



# THE ACCOUNTABILITY BRIEF



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### Accountability Hangout | Harare

The Youth Accountability Initiative Africa, with the support of ActionAid, organized a Youth Accountability Hangout with young people and stakeholders to discuss progress on the National Youth Empowerment Strategy, promote budget accountability, and strengthen advocacy for the National Youth Bill.



### Training of Trainers programme - Capetown South Africa

With the support of Trust Africa, YAI Africa strengthened social accountability and facilitation skills through a regional training hosted by the Swedish International Center for Local Democracy in Cape Town.



### Global Democracy Coalition Forum | Nairobi Kenya

Represented by Team Lead Munashe C. Masiyiwa, YAI joined civic leaders, democracy practitioners and global experts at the Global Democracy Coalition Forum in Nairobi, Kenya, to exchange ideas on strengthening accountability and participatory governance. YAI's participation was proudly supported by ALESA.



## EDITORIAL NOTE

April was a month of growth, learning and meaningful engagement for Youth Accountability Initiative Africa, as we increased youth involvement in governance and accountability processes.

A highlight event was the Youth Accountability Hangout, sponsored by ActionAid, which brought together young people and Members of Parliament to discuss taxation, public finance, and youth-focused policy implementation. Young people's active participation demonstrated a growing commitment to national development processes.

Participation in the Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy's Training of Trainers Programme in Cape Town in April was also a significant step toward strengthening organizational capacity. This opportunity improved our facilitation and social accountability skills, providing us with practical tools that will be shared with young people and partners across Zimbabwe.

YAI also participated in policy tracking initiatives supported by the Zimbabwe Institute, as well as digital engagement through CiviTok and FACT activities, which strengthened youth participation and community-led accountability efforts.

YAI continues to bring conversations that matter – conversations on accountability 🗣️





## ACCOUNTABILITY HANGOUT 2026



**10 April | Harare , Zimbabwe**

On April 10, 2026, the Youth Accountability Initiative Africa hosted a Youth Accountability Hangout with the support of ActionAid. The event brought together young people, civil society organizations and Members of Parliament, providing a direct platform for dialogue between youth and policymakers.

The discussions centered on reviewing progress on the National Youth Empowerment Strategy (NYES), strengthening advocacy for the National Youth Bill, and increasing youth participation in governance processes. A key highlight was an interactive taxation session in which young people actively participated in discussions about domestic resource mobilization and the importance of citizen participation in budget and tax decisions.

The Hangout strengthened youth-led accountability efforts and empowered young people to actively participate in public finance and governance processes.



## ICLD TRAINING OF TRAINERS | SOUTH AFRICA



The Youth Accountability Initiative Africa took part in a Training of Trainers Programme hosted by the Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy in Cape Town from April 14 to 16. Represented by Thandiwe Ndlovu and Munashe Masiyiwa, the organization strengthened its efforts to improve its capacity for social accountability, youth participation, facilitation skills, and gender-responsive governance. The training also covered practical tools like citizen report cards, community scorecards, and public expenditure tracking.

The program provided valuable networking and learning opportunities with regional partners, empowering YAI with practical skills and strategies to strengthen youth engagement and accountability initiatives in Zimbabwe. The knowledge and practical tools gained from this program will be disseminated to young people and partners throughout Zimbabwe through Youth Accountability Initiative Africa-led trainings and engagement platforms.

This will increase youth participation, improve social accountability efforts, and help to build inclusive governance systems in which youth play an active role in decision-making.



## GLOBAL DEMOCRACY COALITION FORUM KENYA



The Youth Accountability Initiative (YAI) participated in the Civic Leadership Engagement Accountability Rights (CLEAR) Bootcamp and the Global Democracy Coalition Forum held in Nairobi, Kenya. Our participation was supported by Accountability Lab Eastern and Southern Africa

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A key message shared during the Forum emphasized that Africa cannot afford to define democracy by elections alone. Instead, the continent must move toward participatory democracy – one that listens, responds and delivers on the real economic aspirations of young people. Young people must move from being voters to active drivers of accountability and governance.

### CivicTok Episode 2 Spotlight

CivicTok Episode 2 will be streaming live on Facebook on Thursday, 30 April at 7:30pm, featuring Ropafadzo Makumire. The discussion will unpack key issues around taxation, accountability and the growing public concern of paying taxes without seeing corresponding service delivery.



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**CiviTok Episode 2: "We Pay, But Do We See? Taxes & Service Delivery"**

**Thursday April 30, 2026 | 7:30 pm**