African Union Agenda 2063

AN AGYI INFLUENCER

What is Agenda 2063 and Why is it relevant to the AGYI?

Guiding vision - “an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the international arena”

African Aspirations

• A Prosperous Africa, based on inclusive growth and sustainable development
• An integrated continent, politically united, based on the ideals of Pan Africanism and the vision of Africa’s Renaissance
• An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law
• A Peaceful and Secure Africa
• Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, values and ethics
• An Africa whose development is people driven, relying on the potential offered by people, especially its women and youth and caring for children
• An Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner

While the flagship projects prioritise macro infrastructure and trade agendas, the list of African Aspirations that inform the agenda are of relevance to exchange.

Delivering on these aspirations is a continental responsibility and means that goals, targets and strategies at the national, regional and continental levels must align. Furthermore, the intention of Agenda 2063 is not to necessarily create new visions and initiatives, but fast track and deliver on existing initiatives.

Agenda 2063 ➞ SA Youth Priorities ➞ Exchange

In the framework of the AGYI

• Human (Youth) Capital Development
• Employment generation (& sustainability in the jobs environment), especially the youth and females
• Gender / Women development and youth empowerment
• Science, Technology, Innovation
• Peace and Security
• Culture, Arts and Sports

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In the context of the AGYI, the African Union Commission identified youth exchange as a mechanism for youth development at a continental level. Commissioning the AGYI in three pilot countries, strategically located for regional expansion into the south, east and sub-Sahara west, implies the AGYI has a responsibility to talk directly back to 2063 in our implementation.

This does present a good example of an Agenda 2063 project in that it is founded in international and pan-African cooperations, has a strategic funding mechanism to pilot at the local and which is scalable to the regional, it intends to strengthen the African partner structure, is driven by localised capacity, places people (youth) at the centre of its development agenda, works with the existing strengths while innovating for future growth that will enable African youth.

**MONITORING & EVALUATION of the AGYI**

WESSA, together with TYC, YBLA and a broad range of German exchange actors attended a workshop in Berlin in April. It was hosted by Engagement Global to begin developing a joint M&E Framework for the AGYI. To date, M&E frameworks for in-country and at project steering levels have been developed and are reported against. The joint framework talks to strengthened relationships between global actors and enhances efforts to innovate, grow numbers and improve the relevance and meaning (quality) of the exchange experience.

**UPCOMING – May**

- WESSA and SAwN are collaborating on the first part of an information gathering and sharing activity towards the end of the month and which will focus on the weltwaerts program.

AGYI Partners meeting – African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa (2017) - AU, BMZ, GIZ, Engagement Global, TYC, YBLA and WESSA. Three project steering and one partner meeting are held annually with hosting responsibilities shared across the members.
South African German Network

Vision: to strengthen inclusive and democratic processes and to contribute to sustainable development in Germany and South Africa

SAGE Net facilitates personal growth, intercultural learning, youth and professional exchange between and within the two countries by sharing learning that broadens and strengthens individuals and organisations with a focus on projects related to health, education and ecology.

SAGE Net was born in 1997 and resulted in Germans and South Africans learning from each other through various youth and professional exchange experiences. It was officially registered as a non-governmental organisation in 2004 in Germany and in 2011 in South Africa.

KEY FOCUS AREAS

- Provide youth from South Africa and Germany with high quality exchange opportunities
- Facilitate & organize international volunteering experiences: placing around 25-35 German volunteers per year in our network of South African NGOs, as well as placing around 5-10 South Africans per year in German NGOs to volunteer for 12-24 months
- Organize and facilitate professional exchange: support for long-term contacts and professional exchange between South Africa and Germany
- Strengthen partnerships: facilitate learning and network opportunities by providing information, conferences, open days,

SAGE Net & Weltwaerts

SAGE Net has been a strong partner and implementing organization of the weltwaerts volunteer program funded by German government and German civil society.

- Since 2008 SAGE Net has sent volunteers to South Africa; since 2014 to Germany
- SAGE Net provides all volunteers with qualified local mentors
- SAGE Net organized several weltwaerts partner conferences, one of them resulted in the establishment of SAwN (Southern African weltwaerts Network).
- SAGE Net promotes diversity within the weltwaerts program by being part of the competence center for people with migrant background in Germany (KOMI)

SAGE Net has been selected to co-facilitate the 10th anniversary celebrations of weltwaerts later this year.

INFORMATION Provided by SAGE Net South Africa
Our Monthly

ALUMNI VOICE

WESSA is pleased to welcome Walusungu back to the office. Walu is an African Union Youth Volunteer Corps volunteer on a one year placement with us, and working on the AGYI. She returns from Addis where she has been working the past couple of months.

She is a YALI alumni and the founder of a grassroots NGO, Inspiration Koner, in Malawi, where she also held the National Coordinator position for the Young African Leaders Forum.

Walu is part of the alumni network working group and is your contact for News-bite content.

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