

THE YOUTH CAFE PODCAST

Overview Details:

Interview topic:	AFRICAN YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL AND CIVIC PROCESSES
Date & Time:	27th March 2023 12.00 PM EAT
Location:	The Youth Cafe Office, Kitisuru gardens
Interview requirements:	Be in the office at 12:00 PM
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Interview information:

Media Outlet:	The Youth Cafe
Presenter	Faith Nyanjui
Panelists	i) Oliver Mshilla -Policy and Governance consultant (The Youth Cafe) ii) Elizabeth Waweru - Political Activist (The Youth Cafe
Interview focus:	Over the past decade, there has been a growing recognition of the importance of encouraging young men and women's political participation in African countries to achieve gender equality in youth political and civic participation. As the African continent is home to some of the world's youngest and fastest-growing populations, it is important that the continent's young women and men are given the opportunity to participate in the political and civic processes that will shape the future of Africa. It is therefore essential to establish mechanisms, strategies, tools and systems to address inequalities and increase the political voice of young people, especially young women, such as; awareness initiatives, leadership training, legal and policies

	<p>frameworks, quotas, youth-led targeted campaigns, mentorship programmes and campaigns for financial regulations among others in Africa.</p> <p>The Youth Democracy Cohort of The Summit for Democracy has developed a Menu of Possible Commitments meant to help prioritize, facilitate, and enhance youth civic and political participation. These 33 actionable and specific recommendations are provided as a set of policy options for participating governments in the Summit for Democracy – as well as other interested governments or international institutions – to choose from to adopt as commitments, reforms, and initiatives to improve youth rights and participation in their national contexts.</p>
<p>Anticipated interview questions:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the situation of youth participation in political and civic processes in Africa? 2. What is the partners for democracy day? 3. Why is youth participation in political and civic processes important? 4. Why is The Youth Cafe participating in the Summit for Democracy? 5. What is The Menu of Possible Commitments? 6. What are the thematic focus areas in The Menu of Possible Commitments? 7. What is The Youth Cafe doing to ensure many youths participate in political and civic processes? 8. What are some recommendations to governments, civil organizations, youth organizations and other stakeholders to achieve the commitments?