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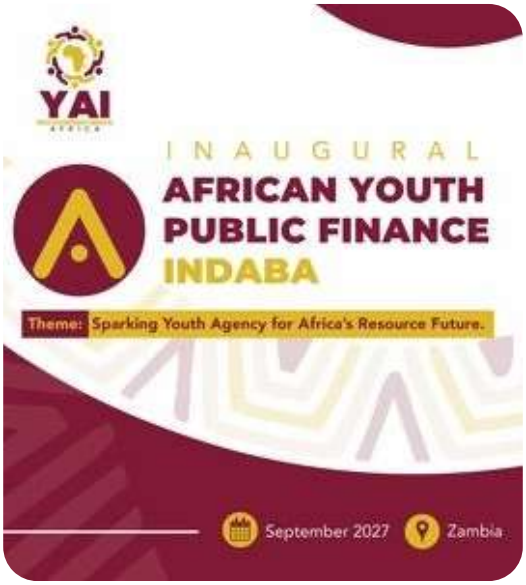
People -Centred Technologies in Africa |Kenya

YAI participated in the Summit on People-Centred Technologies in Africa in Nairobi, exploring how technology can strengthen accountability across critical mineral value chains and support Africa's climate transition.



Rich in Resources , But Who Gets Rich ?Accountability Hangout

YAI convened a Youth Accountability Hangout in Harare, bringing young people together to discuss natural resource governance, environmental justice and climate finance accountability. The engagement challenged how resource wealth is managed and called for benefits that reach communities.



African Youth Public Finance Indada Announcement

AYPFI 2027: Sparking Youth Agency!

YAI is proud to announce the inaugural African Youth Public Finance Indaba (AYPFI), coming to Zambia in September 2027 under the theme "Sparking Youth Agency for Africa's Resource Future."

The Indaba will bring young Africans together to advance accountability and shape conversations on the continent's resource future. Stay tuned for registration, sponsorship and participation opportunities!

EDITORIAL NOTE

This October, Youth Accountability Initiative Africa (YAI) continued to advance resource justice, climate accountability and meaningful youth participation through dialogue, advocacy and regional partnerships.

A key highlight was YAI's participation in the Summit on People-Centred Technologies in Africa in Nairobi, exploring how technology can strengthen accountability across critical mineral value chains. In Harare, YAI convened a Youth Accountability Hangout under the theme "Rich in Resources, But Who Gets Rich?", creating space for young people to discuss natural resource governance, environmental justice and climate finance accountability.

YAI also participated in the TrustAfrica @20 Celebration, contributing to conversations on African agency and the role of young people in shaping policies and development priorities. Looking ahead, the announcement of the inaugural African Youth Public Finance Indaba (AYPFI) 2027, set for Zambia in September, marks another milestone in strengthening youth agency in Africa's public finance and resource governance.

As we look ahead, YAI remains committed to ensuring that Africa's resources serve its people and that young people move beyond having a voice to meaningfully shaping the continent's future.









The Africa We Want, The Africa We Must Shape —TrustAfrica @20 Celebration

Youth Accountability Initiative Africa was represented by Programs Lead, Thandiwe Ndlovu, at the TrustAfrica @20 Celebration, joining fellow civil society leaders from Accountability Lab East and Southern Africa, Magamba Network and Economic Justice for Women in a roundtable discussion on African Agency.

The discussion explored Africa's capacity to define its own development priorities and the importance of moving beyond youth representation towards meaningful influence in policymaking, public resource allocation and economic decisions. Strengthening African agency requires inclusive institutions, accountable leadership and collective action that enables young people to shape the continent's future.

A key takeaway from the discussion was that African agency must translate into action, ownership and influence. Young people need more than platforms to express their views; they need the power and opportunities to influence decisions, shape development priorities and hold leaders accountable.

At YAI Africa, we believe young people must not simply inherit Africa's future; they must have the power to shape it today.



Rich in Resources ,but who gets rich? Hangout

On 9 October 2026, supported by MS TCDC and ActionAid Denmark.Youth Accountability Initiative Africa (YAI) convened a Youth Accountability Hangout in Harare under the theme *"Rich in Resources, But Who Gets Rich?"* The engagement provided a platform for young people to critically examine natural resource governance, environmental justice and climate finance accountability.

Through its *Follow the Climate Money* initiative, YAI continues to strengthen youth capacity to track climate finance, promote transparency and demand accountability in the management of public resources.

The engagement reaffirmed the importance of ensuring that Africa's natural resource wealth translates into equitable development, environmental protection and improved community livelihoods. Young people remain central to advancing accountable and inclusive resource governance.



People-Centred Technologies in Africa | Critical Minerals and Climate Transition

Youth Accountability Initiative Africa participated in the Summit on People-Centred Technologies in Africa in Nairobi, supported by Open Society Foundations.

YAI's Team Lead Munashe Masiyiwa joined a discussion led by Denis Gyeyir on critical minerals and Africa's climate transition, exploring how technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain and satellite mapping can strengthen accountability across mineral value chains.

The engagement highlighted that technological innovation must be accompanied by environmental protection, skills transfer, inclusive policies and meaningful participation from young people and marginalised communities.

The discussions reinforced the importance of ensuring that technology serves people, strengthens accountability and contributes to equitable and sustainable development across Africa.

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