

AU-EU Youth Voices Lab - Power of the Collective

Enhancing youth participation & empowerment across Africa and Europe

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The **AU-EU Youth Voices Lab - Power of the Collective**, part of the **AU-EU Youth Lab** programme, continues to stand as a leading platform for **youth engagement, collaboration, and policy influence** across Africa and Europe.

In recent months, the AU-EU Youth Voices Lab has translated its commitments into concrete actions and measurable achievements. The programme:

- Published three **Youth-Led Research reports**, generating **evidence-based recommendations** and amplifying youth perspectives in AU-EU policy discussions.
- Delivered a **communication and advocacy training in Uganda**, strengthening the capacity of young leaders and youth-led organizations **to influence policy, shape narratives, and increase the visibility** of their work.
- Launched an **open call for young filmmakers**, creating new opportunities for **youth-led storytelling, advocacy, and creative engagement**.
- Joined **new networks and youth-focused platforms**, ensuring young people actively **contribute to programme design, policy conversations, and advocacy initiatives**.
- Equipped young leaders in Nigeria with **practical storytelling, advocacy, and leadership skills**, strengthening their capacity to **communicate public narratives, engage communities, and influence decision-making processes**.

These achievements show a clear shift toward meaningful and structured youth engagement within the AU-EU partnership. This progress is reflected in **16 youth-responsive policy processes supported, 650 young people supported in accessing influencing spaces and coalition processes, and 22 coalitions, task forces, and coordinating spaces strengthened** to advance intergenerational advocacy. At the same time, the programme increased the capacity of youth-led actors, with **over 4,000 young people supported** to strengthen their advocacy capacity and **2,500 young people trained** in youth-led research, accountability, and advocacy. Its commitment to inclusion was reinforced through the involvement of over **200 young people in co-creating tools** on self-care, collective well-being, and protection, while almost **5,000 young people contributed to the creation, update, and dissemination of the AU-EU Youth Voices Lab App**. Through these results, the programme continues to position young people as **essential partners in shaping policies, accountability mechanisms, and development agendas across Africa and Europe**.

Central to the programme's continued growth is the **AU-EU Youth Voices Lab App**, a free digital platform designed by youth for youth to expand participation and connectivity. Built on **continuous user feedback**, the App provides access to **opportunities, resources, certified online courses, and cross-continental connections**. Combining digital innovation with community engagement, it makes **youth participation** more accessible, continuous, and impactful. **Download the App [here](#)**.



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