



CAADP Youth Network

"Agricultural Transformation for Youth Employment In Africa"

BACKGROUND

- The large majority of African youths lives in rural areas and mostly employed in agriculture where young people face particular constraints in gaining access to land, credit, training and new technologies in the agricultural sector
- While agriculture and smallholder farmers in many African countries form the bedrock of the economy, the youths hold the keys to the continent's future. Youths are found to be playing crucial role in the continent's economic growth.

CAADP Youth Network was formed at the Youth Side Event organized by African Youth initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) with support from Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD) during the CAADP Partnership Platform held by the African Union Commission and NEPAD on April 12, 2016 in Accra – Ghana, principally as an African regional consortium of youth organizations and networks working on agriculture and sustainable livelihoods across Africa; aiming to mainstream African Youth into the CAADP and 2014 Malabo Implementation and Monitoring Processes especially the Joint Sector Review, NAIPs and RAIP.

Membership And Structure

- CYN is a consortium of key regional youth organizations working on agriculture. Individual members are approximately 10,000 and more from various youth farmers organizations and some are individual youth agriprenuers without membership to any apex body. The overview of our structure in CYN:
 - 1. Steering Committee (Chair/Coordinator, Vice Chair, Treasurer and 2 other members)
 - 2. Secretariat (Head of Secretariat, Communications Officer, Programme Assistant)

Our Goal

- Create 1 million jobs for youth in the Agriculture value chain by 2025; and usher in 1000 Agripreneurs by 2020.

Strategic Interventions 2018-2020

- 1. Institutionalizing the CAADP Youth Network as the umbrella network and focal network for youth engagement in agriculture across Africa (*Ongoing*)
- 2. Integrating youth in implementing and monitoring the CAADP and Malabo, RAIP/NAIPs and JSR processes at national and regional levels (*2019-2020*)
- 3. Documentation of youth best practices on agriculture, Climate Smart Agriculture and Agribusiness (2018-2019)
- 4. Policy Advocacy and Public Engagement on Role of youth in Africa's Agricultural Transformation (*Ongoing*)
- 5. Capacity Building of youth on Community-based Adaptation to Climate Change, Climate Smart Agriculture (Composting, Rural Silos Management, Water Harvesting, micro gardening), and Agribusiness development and management (*2019-2020*)