

2nd AFRICA YOUTH PEACE SUMMIT



THEME: THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN PEACE MAKING AND PEACE KEEPING IN AFRICA

The 2^{nd} Edition Summit organised by Firdaous Integrated Services (FIS)

SATURDAY

VENUE: WEBINAR

26th June 2021

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

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ORDER OF PRESENTATION

Guest Speaker

Barrister Ameenah Ibrahim

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Speaker

Mwila C. Bwanga

Youth Governance & Leadership Expert - Zambia

Patricia Peace Ejang

Law Student & Youth Activist - Uganda

David Tobi Oyesowo

Lawyer & Youth Leadership Expert – Nigeria

Peter Maswi

Co-Founder Generation Engage Network – East Africa

Mark Mwalimu Mwake

Founder Bariki Foundation – Kenya

CONCEPT NOTE

Any Continent whose substantial population consists of Youth should be happy and at the same time worried. Happy because those Youths can be used as instrument of growth, social engineering and political stability by productively engaging them in all sectors of the economy. Similarly, it should be a cause of worry because such huge chunk of the population, if not properly coordinated can be misused as political thugs to cause instability and breakdown of law and order within the country. Over the years, the continent of Africa has witnessed series of bloodshed, political crisis, military overthrow of civilian leaders among others, and in all of these, the actors are always people within the age bracket of Youths.

It is against this background that we have organized the second Youth Summit focusing on the role of youth in peace making and peace keeping in Africa. This topic is carefully chosen with the sole aim of interrogating how responsible are the youths in ensuring a safe and conducive continent. We have selected experts who are themselves youth to dissect the topic, review the role youths have so far played in ensuring peace in Africa and what do they need to do going forward.

It is therefore our hope and expectation that at the end of this second summit, far reaching recommendations shall be provided to address most of the conflicts in Africa and how to manage our disagreements and differences without bloodshed.

SUMMIT PROGRAMME

Date: 26th June, 2021

10 a.m. – 12 Noon (West African Time)

Venue: Webinar

10:00 - 10:05 a.m. Welcome Remarks



FOLUKE M. AJIBOYE-DARE

Director of Finance & Mobilisation

(Welcome Remarks and brief introduction of Firdaous Integrated Services Limited & the Summit Theme)

10:08 – 10:33 a.m. Keynote Address



BARRISTER AMEENAH IBRAHIM

Barrister & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria

Keynote address on the theme: The Role of Youths in Peace Making and Peace Keeping in Africa

SESSION

10:35 – 10:45 a.m. First Speaker Presentation



MWILA C. BWANGA

Youth Governance & Leadership Expert

The Responsibility of Youths in Shaping or Destroying the Future of Africa

10:48 – 10:58 a.m. Second Speaker Presentation



PATRICIA PEACE EJANG

Law Student & Youth Activist

Youths as an Instrument of Political Instability: Any Justification?

11:00-11:10 a.m. Third Speaker Presentation



PETER MASWI

Co-Founder Generation Engage Network

Are Youths Ready for Leadership Positions in Africa?

11:13 – 11:23 a.m. Fourth Speaker Presentation



DAVID TOBI OYESOWO

Lawyer & Youth Leadership Expert

The Impact of Youth on Conflict Resolution and Peace Building

11:25 – 11:35 a.m. Fifth Speaker Presentation



MARK MWALIMU MWAKE

Founder Bariki Foundation

The Nexus between Youth, Peace and Development.

11:38 – 11:50 a.m.

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

11: 55 – 12 Noon Closing Remarks



AKINWUMI JOHN AYOBAMI

Vice President & Director of Administration

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHY



BARISTER AMEENAH IBRAHIM

Amina Ibrahim is a graduate of law from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. As a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, Amina manages Udo Udoma & Belo-Osagie's Abuja practice.

Her specializations are general corporate advisory practice, mergers & acquisitions, immigration, and real estate matters.

She specialises in providing legal solutions to clients appearing before governmental agencies, legislative bodies, panels of investigation, and law enforcement agencies.

Amina has assisted a vast array of multinational companies with legal advise and she is widely known for her ability to close difficult transactions. She has a vast network in government regulatory agencies. In addition to her professional life, Amina loves hiking, sky diving and traveling. She has visited several countries across the world.



MWILA C. BWANGA

Mwila is an optimistic and visionary Youth Leader, whose life's work has been built on a vision to change the face of Governance and Leadership in Africa. He has been listed as one of Zambia's Best Governance Minds below the age of 35 and was awarded a Governance Accomplishment Award during the 2020 National Youth Awards by the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Child Development and the National Youth Development Council. He is an award-winning Author of five books, an International Relations Expert with a solid history of achievement in Youth Development Programs, Governance, African Renaissance, Leadership and Peace Building Strategies. He holds a degree in Politics and International Relations from the University of Lusaka where he served as President of the Student Union Body from 2016-2017. His area of expertise focuses on contributing to the betterment of our society and to help ignite change on matters that border around Governance, Leadership and Social Change. Mwila has been listed among Zambia's Top 35 Youth under 35, and regarded as one of Zambia's Top 35 youth to look out for. Mwila is currently the youngest contesting Member of Parliament for Nchanga Constituency during Zambia's 2021 General Elections.

Being a prolific speaker on rebranding Africa's Governance structures and preserving the youth for modern-day leadership, Mwila has been invited to speak on many National and International platforms and a frequent guest on Zambia's state television ZNBC. He is currently Founder and Executive Director of an African Youth Leadership Initiative Called BeRelevant, a COMESA Youth Ambassador, a USAID-Youth Lead Alumni, and a former Ambassador to the First Lady of Zambia Mrs. Esther Lungu in the campaign to Eradicate Early Child Marriages.



PATRICIA PEACE EJANG

My name is Patricia Peace Ejang, a year two law student at Makerere University. I am a writer majoring in poetry, short stories and essays. I have worked Nguvu Poetry Club in the period I have spent at the university. We use this poetry platform to raise awareness about issues that affect the youths at universities and other such places.

I also publish my works with Writer's Space Africa, a group of writers from across Africa who share a desire to empower writers in Africa. We publish a monthly magazine that can be accessed for free on our websites. These magazines are themed based to address concerns of the African society.

Furthermore, I am a member of Makerere Debate Union, a platform that allows us students to engage in diplomatic discussions about issues that affect our future, from the University activities to the country at large. We also engage in continental debates and dialogue on online platforms and in this way we have addressed common challenges that various African countries face, we also went ahead and tried to being up solutions to these problems.

I am also a proud member of Restore Dialogue Uganda, a group of youths who are forging a way forward to solve concerns in an amicable and diplomatic way.

We have an agenda to push for diplomacy in times of conflict and as such we stand a better chance to unite as Africans for a common goal, our prosperity.

I look forward to extending the same kind of platform to various other youths across the country, and across the world, because we are the future of this global village.



PETER MASWI

Peter Maswi is the co-founder and Director of Operations of Generation Engage Network, an organization that aims at building children and young people who are innovative and bold, effective communicators, climate change activists, transformative leaders, and social entrepreneurs. Currently is a Research Officer intern at Faraja Africa Foundation, a finalist student pursuing a bachelor degree in Law at Kampala International University.

Peter is a servant leader, volunteer, human rights and climate change activist, Mental Health advocate, and SDGs ambassador.

He is an experienced trainer in social entrepreneurship and leadership since 2019. He is an alumnus of Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI) RLC East Africa, and YouLead Summit 2019, MP of the East Africa Youth Parliament (2018-2019). He was the president of Tanzania Students Association in Uganda (2019-2021).

Peter's life Motto is "Love and Service," and his vision is to making a difference in his community and building a better Africa and the world he wants to live in.



DAVID TOBI OYESOWO

David Tobi Oyesowo is a barrister and solicitor of the supreme court of Nigeria. David had his Elementary education at Bishop ownen McCoy memorial Nursery and primary school inisa. He later proceeded to Osun Anglican Comprehensive High School Agbeye for his West Africa Examination, where he finished excellently. David went to Osun state university for both diploma in law and his bachelor degree where he held several leadership positions which includes, president law students society of Osun state University, president, Independent Corrupt practices and other Related offences Student Anti corrupt vanguard (ICPC SAV) among others. He then proceeded to Augustine Nnamani Campus of the Nigeria law school for the one year compulsory vocational course and was called to the Nigeria bar in 2019. David had his NYSC programme in Kwara state in the law firm of P.A O Olorunnisola SAN & CO where he was retained for his outstanding leadership qualities. Tobi being in active practice has led several cases and gotten judgement to his name. Worthy of note is that David is part of the team that handled a high profile corruption case in Nigeria, where a landmark success was achieved. David is presently the National legal Adviser of UNIOSUN Alumni. David is a member of the NBA, the professional body for lawyers in Nigeria and has served in several committees of NBA. David is presently a masters student of university of Ilorin.



MARK MWALIMU MWAKE

My name is Mark Mwalimu Mwake. Am a 22 year-old proud and patriotic Kenyan based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Currently am enrolled as an undergraduate student in University of Nairobi, School of Business undertaking a Bachelors Degree in commerce in my third year. I am also undertaking a professional course known as CPA (Certified Public Account) so as to enhance my accounting skills.

Apart from studies, I am a very dedicated and aggressive entrepreneur, a leader and a philanthropist. I am the current Secretary General, University of Nairobi Students Association (UNSA) School of Business. I am also the campus head coordinator of Africa Youth Leadership Forum (AYLF), a platform that equips young people with leadership skills through training, seminars among other programs.

Further to that, I am the CEO and Founder of Bariki Foundation, a youth charity group that I started back in 2018 when I was in first year in Campus. The foundation visits children homes, remands, street families and also media stations in order to give hope and inspire young people out there.

I am also an entrepreneur. I run a small cyber in my campus and also engage myself in other money generating activities.

In addition to that, Mark is a very strong Christian under the Protestant denomination.

I have a great interest in becoming a successful change maker in my country's leadership and also playing a key role in bringing up the next generation of youthful sober leaders who are strongly principled, integrious and have the desire to serve the citizens.

I have participated in various workshops and competitions which give the young people an opportunity to showcase their innovations and unique ideas. These include, Mbele na biz Competition organized by the World Bank in Conjunction with the government of Kenya, My Little Big Thing which was a Sustainable Development Goals competition organized by MK Africa, Fursathon competition which was an hackathon organized by Ministry of Gender under the youth department among other platforms.

My hobbies are cooking, swimming, playing musical instruments and listening to music.