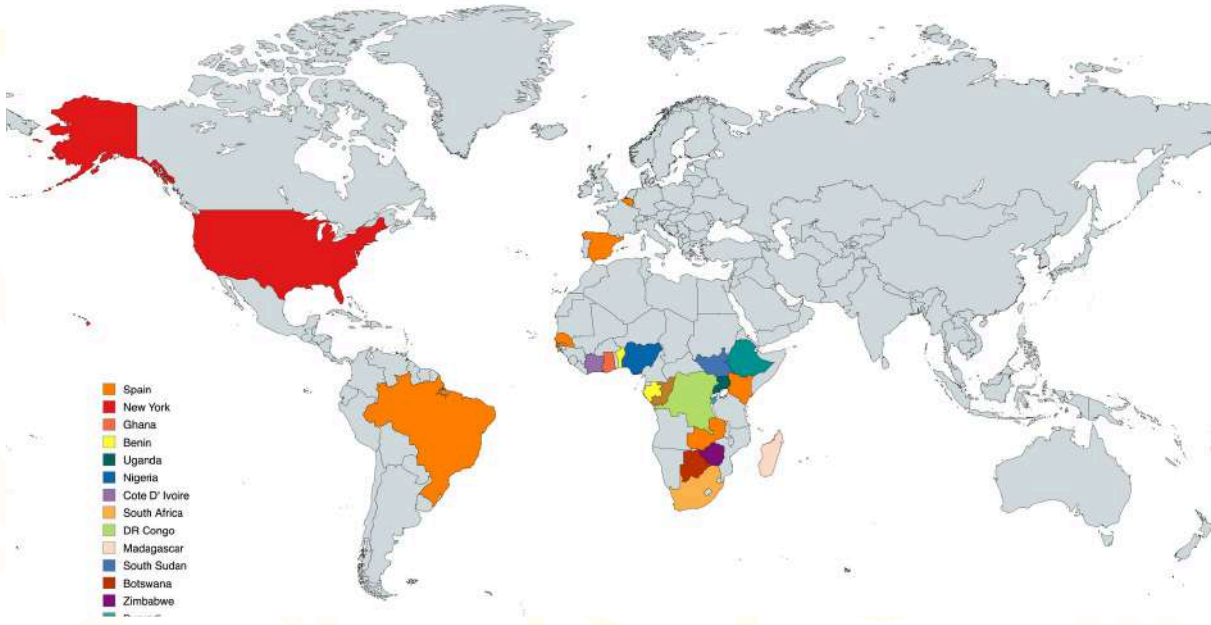


# Centering Youth Voices in the Financing for Development Agenda





## Remarks by the Team Lead and Board Co-Chair

In 2025, Youth for Tax Justice Network (YTJN) focused on one goal, to place youth priorities inside decisions on tax, public finance, trade, debt, and climate finance. This report documents what changed, where progress held, where gaps stayed, and what we plan to do next.

During the year, YTJN moved from advocacy messages to formal advisory roles. Our team joined the [Financing for Development Children and Youth Constituency of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth](#) Where it is now the Regional Focal Point and secured accreditation to take part in the UN Tax Convention negotiations through 2027. We also joined regional and national technical spaces, including the [SADC technical working group on Trade, Finance and Investment](#), Uganda's AfCFTA sub committees on women and youth in trade and on digital trade, and Uganda's technical working group on climate finance and accreditation linked to COP30. These roles strengthened youth presence where rules get drafted and budgets get shaped.

We pursued legislative and policy change with partners and public institutions. In Uganda, our advocacy contributed to reforms adopted in the [Income Tax Amendment Act 2025](#), the [Stamp Duty Amendment Act 2025](#), and the [Tax Procedures Code Amendment Act 2025](#). In Kenya, we supported youth participation around the [Taita Taveta County Youth Service Bill, 2025](#). In Botswana and the SADC region, we backed commitments to align public finance management reforms with accountability and meaningful public participation, including follow up actions announced by political leaders after our convening.

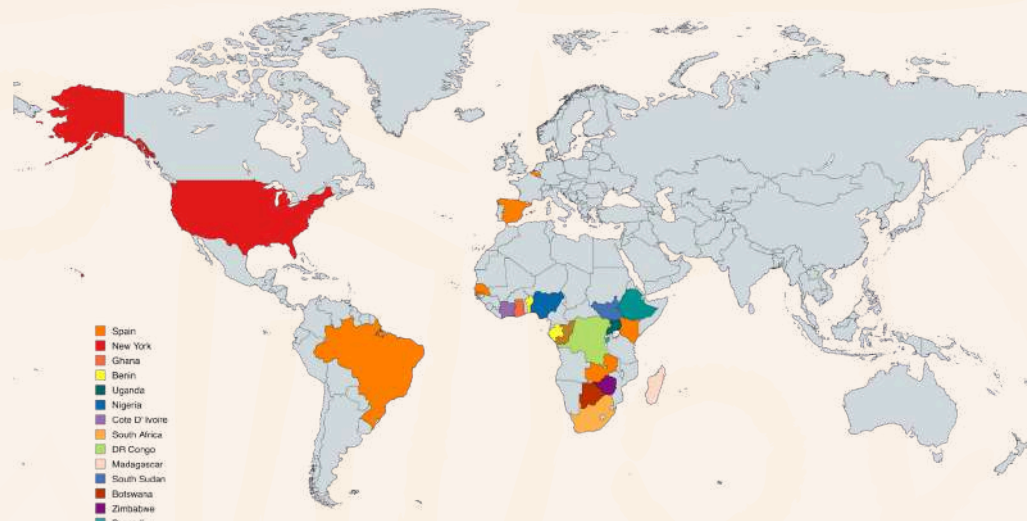
We also invested in grounded work that connects fiscal justice to daily life. YTJN contributed proposals to the [Uganda National Youth Manifesto 2026 to 2031](#), supported consultations toward Uganda's first Tax Ombudsman Office, and partnered with youth led climate actors, including tree planting and community conservation activities. We strengthened inclusion in our work by tracking participation and using targeted outreach to raise women's voices in policy campaigns and public conversations.

You will find evidence, commitments, and stories across the pages ahead. Use the report to inform programming, strengthen advocacy, and build partnerships rooted in intergenerational justice. I thank our staff, volunteers, youth leaders, partners, and public institutions for the trust and the work shared through 2025. We enter 2026 ready to deepen reforms, expand regional action, and keep youth at the table where decisions shape futures.

**-Allan Muhereza Murangira (Team Lead, YTJN) & Jason Braganza (Board Co-Chair, YTJN)**



## Global Reach - 21 Countries



18 African Countries | 3 European Countries

## Legislative Wins



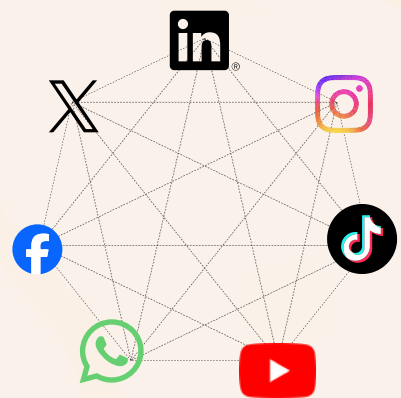
**5** Policies  
Influenced

## Institutional Wins



**6**

## Digital Impact



Impressions

**451,747**

Video Views

**19,742**

**271 K**  
Digital Reach

## Movement Building & Stakeholder Engagement

**822**  
Young People



## Media Engagements



**16** Media  
Appearances

## Thought Leadership



**6** Research  
Publications



**16** Blog  
Articles

# The Team that Made this Happen

## Board of Directors



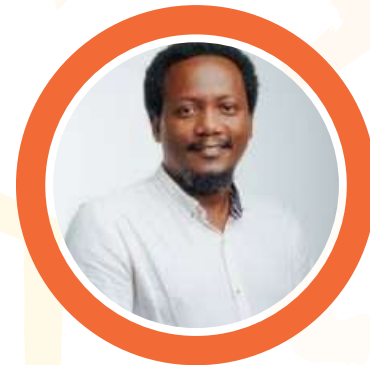
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Monitoring &  
Evaluation Officer



**Kelebogile Lekone**  
National Coordinator -  
Botswana

2 Females, 4 Males

5 Female Staff, 4 Male Staff

# Year-on-Year Impact Comparison (2024–2025)

This section highlights how the Youth for Tax Justice Network evolved in scale, capacity, and influence between 2024 and 2025. Here, you'll see how the network strengthened youth participation, deepened advocacy efforts, and expanded its presence in policy spaces.

## Communications, Visibility & Digital Reach

YTJN pursued digital advocacy strategies, reaching 134,764, representing 83.64% of its audience. A key recommendation for the following year was to further leverage online media platforms through subscriptions and the use of digital tools such as advertisements and analytics to enhance sensitization and advocacy efforts.

## Thought Leadership

YTJN co-authored research publications alongside other organizations and produced 1 [policy brief](#). One of the key recommendations from 2024 was for YTJN to generate independent evidence-based research across a wider range of thematic areas.

## Legislative Wins

YTJN recorded two major legislative wins: influencing the adoption of the [Terms of Reference for the UN Tax Convention](#) and advancing the [Taita Taveta County Youth Service Bill](#).

## Institutional Wins

YTJN recorded two key institutional wins: the adoption of the Navision financial management system to strengthen financial accountability and transparency, and the securing of core funding from Thousand Currents.

## Communications, Visibility & Digital Reach

Through targeted advertisements and strengthened analytics, YTJN reached 271,000 people. This represents a 50.27% increase from 2024, demonstrating the effectiveness of digital strategies in expanding awareness, engagement, and youth participation in tax justice and policy advocacy.

## Thought Leadership

YTJN produced six independently authored research pieces and published [16 blog articles](#) to amplify critical advocacy moments, strengthening its role as a credible youth-led knowledge producer and thought leader in tax justice and public finance.

## Legislative Wins

YTJN's legislative influence deepened significantly, increasing from two to five legislative wins and demonstrating sustained momentum in shaping youth-responsive tax and public finance reforms.

## Institutional Wins

YTJN secured six institutional wins, enabling a strategic transition from advocacy to formal advisory roles. These achievements continue to embed youth perspectives directly into regional, national, and global governance processes, significantly amplifying youth voices in decision-making spaces.

2024

2025

The Governance and Institutional Health section provides an overview of the organization's leadership, accountability, and compliance systems. It highlights adherence to legal and statutory requirements, the effectiveness of financial and oversight structures, and the role of the Board in providing strategic direction. Overall, the section demonstrates the organization's commitment to transparency, sound management, and institutional sustainability.



## Legal and Statutory Compliance

YTJN remained fully compliant with all legal and statutory obligations, including the timely filing of annual and monthly tax returns such as Pay As You Earn (PAYE) and withholding tax, and prompt payment of all assessed taxes.



## Regulatory Reporting

Annual returns for the year under review were duly filed with the Uganda Registration Services Bureau, ensuring continued regulatory compliance.

## Statutory Staff Contributions



The organization made timely National Social Security Fund (NSSF) contributions for all staff, in compliance with government regulations and labor requirements.



## Local Government Obligations

YTJN fulfilled its local service tax obligations through timely payments to Wakiso Local Government.

## Legal Standing



The organization reported no pending legal cases during the reporting period, reflecting sound legal and operational practices.



## Financial Accountability and Audit




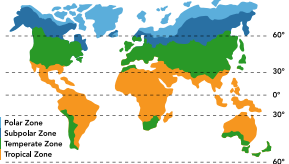
YTJN received an unqualified audit opinion for the 2024 financial year as well as the use of the Navision financial management system, demonstrating strong financial management systems and accountability.

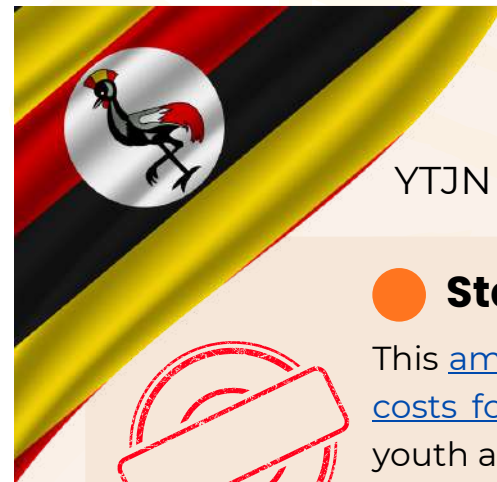
## Board Governance and Oversight



Board members attended all scheduled meetings, providing effective oversight, strategic guidance, and fiduciary leadership.

## A Glimpse into some of our Institutional Wins in 2025

Arena	Institutional Win	YTJN Role	Impact
 <p><b>Global (United Nations)</b></p>	<p>Became a Member of the <a href="#">FFD Constituency of the UN Major Group for Children &amp; Youth</a></p> <p>Got accreditation to participate in the <a href="#">UN Tax Convention Negotiations</a> until 2027</p>	<p>This serves as a formal channel to advocate for children and youth’s priorities across all UN pillars, including financing for development.</p> <p>Through this special accreditation, YTJN has the opportunity to ensure that the UN Tax Convention centers youth and is premised on the principle of intergenerational justice.</p>	<p>Increases influence on international decision-making by submitting high-quality written inputs, delivering official statements in formal UN processes, and coordinating joint advocacy positions with global youth constituencies.</p> <p>YTJN’s accredited participation enables the incorporation of youth-informed public finance management recommendations into UN Tax Convention committee reports, strengthening transparency, accountability and fiscal governance in national policy decisions.</p>
 <p><b>Regional (SADC Region)</b></p>	<p>Inducted into the <a href="#">Technical working group on Trade, Finance &amp; Investment</a></p>	<p>To provide technical assistance on Public Finance Management to shape the standing committee on Trade, Industry, Finance &amp; Investment Recommendations.</p>	<p>This will support the incorporation of youth-informed Public finance management recommendations into committee reports to enhance transparency, accountability and fiscal governance in national trade and investment policy decisions.</p>
 <p><b>National (Uganda)</b></p>	<p>Inducted into the AfCFTA Sub-committees on Women/Youth in Trade &amp; Digital Trade</p>	<p>Through these committees, YTJN provides technical assistance on implementing Uganda’s AfCFTA strategy to maximize youth benefits.</p>	<p>Integration of youth-focused recommendations into national AfCFTA implementation plans, contributing to measurable improvements in youth access to trade opportunities, digital markets and capacity-building initiatives.</p>
 <p><b>Climate Governance</b></p>	<p>Joined Uganda’s Technical Working Group on Climate Finance and Accreditation to participate in COP30</p>	<p>Contributed to <a href="#">Uganda’s position at COP30 hosted in Belem, Brazil.</a></p>	<p>Aligned to YTJN’s recommendation to increase climate finance across the globe, global leaders at COP30 agreed to at least triple adaptation finance by 2035 to 120 billion USD per year.</p>



## In Uganda;

YTJN successfully advocated for the passage of 3 major tax laws:

### Stamp Duty Amendment Act 2025

This [amendment removed stamp duty on mortgages, lowering borrowing costs for young entrepreneurs and first-time property owners](#). Improved youth access to credit, supporting business expansion and long-term asset ownership, and Reduced structural financial barriers that disproportionately exclude young people from formal financing.



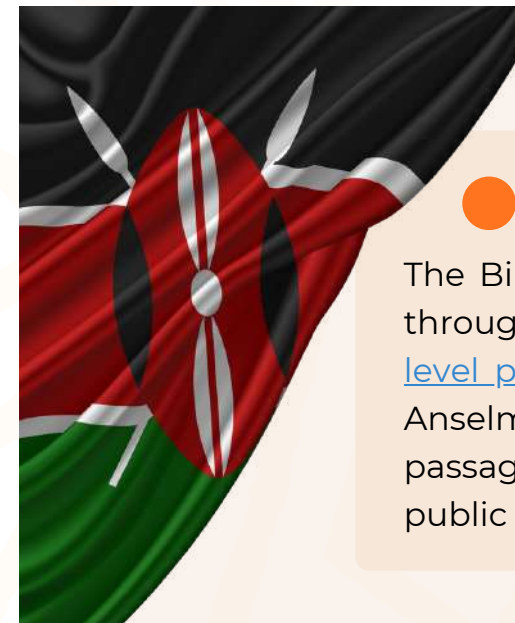
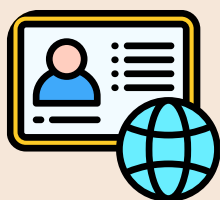
### Income Tax Amendment Act 2025

This amendment reduced the tax burden on youth-led startups through a [3-year tax holiday](#), improving business survival and growth, Lowered entry barriers for young entrepreneurs, enabling more youth to formalise their businesses and Directly contributes to youth employment creation by allowing startups to reinvest early revenues into operations and job creation.



### Tax Procedures Code Amendment Act 2025

This amendment simplified [tax registration by integrating National ID and Tax ID](#), making compliance easier for young taxpayers, Expanded the tax base while reducing administrative burdens on youth-owned businesses and Strengthened domestic revenue mobilisation through youth-inclusive tax systems.



## In Kenya;

### Taita Taveta County Youth Service Bill

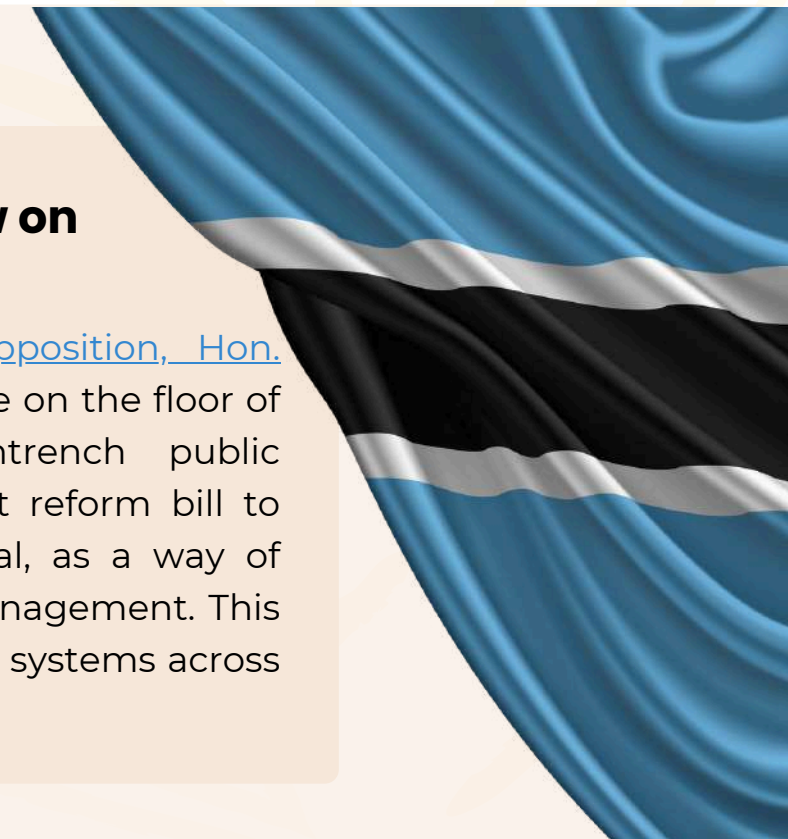
The Bill seeks to advance a county-level institutional response to youth unemployment through structured skilling and service pathways. In 2025, [YTJN was able to Secure high-level political commitment](#) from Hon. Patricia Mwashigadi (mover of the bill) and Hon. Anselm Mwadime (Speaker of the County Assembly), increasing the likelihood of the Bill's passage into law. Furthermore, we had the opportunity to position youth skilling as a public investment priority, linking employment solutions to public finance frameworks.

## In Botswana;



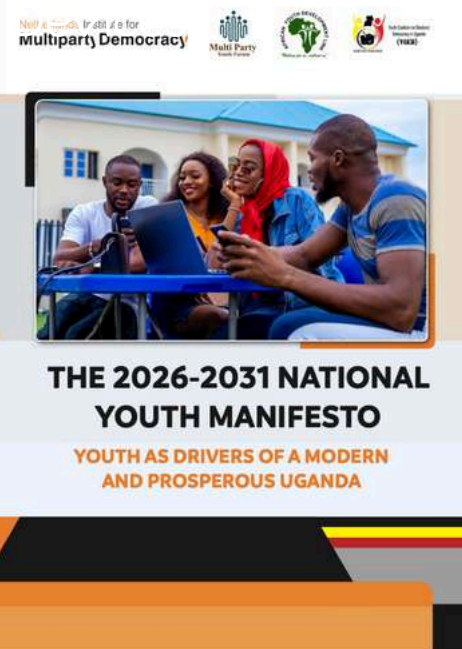
### Domestication of the SADC Model Law on Public Finance Management

[YTJN secured a commitment from the Leader of Opposition, Hon. Dumelang Saleshando of Botswana Congress Party](#) to table on the floor of Parliament a constitutional amendment bill to entrench public participation in governance processes and a public audit reform bill to resolve issues plaguing the Office of the Auditor General, as a way of domesticating the SADC Model Law on Public Finance Management. This effort advances democratic accountability in public finance systems across Botswana and the wider SADC region.

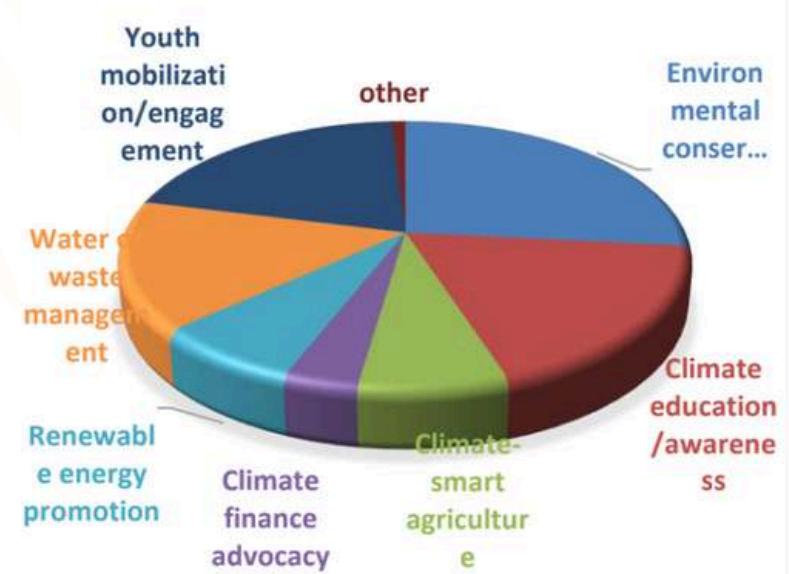


## Uganda National Youth Manifesto (2026 - 2031)

YTJN successfully influenced the [Uganda National Youth Manifesto 2026–2031](#), securing cross-party endorsement from youth leagues across major political parties and positioning youth fiscal justice priorities within national political agendas. Through this process, YTJN embedded concrete recommendations on debt reduction, international tax cooperation, reform of tax incentives, youth budget tagging, and the strategic use of SDRs to advance youth employment, service delivery, and economic justice. This achievement strengthened youth-led policy influence and ensured that issues of debt sustainability, fair taxation, and inclusive public finance are central to Uganda’s future development commitments.



## CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES IMPLEMENTED SINCE THE TRAINING

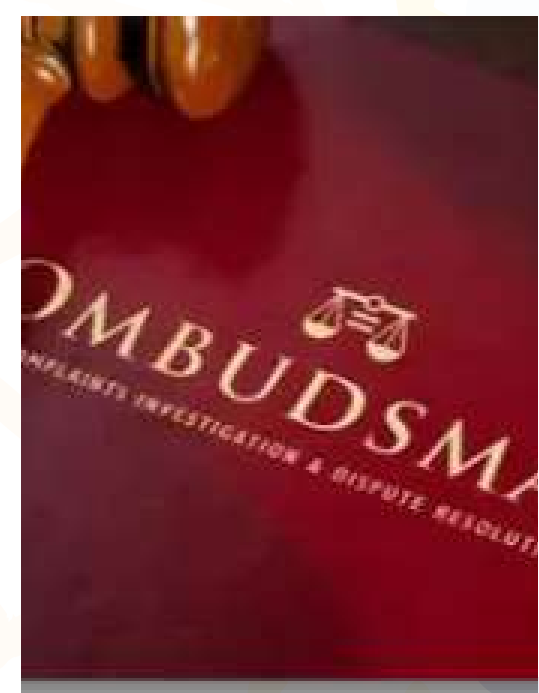


## Environment Mainstreaming

YTJN’s [partnership with grassroots movements, including the Shifters](#) and Save the Children Uganda, translated climate financing training into tangible environmental action in Wakiso District. Following the training of 42 youth in November 2024, 97% of Shifter groups implemented conservation activities—planting 1,000 trees, conducting clean-ups, and advancing waste management, climate education, and climate-smart solutions. This demonstrates YTJN’s impact in converting youth capacity-building into sustained, community-led environmental and climate action, particularly among young women and men.

## Creation of Uganda’s First Tax Ombudsman Office

[Under the auspices of the Tax Justice Alliance Uganda, YTJN, alongside SEATINI, successfully advocated for the establishment of Uganda’s first Tax Ombudsman Office.](#) In May 2025, the Ministry of Finance commenced consultations for the office, marking a major step toward fairer, more accountable, and youth-responsive tax administration. YTJN contributed through CSO alternative tax proposals presented to the Ministry of Finance and Parliament, strengthening taxpayer protection and service delivery. This intervention enhances trust in the tax system by creating an independent mechanism to resolve taxpayer complaints and address administrative failures, particularly benefiting young taxpayers and small businesses.



## Gender Integration and Inclusive Approaches

YTJN has strengthened gender-responsive approaches in its domestic resource mobilization advocacy, ensuring women’s voices are meaningfully included in fiscal policy dialogues and tax justice campaigns. **Across major events, women represented an average of 37% of participants, and targeted outreach efforts—such as the tax proposal advocacy campaign—successfully engaged 50% of the intended 1,000 women.** By integrating feminist economic principles into at least one-third of its activities, YTJN advanced gender-disaggregated analysis, promoted gender-responsive budgeting, and empowered women leaders to influence fiscal decisions, demonstrating tangible progress toward inclusive and equitable policy engagement.





## UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation

In alignment with YTJN's policy recommendations, key youth priorities, such as taxing high-net-worth individuals, ensuring a fair allocation of taxing rights between countries, curbing illicit financial flows and harmful tax practices, and promoting taxation for sustainable development, were substantively reflected in the Co-Leads' draft Framework Convention Template. This draft was negotiated during the [third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of the UN Tax Convention](#), demonstrating YTJN's direct contribution to shaping youth-responsive positions within global tax governance processes.



## Pan-African Youth Voices for Tax Justice in Africa & Beyond

At [PAC25](#), YTJN showcased its milestones and contributions related to the Mbeki Report through an exhibition booth, distributing publications including the [report summary](#), [Uganda 2025 tax amendments policy brief](#), and Creative Arts Competition brief to delegates, researchers, civil society actors, and youth participants. The network amplified visibility via social media, achieving over 500 views on key posts, while securing strategic partnerships with Tax Justice Network Africa and AFRODAD for the upcoming Creative Arts Competition and establishing research collaborations with Prof. Melha Rout. YTJN's contributions were recognized by high-level delegates from ATAF, AFRODAD, TJNA, UNU-WIDER, AIDC, Akina Mama wa Afrika, the Pan African Lawyers Union, Malawi Natural Resources Justice Network, and the UN Economic Commission for Africa.



## COP 30 & the Climate Finance Agenda

At [COP30](#), global leaders agreed to triple adaptation finance to USD 120 billion per year by 2035, providing developing countries with resources to respond to climate impacts without relying on loans. They also established the Belém Action Mechanism (BAM) to ensure a just transition that is inclusive, equitable, and grounded in intergenerational justice. YTJN contributed by convening the [Local Conference on Youth](#), which produced the National Youth and Children's Climate Change Statement, embedding youth-driven recommendations into Uganda's official COP30 position and ensuring that youth perspectives shaped national climate action priorities.



## Advancing the Financing for Development Agenda

Global leaders committed to making international tax cooperation and financial governance more inclusive, equitable, and effective, ensuring multinationals pay taxes where value is created, promoting sustainable economic growth, and strengthening transparency, accountability, and debt management systems. YTJN contributed to these outcomes through the ["Youth Championing New Paths" dialogue in Addis Ababa](#), convening 36 African and European youth leaders, diplomats, and civil society representatives to advance youth-led recommendations on the UN Tax Convention, domestic resource mobilization, curbing illicit financial flows, and financial system reform. The dialogue emphasized cross-continental youth advocacy, inclusion in AU-EU financial task forces, investment in youth skills, public finance oversight, and transparency initiatives such as investigative journalism and "follow-the-money" approaches.

YTJN strategically uses the media to amplify youth voices, shape public discourse, and drive awareness on critical fiscal issues. By leveraging traditional and digital media platforms, we ensure that young people are actively engaged in conversations around economic justice, taxation, and accountability.



## Tax Justice Alliance of Uganda (TJAU) Press Conference

[Topic: Advocating for a Fair & Accountable Tax System in Uganda](#)



## NEW VISION NEWSPAPER (UGANDA)

[Five Years of Africa Free Continental Trade Area: Examining the Impact on Youth Livelihoods](#)

## UGANDA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (UBC)

[Five Years of Africa Free Continental Trade Area: Examining the Impact on Youth Livelihoods](#)



## UGANDA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (UBC)

[Financing Our Future - Centering Youth Voices](#)



## SUNDAY STANDARD BOTSWANA

[SADC Model Law targets Fiscal Accountability](#)



## NATION MEDIA TV IN UGANDA (NTV)

[Impact of President Donald Trump's Executive Orders on the Health Sector in Uganda and the Impact of the Conflict in Democratic Republic of Congo \(DRC\) on Trade](#)

## UGANDA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (UBC)

[National Budget FY25/26: Youth Perspectives ahead of Budget Speech](#)



## SEMABOX AFRICA

[Civil Society Reflections on the Historic UN Tax Negotiations in Nairobi.](#)





## The Pan-African Creatives Competition

Bigger. Better and More Engaging. The Pan African Creatives Competition seeks to empower young Africans (15-35) to use creative mediums (film, music, art, writing) to raise awareness on critical economic issues like tax justice, debt, and climate finance, fostering youth voices for economic fairness across the continent.



## Youth Financing for Development Academy

In 2026, we seek to establish the Youth Financing for Development Academy as a flagship, youth-led capacity-building initiative that equips young people, particularly from Africa and the Global South, with the knowledge, skills, and platforms needed to meaningfully engage in financing for development processes at local, national, regional, and global levels.



## Negotiations for a UN Tax Convention

YTJN seeks to mobilize and equip young people to meaningfully engage in the UN Intergovernmental Tax Convention process through structured debates, capacity-building sessions, and participation in the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth sessions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in New York in 2026.



## SADC PF Model Law

In 2026, we seek to support the domestication of the Public Finance Management (PF) Model Law in Botswana by engaging with ongoing public finance management reforms and contributing to the constitutional review process. This will include convening policy dialogues, supporting youth and civil society engagement, and generating accessible knowledge products to strengthen public understanding of the PF Model Law and its implications for transparency, accountability, and inclusive economic governance.



## Taita Taveta County Youth Service Bill

In 2026, we seek to continue engaging Members of the County Assembly in Taita Taveta County to advance the Youth Service Bill through the Second and Third Readings, while deepening youth participation in county legislative processes. This will include targeted sensitization sessions for MCAs, structured engagement between youth leaders and policymakers, and public awareness activities to strengthen ownership, accountability, and effective implementation of youth-responsive legislation at the county level.

- **Convene Pre- and Post-Budget Dialogues across the region, including Kenya, Uganda, and Botswana, providing platforms for youth, civil society, and policymakers to discuss budget priorities, fiscal transparency, and public expenditure.** These dialogues aim to strengthen youth participation in decision-making, ensuring their voices influence both county and national budget processes.
- **Communication and Advocacy will remain a central pillar of our strategy.** Through creative arts campaigns, social media engagement, policy briefs, and public awareness initiatives, we will make complex budget and policy issues accessible, inspiring youth to actively engage with fiscal matters and demand accountability.

- **YTJN looks to convene a session at COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye,** to intentionally push for increased climate finance adaptation and mitigation.
- **Organize Youth Retreats to co-create evidence-based alternative tax and fiscal policy proposals.** These retreats will combine research, peer learning, and policy simulations, equipping youth to propose practical solutions and influence national and county-level lawmaking processes.
- Overall, these activities aim to build a generation of informed, confident, and engaged youth leaders who can meaningfully participate in shaping fiscal and development policies across the region.

## NATIONAL YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CLIMATE CHANGE STATEMENT - UGANDA 2025



"From Play to Policy: Young Minds with Green Solutions"

### Youth Letter to Delegates Negotiating the UN Tax Convention Negotiations

**Re: A Call from Youth to Champion Fair, Just, and Future-Proof International Tax Systems**

Dear Delegates,

We write to you as the Youth for Tax Justice Network (YTJN), a global, youth-led coalition advocating for inclusive and equitable tax systems that serve the needs of both present and future generations across Africa and the Global South. As the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee deliberates on the United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation in New York, we urge you to recognize this moment for what it is: a generational turning point.

For decades, opaque and inequitable global tax rules have eroded fiscal health, drained public revenues, and exacerbated inequalities, especially in the Global South. The cost has been most acutely borne by young people, whose futures are being stifled by underfunded education systems, poor healthcare, rising debt burdens, and climate vulnerability. The world's youth deserve a tax system that works for them, and because of them.

We call on you to show leadership by supporting a UN Tax Convention that is:

- Just for Future Generations:** Tax justice is intergenerational justice. As leaders, your choices today will either expand or erode the opportunities available to the world's 1.8 billion youth. We call on you to embed intergenerational equity as a core principle of the Convention, ensuring tax cooperation contributes to sustainable public financing for education, health, climate adaptation, and decent work. The long-term wellbeing of our societies must not be sacrificed for short-term political or economic interests.
- Grounded in Youth Realities:** Over 280 million young people remain out of school today, with millions more struggling in under-resourced education systems. According to the World Economic Forum, over 63 million young people are unemployed. It is not a future goal; it is a justice gap created by outdated tax rules that allow corporations to shift profits and avoid taxes in the very countries that need them most. We urge you to address the upskilling and corporate tax avoidance that undermine the youth future, especially in Africa, Latin America, and small island developing states.
- Built with Us, Not Just for Us:** A tax convention without youth voices is a tax convention without a future. We urge you to ensure the participation of young people in the governance of the UN Tax Convention, including advisory seats and structural engagement platforms. We urge you to ensure that youth representation will not only strengthen legitimacy, but ensure the policy is more relevant to the challenges of tomorrow, not just the priorities of yesterday.

**Our Call for a Transformative Vision for Africa and the Global South:** As youth across Africa and the Global South, we also call for the decolonization of tax norms and language by leveraging advancements in technology for tax transparency, digital tax discourse, and equitable local perspectives, prioritizing technical assistance that empowers youth and future generations.

**Our Core Recommendation:** We urge you to support the inclusion of an article in the Convention that features two key clauses:

"Parties shall ensure tax cooperation frameworks actively reduce disparities in public service access for youth and future generations," and "Parties must establish laws, policies, and actions that ensure tax cooperation frameworks effectively address disparities in access to public services for youth and future generations."

This language affirms a collective commitment to build equitable, rights-based tax systems that uphold the dignity and potential of young people everywhere.

Honorary Delegates, the world is watching and so are we - the youth who will inherit the outcomes of these negotiations. We ask you to rise to the occasion and champion a tax convention that does not leave us behind but instead centers our voices, reflects our realities, and invests in our futures. Remember, the decisions you make today will echo for generations. Let those echoes be of justice, inclusion, and hope.

**In solidarity,**  
**Youth for Tax Justice Network (YTJN) - Global Secretariat**

## Joint YTJN - AFRODAD Youth Day 2025 Statement

Read Here

### The Pan-African Creatives Competition

Youth Creatives Shaping Africa's Economic Future

**About the Pan-African Creatives Competition**

Africa stands at a defining moment in its journey toward sustainable and inclusive development. The continent's progress depends on how effectively it mobilizes and manages its own resources - from domestic taxation and debt management to business finance, trade integration, and anti-corruption efforts.

Amid these complex economic conversations, young people and creative artists hold a unique power: the ability to translate data and policy into stories, images, sounds, and performances that move hearts, inform minds, and inspire collective action.

Recognizing this transformative potential, the Youth for Tax Justice Network (YTJN) launched the **Pan-African Creative Arts Youth Competition**, which serves as a continental platform to celebrate and amplify youth creativity as a force for economic justice.

The initiative harnesses the voices and talents of African youth to reimagine how the continent can thrive in a world that is increasingly digital and sustainable.

**Care Objective**

Through this competition, we invite young people aged 18-35, to creatively reflect on Africa's key economic governance priorities, illustrating how they connect to resource mobilization, equity, and youth-led innovation.

**Themes of Creative Exploration**

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**Sovereign Debt Justice:** Reimagine how African nations can address the debt crisis in a sustainable manner, while balancing intergenerational equity.

**African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA):** Visualize a borderless Africa where trade empowers young entrepreneurs and innovators.

**Climate Finance and the Green Transition:** Design creative, practical ways to finance Africa's just energy transition.

**Asset Recovery and Anti-Corruption:** Show how recovered assets can build public trust and transform communities.

**UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation:** Reimagine global finance rules to ensure Africa's youth benefits from Africa.

**Submission Details:**

**Submission Period:** 1st October 2024 to 31st October 2024

**Submission Format:** Video (3-5 minutes), Audio (3-5 minutes), or Written (500-1000 words)

**Submission Link:** [https://www.ytjn.org/competition](#)

**Prizes:** Winner: KSh 1,000,000; Runner-up: KSh 500,000; Finalists: KSh 250,000

**Finalists:** Will receive a certificate of appreciation and a chance to present their work at the Youth Day 2025 event.

**Finalist Selection:** A panel of judges will select the winners based on creativity, originality, and relevance to the themes.

**Finalist Notification:** Winners will be notified by email and social media.

**Finalist Contact:** Contact the YTJN Secretariat for more information.

**Finalist Eligibility:** Open to all African youth aged 18-35.

**Finalist Requirements:** Must be a resident of an African country.

**Finalist Rules:** All entries must be original and not plagiarized.

**Finalist Terms:** All winners must accept the terms and conditions of the competition.

**Finalist Privacy:** All personal information will be kept confidential.

**Finalist Consent:** All winners must give their consent to participate.

**Finalist Acknowledgment:** All winners must acknowledge the support of the YTJN and its partners.

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### Open Letter by Youth to Delegates Negotiating for a UN Tax Convention

**To:** All Delegates negotiating for a Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation

**Subject:** A Call from Youth to Champion Fair, Just, and Future-Proof International Tax Systems

**From:** Youth across Africa and the Global South

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### Impact of Uganda's 2025 Tax Amendments on Youth: A Comprehensive Analysis and Policy Recommendations

By Jon Kafuka, Programs Manager, Youth for Tax Justice Network

### Debt Servicing Is Expensive!!!

The increasing cost of servicing debt diverts funds away from essential public services and development initiatives.

Let's look at Kenya in FY 2024/25

- KSH 1.85 TRILLION**  
Debt Servicing Costs - Kenya's total debt service obligation for the FY 2024/25 stands at Ksh 1.85 trillion.
- KSH 843.4 BILLION**  
Debt Redemption: Ksh 843.4 billion is allocated for paying off the principal amount of debt.
- KSH 1.1 TRILLION**  
Interest Payments: Ksh 1.1 trillion is allocated for interest payments on existing debts.

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### PAN AFRICAN CREATIVE ARTS YOUTH COMPETITION 2025

Theme: Youth Creatives Shaping Africa's Economic Future

The vision begins with a Pan-African Asset Recovery and Development Authority (PARDA)—a transparent, independent body mandated to trace, litigate, and repatriate stolen wealth. Unlike ad-hoc recovery efforts, PARDA would employ cutting-edge digital forensics, blockchain-based asset tracking, and international cooperation agreements to dismantle the financial secrecy shielding corrupt wealth.

**CATEGORY ONE | WINNER**

Mirembe Praise | Essay: A Creative Vision For Transforming Asset Recovery Into A Tangible Reality

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# Publications, Statements & Graphics

### From the market to the boardroom, women drive Uganda's economy. It's time our tax system drives their success by funding initiatives that break barriers and build opportunities.

Abwoch Anna Maria, Uganda

### Vijanaa ndio wengi. Tunapaswa kuwa na ushawishi zaidi.

Watunga Sera  
waamuzi  
Vijanaa

Sera zinazotengenezwa bila mchango wa vijana mara nyingi hushindwa kushughulikia masuala ya msingi yanayowaathiri, kama vile elimu, ajira, haki ya hali ya hewa na ufikaji wa kijiitili.

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### Convention-cadre des Nations Unies sur la coopération fiscale internationale

Si vous pouviez réécrire les règles de la finance mondiale, quelle idée audacieuse, innovante et concrète proposeriez-vous d'inscrire dans la Convention fiscale de l'ONU pour garantir que la richesse de l'Afrique profite aux Africains ?

**SOUMETTRE MAINTENANT**

Les contributeurs sont encouragés à indiquer leur nom complet, une pièce d'identité nationale ou étudiante valide, ainsi que leur pays d'origine. Les soumissions doivent être envoyées à [https://www.ytjn.org/competition](#)

### Raila Amolo Odinga, E.G.H

LAME THAT LIT A CONTINENT

Jim Baba was never just politics; it was an acknowledgment of shared resilience, of a protective - if sometimes turbulent - force that shaped Kenya's political landscape and democratic dynamics.

Presence sits heavily in the room, a silence where there was once a roar. Legacy remind us that leadership grounded in conviction leaves echoes long after the voice is gone.

A Reflection by: Jon Kafuka, Programs Manager, Youth For Tax Justice Network

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### THE ROAD TO SEVILLE: CENTERING YOUTH IN THE FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

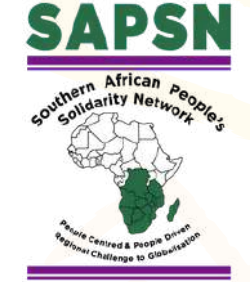
Youth unemployment rate in Uganda hovered around 13.3% in 2020, while underemployment and informal work continue to affect millions more.

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Team Lead, YTJN

Globally, young people continue to grapple with underfunded public services, regressive tax systems, and unsustainable debt burdens, and the decisions made at FFD4 will directly shape our future.

# Partnerships & Collaborations





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