

AU YOUTH DIGEST

HRST - YOUTH DIVISION

September 2020



HOD SAYS...



Whenever the world is on the cusp of a defining moment youth remain at the center of that. In the face of so many challenges where young people disproportionately bear the brunt of these the African Union's Youth Division continues to see and harness the potential of the dynamism of the youth.

"Africa is the youngest continent in the world", my speech writers put this in all my speeches but what does it mean? Much like raising a child it means the investment not only has to be generous but it must be meaningful. Channeling resources towards a child's education, ensuring a child is engaged in their own development, creating conducive environments for a child to make the most of entrepreneurship and employment opportunities – that is what having a young continent means, that is what is required to harness its potential. You must have a plan to deliver for that demographic.

This is our ethos in the Youth Division and in September we continued to sidestep the COVID-19 pandemic, worked virtually as we delivered for Africa's youth, delivered for you.

As Africa Youth Month comes closer we will be using it as an opportunity to shine a spotlight on as many of you as we can get to. We want to celebrate the very existence of African youth and demonstrate just how powerful the youngest continent is.

Ms. Prudence NGWENYA
Head of Youth Development Division, AUC



Warm greetings to you youth of Africa and our partners across the continent.

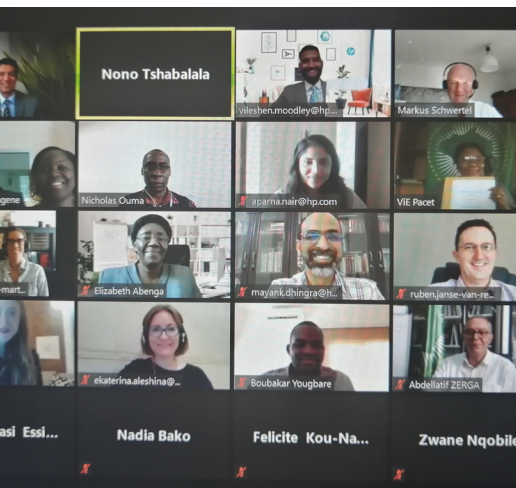
We hope you enjoyed the 1st edition of our newsletter, a labour of love for our African youth on the continent and beyond! We had a busy month where partnerships were solidified, our conversation series went full steam ahead, we celebrated the innovators among you and most importantly we continued to listen to you and what your expectations of us and this space are. We're sure you've already seen it on the internet somewhere but in the spirit of emphasis allow us to say that our favourite month is almost here – Africa Youth Month! This year's theme is **Youth Voices, Actions, Engagements: Building A Better Africa**.

We trust that you are keeping safe as the world still tries to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and that the spirit of resilience that so effortlessly makes us who we are as African youth continues to prevail unabated.

Keep reading!

THE MONTH THAT WAS...

AUC COVID-19 YOUTH RESPONSE STRATEGY



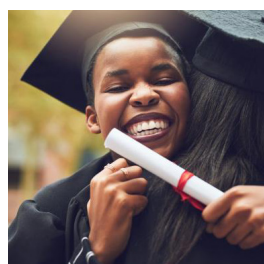
AUC and HP Inc. MOU signing

The African Union Commission and HP Inc. [signed a Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#) to collaborate on the development of entrepreneurial skills in Africa. The partnership accelerates the AUC's education response to COVID-19 and beyond, to ensure access to continued learning for African youth.

AU Youth Corner Conversation Series

If you have not seen our conversa-

tion series posters on social media, it might be time to turn on post notifications so you don't miss out! As COVID-19 continues to change the ways of working, reducing our physical interactions significantly and encouraging more virtual engagement we held two webinars under our Youth Corner Conversation Series. We tackled issues of [career guidance](#), [collaborative learning](#) and the importance of [building inclusive societies](#).



Continuous Learning and Safe Re-opening of Schools in Africa

Following the outcome discussions from the STC-EST 3 Bureau virtual meeting held on the 30th of April 2020, the AU-HRST Department in conjunction with Africa CDC and UNICEF held a follow-up on [forum on Continuous Learning & Safe re-opening of schools in Africa](#) during the pandemic, on the 10th September.



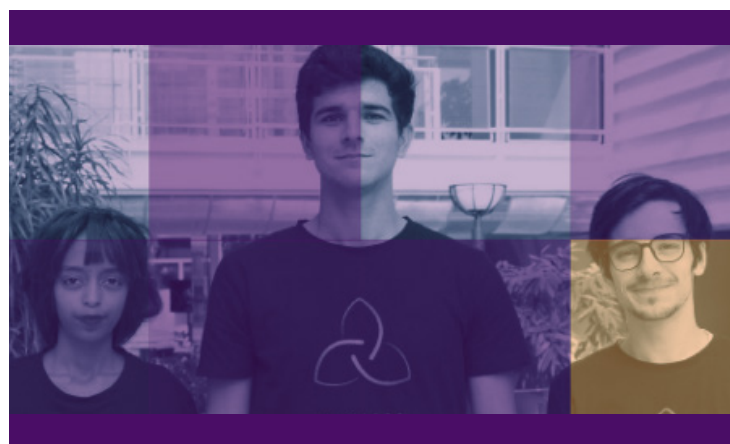
Equitable, Quality, and Relevant Education in Africa

Africa's education system is facing four main crises - equity, learning, relevance, and affordability. In a bid to scale up to implement initiatives that improve the resilience of Africa's education system and ensures continues learning, [CESA 16- 25](#) held a [virtual cluster coordination meeting](#) from 19th - 21st August 2020.



Team Invicta Emerges Winner, BeChangeMaker Africa 2020

Meet [Invicta](#), the winner of [BeChangeMaker Africa](#) 2020 competition. You will be awed by the creativity and skills demonstrated by the winning team for the first BeChangeMaker Africa Competition. The journey for the 2020 BeChangeMaker teams has included ongoing support by HP Foundation and access to HP LIFE resources to build their business skills.





INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2020

Young people are at the center of the development agenda. In the midst of the pandemic young people have faced some of the greatest challenges and have still kept their spirit of unwavering resilience going. On [International Youth Day](#), 12 August 2020, we celebrated and recognized the [contributions](#) of youth particularly during these difficult times of COVID-19.

OPPORTUNITY



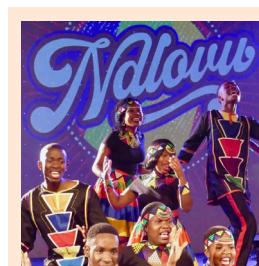
- Are you an entrepreneur or innovator providing sustainable education solutions to address the challenges of Africa's education system? Then, grab this opportunity and apply for the [Innovating Education in Africa Expo](#).
- If you're interested in exploring your potential and connecting with driven youth from all over the world, sign up to the [Goodwall platform](#).

BRIGHT SPARK OF THE MONTH



29-year-old [Amina Priscilla Longoh](#) was appointed Minister of Gender and Child Protection in the Republic of Chad. She brings to the table her humanitarian expertise and experience as the Founder of the Chad Helping Hands Foundation. We're rooting for you Honorable Longoh!

South African [Ndlovu Youth Choir](#) is currently using entertainment to raise awareness against COVID-19. Their colourful vocal tones on America's Got Talent will always be remembered.





CELEBRATING AFRICAN YOUTH MONTH 2020

Our favorite month of the year is almost here! This year's Africa Youth Month is themed Youth Voices, Actions, Engagement: Building A Better Africa. This is a clarion call to all young people to view their natural spaces as opportunities to influence their environment, communities, countries, and consequently, the African continent. Get all the information [here](#) and keep your eyes on our social media platforms.

THE MONTH AHEAD

October calendar

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Date	Events
10 th	World Mental Health Day
11 th	International Day of the Girl Child
21 st	Africa Human Rights
30 th	Africa Food Security and Nutrition Day
25 th – 31 st	World Skills Africa

GET INVOLVED

Kindly sign up to our database so you can be the first to hear of all our opportunities
<https://bit.ly/AUYouthDatabase>

Quote for the Month

"It is within our capabilities as young people of Africa to change the continent. We have what it takes, but it's going to take everything we have" - Given Edward, Tanzania

Letters to the Editor

We want to hear from you! To write to the AU Youth Division send your letters to youth@africa-union.org Letters must be 300 words maximum.



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