

THE ACCOUNTABILITY BRIEF

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- YAI Launches new project with Youth Democracy Network



Climate Justice Academy 2026 | Tanzania

Climate Justice Academy 2026 brought together young leaders to explore climate justice, advocacy and sustainable solutions. Participants reflected on youth leadership and inclusive climate action, while Youth Accountability Initiative reaffirmed its commitment to SDG 13 and a fairer future.



BUILD Bootcamp | South Africa

The BUILD Bootcamp convened by ALESA featured a powerful session on Human-Centred Development and Civic Tech led by Munashe C Masiyiwa and Mmeta Kohnemie. Participants explored people-centered approaches to development and civic innovation as tools for justice, accountability and inclusive participation

Africa Day Reflections

Youth Accountability Initiative in partnership with TrustAfrica and EJWP convened young leaders from different communities this Africa Day .

The event sparked critical conversations on economic justice, governance and youth participation, while using poetry, music and storytelling to amplify African youth voices and Pan-African solidarity.





EDITORIAL NOTE

Over the past month, Youth Accountability Initiative continued strengthening youth participation, civic engagement and regional collaboration through governance, climate justice and digital innovation initiatives.

A key highlight was participation in the BUILD Bootcamp convened by ALESA in South Africa. The engagement focused on ethical civic technology, digital governance, inclusion and responsible data management, while also strengthening collaboration with innovators and digital rights experts from across the continent.

YAI also participated in the Climate Justice Academy 2026, which brought together young people and climate activists to have conversations on climate justice, advocacy, human rights and sustainable futures. The discussions reinforced the importance of youth leadership in addressing social, political and environmental inequalities linked to climate change.

Another major milestone was the launch of the Regional Policy Lab on Governance and Public Participation in Zambia and Zimbabwe, supported by the Youth Democracy Network and co-implemented with Impact Centre for Policy Research. The initiative seeks to strengthen youth voices and participation in governance processes through consultations, policy dialogues and regional collaboration.

As we commemorate Africa Day, we remain committed to advancing accountable governance, inclusive participation and people-centred development across the continent.

YAI continues to bring conversations that matter — conversations on accountability 🌱





CLIMATE JUSTICE ACADEMY 2026

4-8 May | Arusha , Tanzania

Youth Accountability Initiative participated in the Climate Justice Academy 2026, a platform that brought together young people, climate activists and advocates committed to strengthening engagement on climate justice, human rights, advocacy and collective action. The academy created important spaces for learning, reflection and dialogue on the realities of climate change and its impact on communities around the world.

Discussions emphasized that climate change is not only an environmental issue, but also a global, intergenerational, gender and social justice issue deeply connected to existing inequalities affecting vulnerable communities.



A key highlight from the academy was the importance of communication in climate justice work. Participants explored how storytelling, digital platforms and honest conversations can raise awareness, amplify voices and promote accountability. The academy also emphasized the role of young people in driving sustainable solutions through advocacy, action and community engagement, as YAI continues advancing conversations on climate action, justice and sustainability under SDG 13.



BUILD BOOTCAMP | SOUTH AFRICA



The BUILD Bootcamp convened by ALESA created an engaging platform for young leaders and innovators to explore the intersection of Human-Centred Development and Civic Technology.

The session, facilitated by Munashe C Masiyiwa together with Mmeta Kohnemie, challenged participants to rethink development beyond infrastructure, economic growth and digital systems alone. Discussions emphasized that true development lies in expanding human dignity, agency, participation and the collective ability of communities to shape public life.

Using the Innovators Campus framework and the Five Points of the Compass — People, Observations, Principles, Ideas and Experiments, participants reflected on how civic innovation can be used to address social challenges and strengthen accountability. The session reinforced the importance of designing solutions that are people-centered and rooted in justice, inclusion and meaningful participation.



REIMAGINING AFRICA'S FUTURE: REFLECTIONS FROM AFRICA DAY 2026



This Africa Day, TrustAfrica, in partnership with Economic Justice for Women Project and Youth Accountability Initiative Africa, hosted a powerful youth convening under the theme “Beyond Debt: Reimagining Africa’s Future and Economic Transformation through Youth Voices and Creative Action.”

Speakers including Dr. Bethule Nyamambi, Janet Mudzviti and Briggs Bomba challenged young Africans to reflect on debt, governance, economic justice and Africa’s future. Discussions highlighted issues such as illicit financial flows, natural resource governance and the role of youth movements across Africa

The event also celebrated African creativity through poetry, spoken word and music, with performances by Killa Ace, Atenda Chinx, Voltz JT and Khadijah, reinforcing the message that African youth voices and creativity are central to shaping the continent’s future.

Youth Accountability Initiative has launched the Regional Policy Lab on Governance and Public Participation in Zambia and Zimbabwe, supported by the Youth Democracy Network and co-implemented with Impact Centre for Policy Research. The initiative seeks to strengthen youth participation in governance through consultations, policy dialogues, regional engagement, and evidence-based advocacy.

