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# THE 5th AFRICAN YOUTH SDGs SUMMIT

## DATES

12th - 16th JUNE 2023

## VENUE

The Kenneth Kaunda Wing of  
Mulungushi International Conference  
Centre, Lusaka Zambia +Virtual

*Call for Applications:*

**Side Events at 5th African  
Youth SDGs Summit.**

## THEME

**“ATTAINING THE SDGs THROUGH  
YOUTH INNOVATION AND FINANCING  
FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA”**

# Side Event Application

The African Youth SDGs Summit Secretariat invites interested parties (youth organizations, national governments, United Nations Agencies, bilateral organizations, accredited international and local non-governmental organizations, private, media, and individuals) to submit their applications to organize and hold a side event during the 5th African Youth SDGs Summit scheduled to take place from 12-16 June 2023 in Lusaka, Zambia. The official concept note for the summit can be found [here](#).

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The Side-events, are held outside the main Summit program, provide opportunities for participants (mostly youth) to discuss challenges and opportunities of issues of interest, exhibit innovative products and service related to the SDGs, and undertake capacity strengthening workshops. Read outcomes of Side-events' sessions from the 4th African Youth SDGs Summit [here](#).

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## Criteria for Side Events

1. Side event can be held in a hybrid-format: in-person and/or virtual
2. Proposed Side-events should be closely related to the youth and should revolve around the theme for the 5th African Youth SDGs Summit, "Attaining the SDGs through Youth Innovation and Financing for Inclusive Development in Africa."
3. Additionally, the focus and objective of side event can centre around the following sub-thematic areas:
  - Youth Innovation, Technology and Job Creation/Enterprise Development
  - Meaningful Youth Participation in Governance and Decision Making-Spaces
  - Inequality, Human Rights, Adolescent and Youth Health
  - Humanitarian Response to Crisis, Climate Change and Emergency Preparedness
  - SDGs Coordination, Data and Partnership for SDGs Financing in Africa

4. Panels held at Side-events should ensure geographic and gender balance, especially include youth panelists, and should ensure diverse participants and speakers from different countries and other parties.
5. Side events should be more than an hour and half.

Overall, events will be reviewed and selected so that the overall program of Side-events gives attention to the Summit theme under review and is balanced in terms of geography, gender, and youth representation. A sub-committee in the African Youth SDGs Summit Secretariat will review the applications and select the Side-events based on those criteria.

## Application Process

In tabular form, the proposal should provide a background; objective(s), and a brief description of the Side-event; (tentative) speakers/presenters, proposed date and time and its potential contribution to the African Youth SDGs Summit. It should also clearly indicate the main organizer and/or focal person of the event and their contacts details: telephone/mobile; email; website and/or official social media handles.

## Funding and Financial commitment

The African Youth SDGs Summit is funded through our partners and sponsors. Due to limited funding, we encourage side events organizers to make financial commitment or contributions towards the summit. This support could be in the form of travel support for selected youth speakers for the main summit, travel support for invited guests and secretariat personnel, or could be allocated to support direct event costs such as venue, food, media etc. Please indicate what form of support you are willing to provide towards the summit.

## Media and Publicity Support

The African Youth SDGs Summit Secretariat **will not** produce fliers, distribute notices, or run other publicity efforts for Side-events. Publicizing a Side-event is the responsibility of its organizers. The side events however will be included in the official programme outline.

# Interpretation

Official interpretation services from the African Youth SDGs Summit Secretariat are not available for Side-events.

In addition, all side events must provide their own zoom links for virtual events. As much as possible, organizers are advised to record proceedings and have rapporteurs for reporting purposes

## Deadline

All proposals must be submitted in English and send in PDF format to:  
[info@youthsdgssummit.org](mailto:info@youthsdgssummit.org)

The deadline for application is **Friday, March 10, 2023**. The proposals will be reviewed after the deadline, and event organizers will receive information about their application in the first week of April 2023.

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### Organizing Partners



### Supporting Partners

