



# Youth Priorities & Ask **to** Political Leadership

What we want



# Introduction

National Youth Council is the official voice of the youth in Kenya. It is established as a state corporation in the Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs under the National Youth Council (NYC) Act 2009. The mandate of the Council includes advocacy for the rights and opportunities of the youth to associate, be represented and participate in the political, social, economic and other spheres of life.

The youth of Kenya are a most resourceful, innovative and active segment of our society. It generates ideas and their applications to spur and catalyse social and economic transformation.

Kenya Population and Housing report (2019) established youth make up to 68% of the total population. This is an indication of a workforce population whose potential in development injection can result in robust gross domestic profit.

Despite the fact that they are significant contributors in socio-political and economic development, their interests and welfare are hardly considered and incorporated in the formulation and development of policy, legislative, administrative and regulatory frameworks.



## The rationale

- Highlight the rights and responsibilities of the youth under the Constitution and enhance their role and participation in the democratic electoral process.
- To incorporate the role of the youth in self-government and delegated authority through active participation in decision-making thus ensuring inclusivity.
- Demonstrate the youth of Kenya as significant contributors in social and economic development, having their interests and welfare considered and incorporated in the formulation and development of policy, legislative and regulatory frameworks



# What we want !!!

Political Leadership Commitment is a pivotal milestone for Youth to identify their opportunity in democracy in Kenya and therefore ensure participation with a demonstrable outcome after the elections.

As the Kenyan Youth, the following four constitute our key asks:

## ● #1. The National Youth Commission

Amendment of the National Youth Council Act 2009 to be a commission

## ● #2. All 47 Counties Youth Policies

Only 4 out of 47 counties have adopted and passed county youth policies 10 years post devolution

In the CIDPs 2023-2028 being developed, youth initiatives and programmes to be included at the sector level in all counties with a 10% budgetary allocation and also inform subsequent development plans

## ● #3. Youth Economic Inclusion – Job creation and Youth employment

Provide access to favourable business environment for economic inclusion with the following indicators;

10% of government leased lands for agriculture set aside for young farmers.

Provide cost based and not profit based tax incentives to address strategic market failures.

Provide access to affordable capital at the count level by setting up a revolving funds kitty to provide loans to youth in business.



Provide an inclusive flexible and equitable vocational education and training responsive to the requirements of the county and national economy and globally competitive

Create an education pathway to allow learners to transition into Technical Vocational Education and Training directly from junior high school. This should be equivalent to a certificate course and the learners can then join other tertiary institutions of their choice. Equally, this certificate can allow them transition into employment.

## ● #4. Expand civic space to enhance good governance

10% of appointive positions for Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) in both National and County Government as well as foreign missions go to merited youth.

Operationalization of the Public Benefit Organisations Act 2013.

Repeal Universities Amendment Act 2016 to accommodate the nurturing of young leaders and student organising at institutions of higher learning.

Expedite the formulation of the unpaid care and domestic work policy that will enhance a Gender Responsive Public Service.

#1



**National  
Youth  
Commission**

#2



**All 47  
County  
Youth Policies**

#3



**Youth  
Economic  
Inclusivity**

#4



**Expand civic  
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# KENYA NATIONAL YOUTH MANIFESTO POPULAR VERSION

## Introduction

This youth manifesto is an outcome of a broad-based participatory consultative process highlighting key priorities and asks by Kenyan youth to the government, its agencies, political parties and candidates ahead of 2022 general elections. The manifesto is driven by the need to harness the voices of youth to influence the social, economic and political agenda of the next national and county governments.

The drafters of the Kenya Youth Manifesto 2022 recognize the efforts and contributions from different sector players, youth groups, organisations, youth development practitioners, youth movements and all young people who participated in the process.

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# EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



## Introduction

- Enable equitable access to quality education at all levels including special education through increased resource allocation. .
- Review current Vocational Training Institutions, Technical Vocational Education Trainings and Competence Based Curriculum to provide training that addresses job market skills and the future of work
- Promote research work and data mapping of the youth skills available and of current market demand through the National Employment Authority that will inform prioritisation of interventions
- Introduce interest-free loans provided by Higher Education Loans Board
- Provide adequate security to learners in volatile regions through the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government that will allow the learners to have a conducive learning environment

# HEALTH

## Recommendations

- Broaden the services offered under the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) to facilitate reliable, accessible and affordable health services.
- Establish and strengthen affordable rehabilitation centres in each county to support youth struggling with substance abuse and addiction.
- Operationalize and implement key health policies, for example, Kenya Mental Health Policy (2015-2030), Menstrual Hygiene Management policy and National Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health policy.
- Commit to strengthening community health services in order to accelerate Universal Health Coverage through the Community Health Volunteers. This is especially vital in the fight against communicable diseases like malaria .
- Equip the primary healthcare facilities to ease access to healthcare by the communities.



## PEACE & SECURITY

### Recommendations

Implement the recommendation of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC Report 2013) and anti-crime policies.

Provide conflict management structures, guidance on rehabilitation and counselling services for reformed criminals and drug addicts and support peace building initiatives in all 47 counties.

Security agencies should employ inclusive and effective localised solutions like building partnership with FBOs to address radicalization, violent extremism, religious harmony, and diversity/tolerance.

Strengthening cohesion in conflict areas to minimise the loss of lives and diminishing well-being of young troops.

Ensure equal disarmament of conflict communities

## Economic Issues

Popularise and operationalize Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO) policy by removing existing bureaucracies and bottlenecks to increase market access for youth-led enterprises. There is also a need for a forensic audit of the operations of AGPO so far.

Modernise the agricultural sector by adopting climate-smart technology and innovation through Public-Private Partnerships to bring about inclusive and sustainable agricultural development



## Economic Issues cont....

Merge the Affirmative Action Funds to Biashara Kenya Fund to save on operational costs and increase the percentage of youth allocation to at least 60%

Set up the County Industrial Development Authority to oversee the Small and Medium Enterprises within the County governments based on local opportunities and needs.

Invest in research, data and indigenous knowledge. Engage youth in research, development and utilization of innovative agricultural technologies, through the utilization of the extension officers.



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GENERATIONAL EQUITY

### Recommendations

Develop a comprehensive policy on tax incentives by cost-benefit analysis before granting of tax incentives, streamlining the awarding, tracking and terminating of incentives.

Promote mechanisms that support youth engagement in sustainable exploitation, utilization, management and conservation of the environment and natural resources; green energy value chains, waste management and ensure equitable sharing of the accruing benefits. E. g eco-entrepreneurship and green jobs.

Negotiate Kenya's double non- taxation agreements to close loopholes used by multinational corporations to evade and avoid taxes in Kenya



## Cont....

Recommend full Implementation of Debt Policy and Borrowing Framework 2019 and the Public Debt and Borrowing Policy 2020.

Sensitize and build capacity of youth on green processes and technology at various levels to participate in management, protection and conservation of the environment, disaster management through environmental networks and clubs.



## LEADERSHIP & INCLUSIVITY

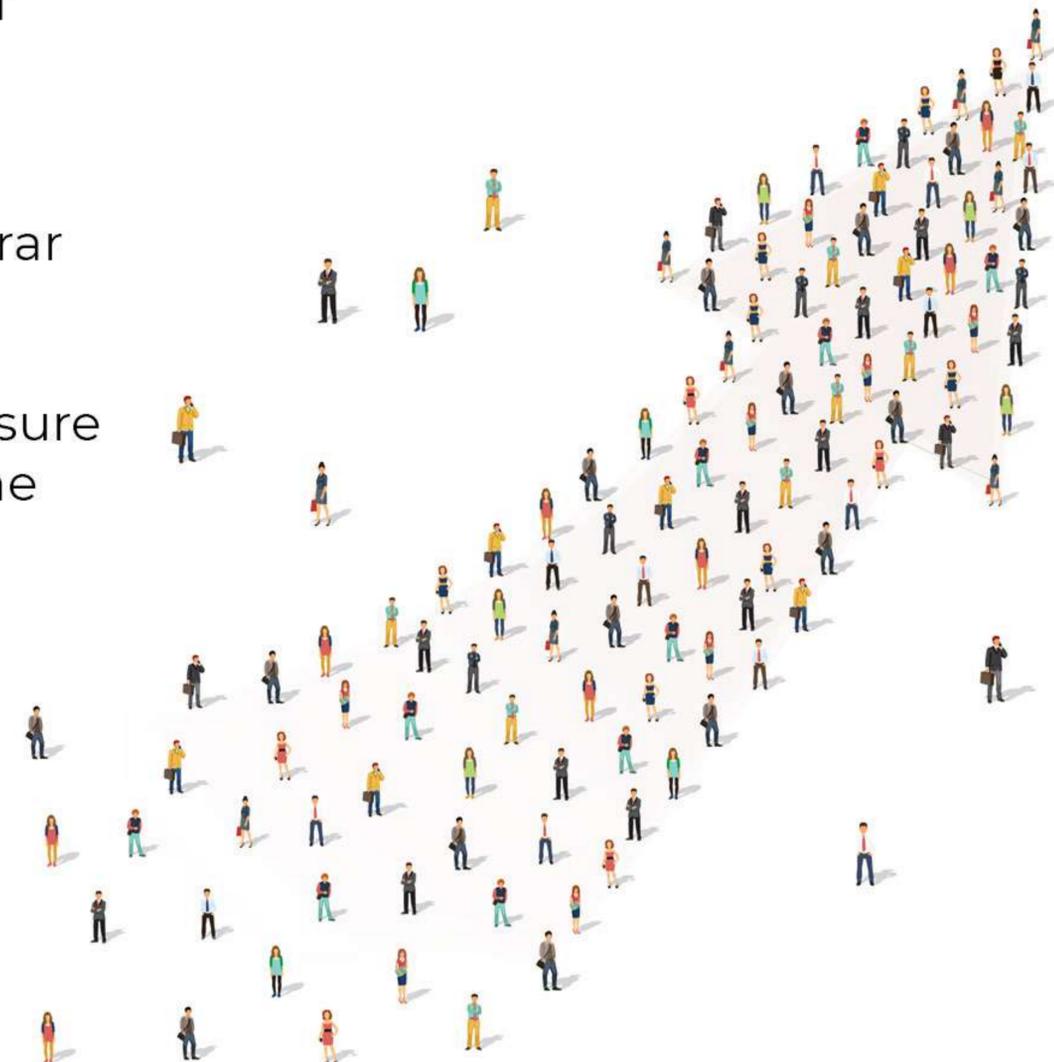
The Office of the President is to ensure that 10% of appointive positions for Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) and foreign missions go to merited youth.

Formulate an allocation matrix for political party funding so that 30% of public funds are allocated to youth leagues.

Ensure that the implementation of capacity building programs that specifically target the youth is spearheaded by The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties. .

Advocate for 50% of party lists for nomination slots to be youth. And ensure that 50% of nominees for the party tickets are youth. This will require the goodwill of political parties, particularly their leadership.

Enhance democracy through, implementing the Public Benefit Organisation Act, 2013.



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**The Youth Priorities and Asks and Kenya Youth Manifesto Popular Version is the common agenda of the key priorities and asks in the various Kenya Youth Manifestos launched including the Youth Serving Organizations Consortium Youth Manifesto, Youth Cafe and IRI Kenya Youth Manifesto, and NCKK Kenya Youth Manifesto.**



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