

THE ACCOUNTABILITY BRIEF

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- Celebrating Two Years of YAI
- YAI seeks answers on the procurement of cancer and radiotherapy machines



Youth Accountability Hangout | June 2026

The Youth Accountability Hangout brought together young people, policymakers and development partners for conversations on governance, accountability and service delivery



6th African Youth SDGs Summit Ghana

YAI participated in the 6th African Youth SDGs Summit, advancing conversations on Climate Action (SDG 13), Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (SDG 16), and Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10). The engagement reinforced the role of young people in shaping accountable and sustainable development across Africa.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD



Commemorating the Day of the African Child

The Day of the African Child provided an opportunity to reflect on the rights, wellbeing and future of Africa's children.

YAI reaffirmed its commitment to creating spaces where young people can engage, participate and contribute to building accountable and inclusive societies.



EDITORIAL NOTE

Over the past month, the Youth Accountability Initiative (YAI) continued advancing youth participation, accountability and civic engagement through advocacy, dialogue, capacity building and regional representation.

A key highlight was the Youth Accountability Hangout, which brought together young people, policymakers, civil society leaders and development partners to discuss governance, accountability and public service delivery. Discussions on water governance and WASH emphasized the importance of universal access to clean water, citizen participation and stronger accountability mechanisms.

YAI also strengthened youth engagement in public finance through the Youth Public Finance Indaba Pre-Engagement Lecture Series in partnership with ZIMCODD. The initiative is equipping young people with knowledge on public finance, governance and accountability ahead of the 2nd Youth Public Finance Indaba.

In promoting transparency and access to information, YAI also submitted requests for information regarding the procurement of radiotherapy and cancer treatment machines reportedly acquired through ring-fenced sugar tax funds.

The action reflects YAI's commitment to ensuring accountability in the use of public resources.

Beyond Zimbabwe, YAI participated in the 6th African Youth SDGs Summit in Ghana, where the organisation contributed to conversations on governance, youth participation and sustainable development

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

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Your Ref:-
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THE INFORMATION OFFICER
Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
HARARE

Dear Sir/Madam

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE (OUR CLIENT) v YOURSELVES

We refer to the above matter wherein we act for and on behalf of our client, the Youth Accountability Initiative (YAI) on whose instance we address you. Kindly note our professional interest herein as follows.

We attempted to file a request for information on behalf of our client and officials from your offices refused to accept filing and service of the same demanding a covering letter instead. We wish to state that Requests for Information and the form which we utilised are prescribed in terms of the First Schedule to the Freedom of Information Act.

In the circumstances, we demand that you accept and process our client's request for information in terms of the law.

We accordingly advise.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]



YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY HANGOUT



In partnership with Hivos and ActionAid Zimbabwe, and with the support of the Embassy of Ireland, the Youth Accountability Initiative successfully hosted the Youth Accountability Hangout, bringing together young people, policymakers, civil society organisations and development partners for meaningful conversations on governance, accountability and public participation.

One of the key highlights was the WASH Panel Discussion, which unpacked critical issues surrounding water governance, accountability and access to clean, safe and affordable water in Zimbabwe. The discussion emphasized that water is a fundamental human right and called for stronger citizen participation, increased investment and transparent management of water resources.



The Hangout also featured a Parliamentary Hotseat Conversation with Hon. D. Chigumbu, where young people directly engaged their Member of Parliament on issues affecting their communities. Questions centred on parliamentary oversight, public finance, youth participation, budget consultations, the Youth Bill, WASH service delivery and the role of Parliament in strengthening accountability.

6TH AFRICAN YOUTH SDGS SUMMIT | GHANA



The Youth Accountability Initiative proudly participated in the 6th African Youth SDGs Summit in Ghana, represented by Team Lead Munashe C. Masiyiwa. The summit brought together young leaders from across the continent to advance solutions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

The summit, organized by the Youth Advocates Ghana, brought together over 1,000 youth leaders, activists, policymakers and development partners under the theme “Reimagining Africa through Youth-Driven Solutions.”

The summit focused on key areas including digital transformation, climate action, economic inclusion, gender equality and youth health. It featured interactive workshops, hackathons, pitch competitions, career coaching sessions, and the SDGs Awards, providing a platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and strengthening youth-led solutions for sustainable development across Africa



CELEBRATING TWO YEARS OF YOUTH ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE



As we celebrate this journey, we remain inspired by how far we have come and motivated by the work that still lies ahead. Here's to two years of impact and to many more years of empowering young people to shape accountable, inclusive and democratic societies across Zimbabwe and beyond.

These 2 Years, were about youth voice, accountability, impact and reimagining African future centering critical minerals, value addition and beneficiation.

June holds special significance for the Youth Accountability Initiative as we celebrate two years of advancing youth participation, accountability and good governance.

What began as a vision to amplify young people's voices has grown into a vibrant movement creating platforms for civic engagement, policy dialogue, digital governance, advocacy and regional collaboration. Over the past two years, YAI has empowered thousands of young people to participate meaningfully in decision-making processes and demand transparency from public institutions.

