

## INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION DIRECTORATE

### Media Advisory

#### Pan-African Youth Forum

*Theme: “1 Million Next Level is Knocking: Educate an African Fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”.*

#### Invitation to Representatives of the Media

**What:** Pan-African Youth Forum on the occasion of Africa Youth Day Celebrations

**Speakers:**

- **H.E. Abdelmadjid Tebboune**, President of People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria.
- **Ms. Chido Mpemba**, African Union Commission Chairperson’s Youth Envoy
- **H.E. Prof. Mohammed Belhocine**, Commissioner, Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (ESTI).
- **Hon. Uchizi Mkandawire**, Chair of the 4<sup>th</sup> Specialized Technical Committee – Youth Culture and Sports and Malawi Minister of Youth & Sports
- Ministers of Youth and Sports.
- Representatives of Member States.
- Young people from all AU Member States and the Diaspora.

**When:** November 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Where:** Méridien Oran Hotel & Convention Centre, Algeria.

**Who:** The Pan-African Youth Forum is co-hosted by the African Union Commission’s Women, Gender, Development, and Youth (WGDY) Directorate and the Government of People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria through the Higher Council for Youth Algeria.

**Why:**

The [African Youth Charter](#) adopted in 2006 proclaimed the 1<sup>st</sup> of November as Africa Youth Day. The African Youth Charter and the AU Head of States and Governments Decision in [Assembly/AU/Dec.660 \(XXIX\) July 2017](#) mandates the African Union to institutionalize the Pan African Youth Forum on the margins of the African Youth Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> annually.

The Pan African Youth Forum is a dynamic and influential platform initiated by the African Union that aims to channel youth voices in shaping the continent's future by engaging youth in implementing [Agenda 2063](#). It gathers young African leaders, activists, innovators, and change-makers from various backgrounds and countries. The forum provides a space for dialogue, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas, enabling young Africans to address pressing issues, share experiences, and propose innovative solutions to the challenges facing their communities and the continent.

This year, the Pan-African Youth Forum will be organized under the theme “**1 Million Next Level is Knocking: Educate an African Fit for the 21st Century**”. The forum will serve as a platform for youth to engage in critical discussions, contribute to the development of robust educational systems, and strengthen Africa’s capacity for inclusive, equitable, and lifelong learning opportunities.

## Objectives

- To celebrate and recognize young people from across the continent and their contribution towards an integrated, prosperous, and peaceful Africa.
- To actively involve young people in contemplating, revitalizing, and reimagining the African Youth Charter to address present-day challenges and opportunities.
- To harness young people’s perspectives, take a common position on the year's theme.
- Promote youth diplomacy by encouraging youth-driven solutions and leadership across African states.
- To empower young people through training, capacity development and opportunities to thrive in various spaces, including Education, Employment, and Entrepreneurship.
- To create platforms for young people to connect, share ideas, collaborate on projects, and build networks supporting their personal and professional development.

***Journalists are invited to cover the high-level opening ceremony of the Forum on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 9AM (GMT+1). Journalists planning to attend the event should be accredited for the Forum on this [link](#).***

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