

ACMI Youth Forum

Virtual session

Thursday, 28 July

9:45 (EDT), 13:45 (GMT), 15:45 (CEST), 16:45 (EAT)

The ACMI

Elevating the role and voices of young people is a top priority for the Africa Climate Mobility Initiative (ACMI). A joint undertaking of the African Union Commission, the United Nations, and the World Bank, the ACMI supports the African continent in addressing climate-forced displacement and migration while harnessing climate mobility to advance its development agenda and further its economic & political integration.

Youth perspectives and engagement is integrated into the four pillars of the ACMI's people-centered & evidence-based approach that aims to: (1) Build knowledge through the development of a comprehensive Report entitled "Shaping the Future of Mobility in Africa: Addressing Climate-Forced Displacement & Migration"; (2) Forge a common agenda – the Agenda for Action – for COP 27 that identifies priorities for the next decade; (3) Connect & empower change agents through a continent-wide Community of Practice that enables the implementation and scaling of innovative local solutions; and (4) Accelerate implementation of the Agenda for Action through the promotion of strategic partnerships and pooling of resources.

The ACMI Youth Forum

Together with the African Union Youth Envoy, UNICEF, the Migration Youth and Children's Platform, YOUNGO, and the Resilient40 Africa, the ACMI has established a dedicated Youth Forum as part of its Community of Practice, to inform its work, drive common youth advocacy, and support youth-led and youth-focused action to address the risks and harness the opportunities associated with climate mobility in Africa. The work and engagements of the Youth Forum are supported by the Robert Bosch Stiftung.

The first virtual meeting of the Youth Forum was held on 7 April 2022 in the context of the ACMI Consultations to review and shape the analysis and recommendations informing the Africa Climate Mobility Report. Over 200 African youth actively participated in the discussion.

The Youth Forum at the ACMI Stakeholders Forum

On 28 July, the ACMI Youth Forum is holding its second convening as part of the ACMI Virtual Stakeholders Forum. The Stakeholders Forum will bring together all ACMI partners, stakeholders, as well as experts and representatives of key institutions and constituencies that have contributed to two years of modeling & field research and eight months of consultations to review the findings and generate a shared analysis, recommendations, and joint projects, forming a growing policy ecosystem for climate mobility across the African continent.

The second Youth Forum meeting will serve to present and discuss the draft key messages and recommendations of the ACMI Report and to kick-off the process of preparing for the UN Climate Change Conference in Egypt in November (COP27) by shaping common messages by youth and concrete youth-led and youth-focused initiatives to be presented at the COP. The Forum will give African youth the opportunity to share their key priorities for action and to shape proposed

deliverables for COP, including the drafting of an African youth declaration on climate mobility, the launch of a climate mobility youth innovation award, and the exploration of new partnerships to advance green skills, jobs and mobility for young Africans.

Draft Agenda

15min	<p>Opening: Addressing Climate Mobility through Youth Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome: Verena Knaus, UNICEF • <i>Keynote address: Chido Mpemba, AU Youth Envoy</i>
30min	<p>Towards a Youth-led Action Agenda on Climate Mobility for COP: Developing an African Youth Declaration <i>Rudo Nondo, Office of the AU Youth Envoy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of ACMI key messages & actions and voices of youth • Open Discussion: <i>What are key messages and priorities for youth? How can youth best raise and advance their priorities? How can the process of crafting a declaration be made inclusive and representative of diverse youth voices?</i>
40min	<p>Supporting the Agency of Young People in the Context of Climate Mobility: Building Partnerships for Green Skills, Jobs and Mobility <i>Michael Kakande, Resilient 40 Africa</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderated panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ipek Gencsu, ODI ○ Laura Schmid, ILO Africa ○ Michael Scheibenreif, Green Yoma ○ Helen Dempster, CGD/ C40 • Open Discussion: <i>What are critical sectors for green jobs generation in Africa at all skills levels? How can young Africans be supported in gaining the skills needed to drive the green transition? How can youth mobility for skills acquisition and green jobs be better facilitated?</i>
5min	<p>Closing <i>Elizabeth Gulugulu, YOUNGO</i></p>