

# THE ACCOUNTABILITY BRIEF



## CHECK THIS OUT

- Alternative Mining Indaba 2026 - Cape Town
- People Powered Convening Nairobi, Kenya.
- CiviTok Spotlight : TikTok Live with Hon. Ropafadzo Makumire
- Amplifying Youth Voices Through Digital Engagement



### Alternative Mining Indaba 2026 - Cape Town

YAI supported by Trust Africa participated in a leading regional civil society forum amplifying mining-affected communities voices and advancing transparent, accountable and people-centered governance in Africa's energy transition.



### People Powered Convening -Nairobi Kenya

With support from Trust Africa , YAI collaborated with global partners at the People Powered Convening in Nairobi to advance participatory democracy.

## YOUTH DAY



### Youth Day Reflection

Zimbabwe commemorated National Youth Day, which was a time to celebrate young people's resilience while also confronting the realities they face. High unemployment, limited opportunities, and the slow implementation of youth-focused commitments remain major concerns.

The Youth Accountability Initiative remains committed to ensuring that national promises are translated into real opportunities for young people through informed engagement, ongoing accountability, and sustained advocacy for the enactment of the Youth Bill.

Youth Day must transcend symbolism. It should reaffirm the need for measurable progress, inclusive policies, and transparent leadership.





## EDITORIAL NOTE

As the Youth Accountability Initiative, we recognise that extractive governance is not merely technical; it is central to public finance, industrialization, and the delivery of public goods that shape young people's lives. Meaningful youth participation requires informed engagement with the policy frameworks and regional dynamics influencing resource governance in Southern Africa.

The Alternative Mining Indaba 2026 provided a platform to confront these realities, amplifying community voices and advancing transparent, accountable, and people-centred resource governance

Building on this, in March 2026 YAI attended the People Powered Convening in Nairobi, where global partners collaborated to advance participatory democracy and meaningful youth co-creation in decision-making.

In February and March, YAI collaborated with WELEAD Trust on the What Youth Want series, which featured Twitter (X) Spaces that strengthened civic engagement and awareness while elevating youth voices and priorities in governance.

With the support from Action Aid, YAI mobilized youth to demand inclusive, responsive and youth-centered policy reform by advancing its online advocacy for the Youth Bill

YAI continues to bring conversations that matter – conversations on accountability







## ALTERNATIVE MINING INDABA 2026



9-11 February | Cape Town, South Africa.

Through the support of Trust Africa, YAI attended Indaba, held under the theme "Alternative Stories of Mining: Communities Mobilizing for Justice in the Energy Transition," brought together activists, community leaders, policymakers and development partners to discuss transparency, benefit-sharing, environmental accountability and the future of transition minerals in Africa.

Over the course of the Indaba, plenary discussions and strategy dialogues examined extractive governance, transition minerals, regional industrialization, and community accountability, while exhibitions created space for organizations to showcase their work and engage broader audiences. As the Youth Accountability Initiative, we exhibited our initiatives on youth-led public finance literacy, extractives accountability, and governance monitoring, highlighting the link between mineral revenues, national budgets, and the delivery of public goods.



The Indaba concluded with a solidarity march, where delegates from various countries, despite their diverse backgrounds, stood united in their grievances about environmental harm, weak benefit-sharing mechanisms and exclusion from decision-making, collectively calling for transparent, equitable and people-centered resource governance



## THE PEOPLE POWERED CONVENING



The Youth Accountability Initiative (YAI) attended the People Powered Convening, which took place in Nairobi, Kenya from March 2 to 4, 2026 which brought together over 160 global stakeholders working to advance participatory governance and citizen engagement. Thandiwe Ndlovu and Munashe Masiyiwa represented YAI in key discussions on participatory budgeting, youth inclusion and transparency-enhancing digital tools.

A key takeaway was the need to shift from consultation to active citizen co-creation in decision-making, especially in terms of making democracy more accessible and relatable to young people. The meeting emphasized the significance of meaningful youth participation, context-driven approaches and strategic collaborations.



Insights gained on the People Powered Convening will inform YAI's ongoing work to strengthen youth-led accountability, enhance civic engagement, and integrate innovative, community-centered approaches into its programs.

Ultimately, this convening reaffirmed that real accountability begins when young people are not just included but are actively shaping the decisions that affect their lives.



## ONLINE CAMPAIGNS

**From Aspirations to Accountability:  
2026 Youth's Checklist for Public Goods**

18 Feb 2026 | X-Platform: @weleadteam | Time: 7-8pm CAT



**Samalie Nawaguna**  
(Speaker)  
Uganda

**Blessed Mhlanga**  
(Host)  
Zimbabwe

**Shammah Ngadziore**  
(Speaker)  
Zimbabwe

As part of our ongoing commitment to youth participation and accountability, we also led a campaign advocating for the Youth Bill. This initiative aimed to amplify the voices of young people across Zimbabwe, highlighting the urgent need for policies that reflect the priorities and perspectives of the majority of the population.

Throughout the month, Youth Accountability Initiative Africa (YAI), in partnership with WeLead Africa created a dynamic space for youth engagement through its What Youth Want X (Twitter) Spaces. These discussions were centered on public goods, budget accountability and economic justice from a youth perspective.



**Nhai Parliament Chiiko  
Chirikunetsa neYouth  
Bill, Tibatsirane?**  
**#YOUTHBILLNOWZW**

April 17, 2026 | 7:00 pm



**Thandiwe Ndlovu**

**Hon Ropafadzo Makumire**

TikTok LIVE @yaiAfrica  
#BringingParliamentToTheGenZ

### CiviTok Spotlight

We pay our taxes... but do we truly see the impact?

Join CiviTok as we explore the link between taxation and service delivery, and why youth voices are critical in driving accountability.

17 April 2026 | 7:00 PM

LIVE on TikTok (@yaiAfrica)

Featuring Thandiwe Ndlovu (Programs Lead, YAI) and Hon. Ropafadzo Makumire (MP)