



## **United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa**



### **Media Advisory**

**Africa's Youth Voices during the SDGs summit: "While our progress is not perfect, we are gaining ground and ready to leapfrog."**

The United Nations Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the Pan African Youth Union are pleased to announce the upcoming virtual event series, "Africa's Youth Voices." Dedicated to harnessing the innovative solutions, perspectives, and ideas of youth experts from across the African continent during the [SDG Summit](#) in September.

Anchored in the belief that progress is being made and the continent is ready to leapfrog forward and in line with the United Nations [Agenda 2030](#) and the African Union's [Agenda 2063](#), this initiative aims to provide young Africans with a platform to contribute their ideas and share their experiences in the following key areas to accelerate Africa's development:

- Africa's financing for development: The need to shift the paradigm, [5 September](#)
- Energy and climate: Africa's readiness to manage the tradeoffs, [12 September](#)
- Digitalization: Unleashing Africa's growth through the Great Enabler, [19 September](#)
- People-centred policies: An imperative toward Africa's development, [26 September](#) (In French).

Each session of "Africa's Youth Voices" will be led by young African experts, influencers and entrepreneurs working on SDGs-related issues impacting Africa's development, including a drone technology innovator, the leader of a climate-smart agriculture network, a former government minister turned climate champion and the co-founder of a universal mobile payment company.

The sessions will be conducted via audio on Spaces, a tool available through the [X social media](#) platform (formerly known as Twitter), where participants will have the opportunity to engage with these young thought leaders, experts, and innovators.

Following its successful first edition during the [Africa Dialogue Series 2023](#), the "Africa's Youth Voices" initiative is a long term project that will continue its engagement beyond the SDG Summit, with young people encouraged to share their insights and perspectives from Africa for Africa using the hashtag **#AfricanYouth**.

**Important links and social media:**

- The registration link to promote to your network: [bit.ly/3qxnByi](https://bit.ly/3qxnByi)
- Official Hashtags: #AfricanYouth
- Other Hashtags: #UNGA, #SDGSummit, #GlobalGoals, #AfCFTA

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- X: [@UNOSAA1](#)
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