



Youth-led acceleration of Just Energy transition & resilience in Africa

Capacity Building & Policy Recommendation framework

Concept Note

6 September 2023 – from 14:00 to 16:00
Nairobi - Kenya

Background:

IRENA: The International Renewable Energy Agency is an intergovernmental organization mandated to facilitate cooperation, advance knowledge, and promote the adoption and sustainable use of renewable energy.

RES4Africa: RES4Africa (Renewable Energy Solutions for Africa) is a Foundation that works in support of Africa's just energy transition in order to achieve the SDG7, ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

UNDP (Youth4Climate): Youth4Climate is a global initiative, co-led by the Government of Italy and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and co-shaped with youth and other strategic partners. The Youth4Climate network supports youth-led climate action on the ground, through funding, learning, and knowledge exchange opportunities.

UNU-VIE: The United Nations University Vice Rectorate in Europe (UNU-VIE) is one of two Vice Rectorates and the only one located outside Japan. UNU-VIE supports the worldwide institutional development of UN University, facilitates collaboration across the UN University and the United Nations, and shares knowledge and expertise through the development of joint activities and projects.

Objectives:

The Consortium aims to achieve the below objectives through the join event in the Africa Climate Week:

1. Raise awareness and build capacities of African youth climate practitioners, entrepreneurs and activists in the field of Just energy transition and building resilience in their respective communities.
2. Start the discussion on a couple of policy case studies tackling Just energy transition and building resilience in African communities, cities, or countries. Challenge the youth participants to work on policy recommendation and climate action in the respective local community.
3. Host a roundtable discussion with parties, experts and young advocates to discuss in depth challenges and opportunities in the just energy transition and building resilience in Africa.



- Empower youth to get their voices heard through policy recommendations and climate action mechanisms being heard by party and non-party stakeholders as well as policy makers and decision makers from local perspectives.

General Structure:

Please outline the components and timing of the session, including any specifically planned elements such as discussion questions. Additionally, list the speakers and moderators, their organization, and current position. Add or remove rows as needed.

Speakers		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Esther Wanza	Advisory Board Member	RES4Africa / I-ACT Kenyan Team
Kevin Elly Oriko	R4A Youth Task Force members / shortlisted under our Youth4Climate call for solutions 2023	RES4Africa / Youth4Climate
Gauri Singh	Deputy Director-General	IRENA
Hadiza Abdulmumini	Communications Lead	IRENA Youth Network, SDG7 Youth Constituency
Christabel Clotilda Mhiribidi	Clerk	SADC Youth Parliament, I-ACT
Samah Elsayed	Programme Officer, Renewable Energy Education	IRENA
Ali AlShimmari	Chairman	TAQA Youth Council

Moderators		
Name	Role	Affiliation/Organization
Martin Masiya	R4A Youth Task Force members and IRENA Youth	RES4Africa/IRENA

**September In person event in ACW
Tentative Agenda**

Timing	Activity	Lead organization	Remarks
-00:20	Registration	Youth4Capacity	
00:00	Welcoming Participants	IRENA	Gauri Singh, Deputy Director-General, IRENA

			Esther Wanza, RES4Africa Youth Task Force
00:05	Workshop Introduction	I-ACT	Esther Mukami Githinji
00:15	Case Study Explanation & Group Formation	IRENA	Samah Elsayed
00:25	Participants work on their case studies and provide recommended policies and climate action in different contexts		I-ACT Educators mentoring different groups
00:55	Case study and recommendations presentation	Participants	
01:20	Panel discussion on youth-led Energy Transition & Resilience - Kevin Elly Oriko (Virtual) - Hadiza Abdulmumini - Christabel Clotilda Mhiribidi - Ali AlShimmari	IRENA Moderation: Martin Masiya	Panel Discussion on: 1. Youth critical role in shaping the energy transition 2. Challenges and Opportunities 3. Role of Collaboration and Partnerships 4. Policy recommendation s
01:50	Final keynote speeches	Consortium	Riccardo Toxiri, IRENA TBC, Youth4Climate
02:00	Closure		

Outcomes:

By the end of this intervention, the consortium aims to

1. Supported and raised the awareness of 100 youth climate advocates, practitioner, entrepreneur on Just Energy Transition and Building resilience in their respective communities.
2. Engaged youth capacities with policy makers and senior experts in the field of just transition and resilience to foster the discussion and knowledge exchange between them in dynamic and contemporary setup.
3. Worked on a policy brief to be discussed, tested and published by the consortium to the public as a policy recommendation for engaging youth and empowering them to realize just energy transition and resilience within Africa.