1. Music

Celebrating African talent through music.

1. Africa Celebration Night

A night to celebrate the talents of young people and the potential in the African Continent through music and art.

1. Worship

Youth leading vibrant worship services. Celebrating Africa’s diversity and connecting together in spirit.

1. Workshops and Dialogues

Open dialogue, workshops and discussions for all participants, enabling the youth to raise a voice of advocacy in the emerging congress issues.

# Register

## **Become a Speaker**

In a bid to host an inclusive and participatory congress, the organizers are looking for young people who may want to tell their stories, to share experiences, to show case their innovation and talents. There are limited opportunities for youth participants to tell stories, recite poems, show case innovation and to speak at one of the workshops during the event.

Kindly fill this form

(the form will have the following)

Name: Surname: Country: Age: Gender: Church: Organization

Which session: (options) Plenary; Story Telling; Workshops; Dialogues;

Which track:

Contact details; References

**(Upload your Bio)**

Please note: There are only a limited slots for this. The congress organizers will contact you if you are selected.

## **Moderate a session**

Are you a young and energetic facilitator?

The All Africa Youth Congress is looking for talented young people who would like to show case their facilitation skills and moderate in different sessions. This will be an opportunity for youth to participate and also be engaged in the congress. It is an opportunity for talented facilitators to showcase their talents to the world.

Kindly fill in this form:

(the form will have the following)

Name: Surname: Country: Age: Gender: Church: Organization

Contact details; References

**(Upload your Bio)**

Please note: There are only a limited slots for this. The congress organizers will contact you if you are selected.

## Register as a participant

### Eligibility

* Age between 15 and 35 years
* A citizen of any African Country
* African youth in the diaspora
* Youth of African descent
* Young person from youth focused organizations
* Ability to fund your international travel cost and congress fees
* Patriotic African

### Registration Information

**Participants from Ghana**

* All participants from the Church in Ghana shall be registered manually through their church. Contact your church for more information.
* All organizations, institutions, universities/colleges in Ghana who wish to participate in the congress will contact the local coordinator at Christian Council of Ghana to register their interest.

**Participants from the Rest of Africa**

* Participants from the Member Churches and Christian Councils must register their interest through their respective church or council.
* All participants from organizations, institutions, partners and universities who wish to participate in the congress must register their interest to the AACC Secretariat by writing an email to: youthcongress@aacc-ceta.org.

**Participants from the diaspora and the rest of the world**

* Young people from global partner organization, the diaspora and those of African Descent, who wish to participate in the congress, should register their interest by writing to AACC secretariat: youthcongress@aacc-ceta.org. The AACC will guide you to fill in the registration forms online.

Click to register link:

## Congress Participation Costs

**Travel**

Participants will cover their full cost of travel to and from Ghana.

**Accommodation**

Participants will be hosted at the Pentecost Convention. The congress packages are as highlighted below. The difference in pricing is due to the different types of accommodation rooms:

**Package 1 = USD 175**

Double Standard Room with A/C only (sharing) + All meals during the congress

**Package 2 = USD 160**

Double Standard Room With no A/C (sharing) + All meals during the congress

**Package 3 = USD 140**

Double Standard Room + All meals during the congress

**Package 4 = USD 120**

Economy, Hostels (sharing) + All meals during the congress

**Package 5 = USD 115**

Economy, Hostels, Banged Beds (Sharing) + All meals during the congress.

## **Register a side/ Auxiliary event**

Before and during the All African Youth Congress, a number of side and satellite meetings (seminars / workshops/ dialogues and exhibitions) are scheduled to take place, hosted both onsite and offsite from the congress venue.

Auxiliary events are an opportunity for partners, youth and developmental organizations to convene stakeholders to focus on their own area of interest in the format of their choice.

Download the information sheet: (upload E.O.I) and follow instructions

## **Exhibit at the Congress**

An opportunity to reach out to 5000 youths.

The organizers are inviting partners, youth and developmental organizations to consider organizing concurrent sessions / side events / seminars / workshops/ dialogues and exhibitions during the congress.

Download the information sheet: (upload E.O.I) and follow instructions.

To enquire write to youthcongress@aacc-ceta.org

**Showcase Innovative Content**

Are you a creative/ innovative young person looking for an opportunity to show case your content?

An opportunity to show case to 5000 youths is here.

The organizers are inviting young people, individuals and groups to show case innovative content during the congress.

Download the information sheet: (upload E.O.I) and follow instructions.

To enquire write to youthcongress@aacc-ceta.org

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# Get involved

## Submit to the knowledge repository

## Join Media Working Group

Are you a media practitioner?

 If you are a member of the press and are interested covering the All Africa Youth Congress, please join the media working group to have access to official congress press releases and related information from partners. Write to: youthcongress@aacc-ceta.org to express your interest.

The organizers are also inviting young people (journalist in training), to be part of a youth media-working group.

# Delegate information

## Visit Ghana

(to add information on the history and places of attraction in Ghana)

## FAQs

1. Question: I have registered does it automatically mean I can attend the congress. Answer: Only participants who have received a letter and have paid up will attend.
2. Are there any funding or sponsorship packages for participants? Answer: All participants are expected to cover their travel costs and congress fees.
3. Question: Do I need to apply for a visa? Answer: Some countries will need a visa to get into Ghana. Visa information is available on the link.

## Visa

**Visa in Ghana**

All participants coming from outside Ghana will be required to provide the bio data of their passports during registration process. AACC will in advance arrange for visa with the Immigration officials. Participants will cater for the cost of their visa, which is about USD 150.

**Which Countries Do Not Need a Visa in Africa?**

Citizens from ECOWAS States by virtue of the protocol on Free Movement of persons. According to Ghana’s visa policy, citizens of 21 countries and territories are visa-exempt and can stay in Ghana for up to 90 days. Visas on arrival are also available for the citizens of the African Union, excluding Morocco. All the other nationalities in the world are required to obtain a visa at the embassy.

Below is a list of other countries:

* Benin (Visa not required for 90 days),
* Burkina Faso (Visa not required)
* Cape Verde (Visa not required)
* Côte d’Ivoire (Visa not required)
* Djibouti (Visa on arrival)
* Gambia (Visa not required for 90 days)
* Guinea (Visa not required)
* Guinea-Bissau (Visa not required for 90 days)
* Kenya (Visa not required for 90 days)
* Liberia (Visa not required)
* Madagascar (Visa on arrival for 90 days)
* Mali (Visa not required)
* Mauritania (Visa on Arrival)
* Mauritius (Visa not Required for 90 days)
* Mozambique (Visa on arrival for 30 days)
* Niger (Visa not required)
* Rwanda (Visa not required for 90 days)
* Senegal (Visa not required for 3 months)
* Seychelles (Visitor’s permit on arrival for 3 months)
* Sierra Leone (Visa not required)
* Swaziland (Visa not Required for 30 days)
* Tanzania (Visa not required for 3 months)
* Togo (Visa not required)
* Uganda (Visa not required for 3 months)
* Zambia (Visa on arrival for 90 days)
* Zimbabwe (Visa not required for 3 months).

**Visa Requirements**

**Passport**

Your passport must:

* Be valid for the next six months.
* Have at least one blank visa page (amendments and endorsement pages cannot be used to fulfill this requirement).
* Not be frayed, torn, separating, or altered in any other way.

**Photographs**

You must provide two color, passport-type photographs that meets the following criteria:

* Be taken within the last three months and printed on high-quality photo paper
* Be taken against an all white background
* Be two inches by two inches
* Provide the full frontal view of your head with your face centered in the middle and displaying a neutral (non-smiling) expression
* You may wear neither eyeglasses nor headwear except for religious purposes
* Your photos should not be affixed to your application and it may not display evidence of adhesive tape or staples.

**Proof of Travel Arrangements**

You must provide proof of travel arrangements for the duration of your trip. Details of your intended arrangements must:

* Include a copy of an itinerary or e-ticket that displays your round trip travel and entry and exit dates for your destination

## Payment details

(to be added)

## News and Updates

To be added.

## Important Dates

**Registration Deadline: 31st July 2020**

**Congress date of arrival: 27 September 2020**

**Departure dates: 02 October 2020**