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African Youth Fact Book Launch and Africa we want Scenarios Future Search

On the 24th March 2018, The Africa Alliance of YMCAs (AAYMCA) launched the African youth Fact Book - a comprehensive document constituting extensive research and analysis on the status of youth in Africa. It draws on both primary and secondary sources to explore how various youth indicators have evolved between 2010 and 2018, and to extrapolate the likelihood of how it will be in 2060 - what these indicators portend for the future of Africa. The Youth Fact Book encompasses views and opinions of over 2500 African youth from over 30 different African countries and African youth in the Diaspora and was launched by youth leaders and representatives from over 40 African countries. A wealth of information for all sectors of society, the African Youth Fact Book is an illustrative, descriptive document which has the potential to act as a guide for employers, healthcare practitioners and technology experts in understanding and engaging young people in the continent.

The launch of the African Youth Fact Book launch was conducted during the official opening of a five day Scenarios of Future Search conference that was held from 24th March to 28th March 2018. The African Futures Search Conference was anchored on the Youth Factbook and led to the development of 3 possible future Scenarios for Africa between 2018 and 2063. These Scenarios tell possible stories for the continent – important and critical stories. These Scenarios are the facilitating tools to catalyse dialogue around issues of concern and accountability on youth headed to 2063. They will illuminate opportunities, clarify consequences of action before hand, predict reaction of others and clarify the judgements that are needed. The Scenarios stories will enable African youth to engage with national, regional and continental partners – including governments and the private sector - to challenge conventional thinking and encourage proactive action on the future of the continent in relation to youth.

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