

## Our Ten-Point Plan

### Political Demands of African and European Youth to AU and EU Leaders for the Africa-EU Partnership

1. Include young people in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all policies of the Africa-EU Partnership and the Joint Africa-EU Strategy, which will contribute to comprehensive and honest participatory processes rather than political consultations behind closed doors.
2. Provide tailored financial support to youth-led organisations to meaningfully contribute to the Africa-EU Partnership (i.e. access to digital tools, provision of digital and physical spaces for intercontinental youth exchange, youth engagement ahead of and during AU-EU summits).
3. Support and scale-up inclusive and safe youth engagement and participation by ensuring an enabling environment and freedom of speech without the fear of negative repercussions.
4. Ensure that all policies discussed in the framework of the Africa-EU Partnership are future-proof by using an “intergenerational policy checklist” (to be developed together with a youth advisory board) that considers the interests of current and future generations.
5. Enhance inclusive cross-cultural exchange experiences by building on existing civil society, academic and other reliable structures as well as by developing an African-European youth exchange program as an extension of the Erasmus+ program.
6. Create a quarterly dialogue between youth representatives and AU and EU institutions that is complemented by a yearly report detailing how youth inputs to the Africa-EU Partnership are being considered and used.
7. Increase the visibility of the Africa-EU Strategy through youth-friendly outreach that helps to improve intercontinental understanding, e.g. by establishing cultural programs, involving the creative sector or organising encounters through art, music and sports.
8. Improve the transparency of AU and EU and their decision-making processes and actions by reducing bureaucracy, being more accessible to young people, and using an understandable language (e.g. provide youth and child-friendly versions of policies and strategies such as the Joint Africa-EU Strategy that are also translated into relevant local languages).
9. Facilitate access to information for young people about their human rights and their rights to hold their governments accountable starting at the primary school level, e.g. by educating them on voting rights or on legal means to ensure transparent governance.
10. Urgently tackle the climate crisis and significantly reduce carbon emissions in line with the Paris Accord by 2030, and immediately confront (institutional) racism, socio-economic and gender inequalities as well as any other form of discrimination.

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