DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH

YOUNG GREEN AND DIGITAL

THE GLOBAL CONFERENCE OF DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH

KIGALI, RWANDA
22-23 MAY 2024

- Stimulate innovative thinking and mutual learning.
- Drive collaboration and partnerships.
- Mobilize political will and resources to scale up action and impact.
# Young, Green and Digital

**GLOBAL CONFERENCE OF Decent Jobs for Youth**

**22-23 MAY 2024 / KIGALI**

**VENUE: UBUMWE GRANDE HOTEL**

KN 67 Street, Kigali, Rwanda

## AGENDA

**Master of Ceremony: Mary Maina, USAID Hanga Akazi Activity**

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### Day 1: 22 May 2024

- **Mr Daniel Adugna**, Acting Head, Youth Division at the Women, Gender and Youth Directorate, African Union Commission
- **Mr Sangheon Lee**, Director, Employment, Job Creation and Livelihoods Department, International Labour Organization
- **Ms Rabiya Anwer**, Member of the Green Jobs for Youth Pact's Youth Advisory Group, Pakistan
- **Ms Zamzam Ibrahim**, Member of the Green Jobs for Youth Pact's Youth Advisory Group, United Kingdom
- **Mr Shadrack Mwadime**, Principal Secretary, State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Kenya

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<td>- <strong>Ms Adriana Zacarias Farah</strong>, Global Coordinator for Global Opportunities for SDGs (GO4SDGs), United Nations Environment Programme</td>
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<td>- <strong>Mr Gustavo García Bravo</strong>, Director of Scholarships, Support and Financing, Institute for Youth Development, Guanajuato State, Mexico</td>
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<td>- <strong>Ms Kathleen Elsig</strong>, Director of Global Partnerships, World YMCA</td>
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<td>- <strong>Ms Martha Melesse</strong>, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre</td>
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<td>- <strong>Ms Urmila Sarkar</strong>, Global Lead on Programmes for Generation Unlimited, United Nations Children’s Fund</td>
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7. **Partner-led parallel sessions I**

Innovations from our partners with a special focus on effective practices and mechanisms to promote decent jobs for youth in the green and digital economy.

**A. Harnessing the potential of the digital economy for forcibly displaced youth**

*Room: Ikaze*

*Session leads:* International Labour Organization, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and Finn Church Aid

*Moderator:* Mr Fladwel Rawinji, Digital Livelihood Specialist, Finn Church Aid

*Speakers:*

- **Mr Joel Amani Mafigi**, Co-founder and Executive Director, UNLEASHED - Potentials in Motion
- **Mr Jurriaan Middelhoff**, Ambassador for Youth, Education and Work, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- **Ms Lorraine Charles**, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Naamal
- **Ms Pearl Gakazi**, Founder, Kolaborate
- **Mr Salim Abdullahi Ismail**, Technical Advisor, Dadaab Collective

**B. Towards a greener future: Equipping youth the right skills and capacities for a just transition**

*Room: Kivu*

*Session leads:* United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, International Labour Organization, and Plan International

*Moderator:* Ms Zanam Ibrahin, Member of the Green Jobs for Youth Pact’s Youth Advisory Group, United Kingdom

*Speakers:*

- **Ms Ana Maria Peña**, Senior Youth Economic Empowerment Advisor, Plan International
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- **Mr Ben Alexandre Mpozembizi**, National Project Officer in Education for Health and Wellbeing, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

- **Mr Takka Kizu**, Skills Development Officer, International Labour Organization

- **Ms Valentine Nguba**, Industry Liaison Officer and Greening TVET Administrator, Kibondoni College

### C. Green Horizons: Empowering Youth Entrepreneurs

**Room: Gazabo**

**Session leads:** Youth Business International and United Nations Development Programme

Moderator: **Mr Mohamed Ageez** Member of the Green Jobs for Youth Pact’s Youth Advisory Group, Egypt

Speakers:

- **Ms Anita Tiessen**, CEO, Youth Business International

- **Mr Savinda Ranathungam**, Regional Youth Project Manager, UNDP in Asia and the Pacific

- **Ms Xin Gao**, Youth Development Analyst, UNDP China

| 16:00 | **Coffee break** (2nd and lower ground floors) |
| 16:30 | **Marketplace 1: Partner-led action on youth employment**  
Room: Ikaze  
The marketplace is a space for partners to speak about their commitments, innovations, and progress in translating the guiding principles of Decent Jobs for Youth into action.  
Moderator:  
- **Mr David Huysman**, Technical Specialist, International Labour Organization | **Youth Roundtable 1: Empowered rural youth, driving inclusive employment and entrepreneurship**  
Room: Gazabo  
The “Empowered Rural Youth” side event puts young people at the centre, amplifying their voices and experiences in driving inclusive employment and entrepreneurship.  
Led by PROCASUR  
- **Mr Ariel Halpern**, Manager, Jobs Open to the Youth Project, PROCASUR |
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**17:30**

10. **Takeaways: reflections from young change makers**

Room: Kivu

Young changemakers reflect on the thematic sessions and offer their views on the key messages.

Session Lead: United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth

Moderator: **Mr Miggade Valentino**, Global Focal Point for SDG 8, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth

Speakers:

- **Ms Mayowa Kolawale**, Vice President, Business Development and Marketing, AIESEC
- **Ms Mengjia Ma**, General Manager, Shanghai Shengma Culture Creative Co. Ltd
- **Ms Viviane Sharlene De Koe**, Board Member, National Youth Council, Namibia
- **Mr Simon Marot Touloung**, Advocacy Coordinator, Global Refugee Youth Network
- **Mr Sileshi Umer**, Vice-chairperson, PROSPECTS Youth Network Committee, Ethiopia

**18:30**

**Evening reception** (Rooftop)

Keynote by **Ms Julie Crowley**, High Commissioner for Canada in the Republic of Rwanda.

### Day 2: 23 May 2024

**09:00**

**Opening of day 2** (Kivu)

**09:10**

1. **What works in youth employment?**

Room: Kivu

Launch of the ILO-World Bank systematic review and meta-analysis of youth employment interventions and discussion on evidence uptake to boost the impact of youth-targeted policies and programmes.

Moderator: **Ms Chiara Curcio**, Youth Employment Officer at the Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization

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2. Partner-led parallel sessions II

Innovations from our partners with a special focus on effective practices and mechanisms to promote decent jobs for youth in the green and digital economy.

A. Green Growth, Digital Futures: Integrated Agribusiness Hubs for jobs creation and youth empowerment

Room: Kivu

Session leads: International Fund for Agricultural Development, PROCASUR, and International Labour Organization

Moderators:

- Ms Chiara Curcio, Youth Employment Officer at the Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization
- Mr Ariel Halpern, Manager, Jobs Open to the Youth Project, PROCASUR

Opening remarks:

- Mr Brian Chipili, Technical Specialist on Youth Employment, International Fund for Agricultural Development
- Mr Hisham Zehni, Lead Technical Specialist, Youth and Social Inclusion, International Fund for Agricultural Development
- Ms Elisenda Estruch Puertas, Rural Economy Specialist, International Labour Organization

Speakers:
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- **Ms Sanda chpema**, Young beneficiary from Madagascar
- **Ms Gertrude Dzifa Torvikey**, Research Fellow, University of Ghana
- **Mr Hamid Ould Youcef**, Deputy Director, Agricultural training, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Algeria
- **Mr Narcisse Mouzong**, Field Project Coordinator, AGRO-PME Foundation, Cameroon
- **Ms Lenah Mwangi**, Founder, Inuka Agrisolution

#### B. Job creation and entrepreneurship in the digital economy

**Room:** Gazabo

**Session leads:** Making Cents International, Education for Employment, IBM and International Labour Organization

**Moderator:** Mr Jonas Bausch, Youth Employment Specialist, International Labour Organization

**Speakers:**
- **Ms Ashley Barry**, Director of Strategy and Learning, Education for Employment
- **Mr Bai Yingxin**, Deputy Director, Employment Promotion Department, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, China
- **Mr Drew Gardiner**, Employment Specialist, International Labour Organization
- **Mr John Matogo**, Corporate Social Responsibility Leader for Africa and the Middle East, IBM
- **Ms Vicky Aridi**, Program Manager, YEO 2030, Making Cents International

#### C. Disability inclusion in the digital economy: opportunities and challenges for youth

**Room:** Mutara

**Session leads:** International Labour Organization and The Challenge Group

**Moderator:** Ms Peace Amaro, Manager, Challenge Rwanda

**Speakers:**
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- **Mr Abiodun Emmanuel**, Technical Officer for Special Needs, Special Needs Initiative for Growth
- **Mr Daniel Barakengera**, Executive Secretary, Self-Advocacy Initiatives for People with Disabilities
- **Mr Gabriel Ekman**, Co-founder, BAG
- **Ms Sarah Wang’ombe**, Technical Advisor for Economic Empowerment, Sightsavers

**II:00**

Coffee break *(2nd and lower ground floor)*

**II:30**

3. Partner-led parallel sessions III

Innovations from our partners with a special focus on effective practices and mechanisms to promote decent jobs for youth in the green and digital economy.

**A. Integrating Jobs and Social Protection Policies and Investing in Green and Digital Economies**

Room: Kivu

Session leads: International Labour Organization and World Bank

Moderator: **Ms Pelin Türkalp**, Technical Officer, Employment, Job Creation and Livelihoods Department, International Labour Organization

Speakers:

- **Mr Faustin Mwambañi**, Head of Employment Ecosystem Policy and Strategy Department, Ministry of Public Service and Labour, Rwanda
- **Mr Jamele Rigolini**, Senior Advisor for Social Protection and Jobs, World Bank
- **Ms Michela Tomasella**, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Rwanda
- **Mr Sangheon Lee**, Director, Employment, Job Creation and Livelihoods Department, International Labour Organization
- **Ms Wezzie Kayira Madzi**, Deputy Director of Planning, Ministry of Labour, Malawi

**B. Empowering the future: green jobs for youth in a just transition**
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**Room: Mutara**

**Session leads:** International Development Research Centre and the INCLUDE Platform  
**Moderator:** Mr Gibson Kawago, SDG Young Leader  
**Speakers:**  
- Ms Anika Altaf, Coordinator, INCLUDE Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies  
- Ms Julie Crowley, High Commissioner for Canada in the Republic of Rwanda  
- Mr Jurriaan Middelhoff, Ambassador for Youth, Education and Work, Kingdom of the Netherlands  
- Mr Paul Okwi, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre  
- Ms Shamiela Reid, Senior Project Manager, Indalo Inclusive South Africa  

#### C. Green youth entrepreneurship: what works

**Room: Gazabo**

**Session leads:** Food and Agriculture Organization and United States Agency for International Development  
**Moderator:** Ms Marie Ange Mukagahima, Founder and CEO, Zima Health Group  
**Speakers:**  
- Ms Jessie Fagan, Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization  
- Mr Jean Muthamia-Mwenda, Global Lead Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation  
- Mr Tilahun Amede, Director, AGRA

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| 14:00 | 4. Marketplace 2: Partner-led action on youth employment  
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The marketplace is a space for |
|       | 5. Youth Roundtable 2: Towards an African Youth Network for Social Justice  
Room: Kivu |

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**A. Economic Empowerment of Young Women: Lessons from Sexual and Reproductive Health and Digital Work**

*Room: Kivu*

*Session leads:* United Nations Population Fund and Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab

*Moderator:* **Ms Alice Higiro,** Director of Smart Cities, Ministry of ICT and Innovation in Rwanda

*Speakers:*

- **Dr Umutoni Sandrine,** Hon Minister of State for Youth and Arts, Government of Rwanda
- **Mr Michael Hou,** Senior Policy Associate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab
- **Mr Mulualem Syoum,** CEO, AeTrade
- **Dr Olugbemiga Adelakin,** UNFPA Representative to Rwanda
- **Ms Benitha Isingizwe,** Youth-led Organization Leader and District Youth Council Coordinator, Voice of Youth
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**• Dr Renata Tallarico**, UNFPA Deputy Representative to Rwanda

**• Ms Kristin Kagetsu**, Co-Founder, Saathi Pads

**• Ms Hawi Girma Megersa**, Youth Champion & Peer Educator, UNFPA and DSW

### B. Youth rights at work

**Room:** Mutara

**Session leads:** United States Department of Labour and International Labour Organization

**Moderator:** **Ms Caroline Njuki**, Programme Manager, International Labour Organization

**Speakers:**

- **Mr Bruno Otiato**, Youth representative, Central Organization of Trade Unions, Kenya
- **Ms Eesha Moitra**, Youth Employment Officer at the Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization
- **Mr Tevin Richard**, Youth representative, Federation of Kenya Employers
- **Ms Sarah Sunderlin**, Senior International Relations Officer, United States Department of Labour

### C. Digital Public Works: An innovative option to combine social protection with work experience for youth?

**Room:** Gazabo

**Session lead:** World Bank

**Moderator:** **Ms Sifa Uwere**, Social Protection Specialist, World Bank

**Speakers:**

- **Ms Claudine Nyinawagaga**, Director General, Local Administrative Entities Development Agency
- **Mr Ivan Murenzi**, Deputy Director General, National Institute of Statistics Rwanda
- **Mr Jonathan Stoeterau**, Economist, World Bank
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| 16:30 | **7. Road to 2030: High-level discussion about what’s next for Decent Jobs for Youth** | A strategic conversation among partners on next steps to boost youth employment action and impact through Decent Jobs for Youth.  
Moderator: **Ms Susana Puerto**, Coordinator, Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization
Speakers:  
- **Ms Mia Seppo**, Assistant Director-General for Jobs and Social Protection, International Labour Organization  
- **Ms Gerardine Mukashimana**, Vice-President, International Fund for Agricultural Development  
- **Ms Ann Hershkowitz**, Youth and Workforce Development Advisor, United States Agency for International Development  
- **Mr Jurriaan Middelhoff**, Ambassador for Youth, Education and Work, Kingdom of the Netherlands |
| 17:30 | **8. Closing**                                                          | **Closing remarks**  
- **Ms Mia Seppo**, Assistant Director-General for Jobs and Social Protection, International Labour Organization |
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