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The East African Community (EAC), MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MSTCDC), East African Business Council (EABC) convened the 6th YouLead Summit 2022, from 12-16 December in Arusha Tanzania under the theme: Digital Access and Future of Work. Other partners for 2022 included the Danida Fellowship Centre (DFC), Oxfam, African Union's African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat (APRM), International Trade Centre, Independent Continental Youth Advisory Council on AfCFTA (ICOYACA) ActionAid International and Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre based at Makerere University. Ahead of the summit, a series of pre-summit activities and events were held, including the Continental Bootcamp for 60 Youth Leaders and Policy Makers on Youth inclusion in Social-Economic Development and Policy Formulation in Africa held Monday 05.12 – Friday 09.12, 2022 in Arusha Tanzania that drew participation from 15 African countries.

The summit had 620 delegates from over 45 African countries physically in Arusha and over 2300 virtual delegates. The summit was delivered in form of 4 main forums: the Under 40 Political Leaders Forum held on Monday 12 December that also featured the Policy Makers and Development Partners Roundtable and a Continental Fireside chat on Leadership for the Africa we want, the Under 40 Business Leaders Forum focused on how to make the the AfCFTA work for youth through the Protocol on Women and Youth in Trade, held on 13th December that featured the East Africa Youth Enterprise Awards (YEA), the Gender Equality Forum and the Arusha Peace Forum held on Wednesday 14th December.

To ensure that the life of summit discussions go beyond the summit reports, Thursday 15th December was dedicated to developing a Post-Summit Agenda of Action by the delegates and partners as a proactive post-summit program mechanism and providing the right entry points and opportunities for both policy and program level interventions and partnerships.

The summit featured key unveilings and launches, among them, the Launch of Tanzania Youth Democracy Dialogue Project, presentation of the EAC Youth Leadership Fellowship - an Emerging Leaders Fellowship Initiative being developed by the East African Community, Jakaya Kikwete Foundation (Tanzania), MS Training Centre for Development Cooperation (Ms TCDC), Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre (Uganda) and Emerging Leaders Foundation (Kenya).

The summit also featured the unveiling of the MS TCDC - Danida Fellowship Partnership – Together for Impact.
The Under 40 Business Leaders Forum featured the Pitching session for EAC Youth Enterprise Accelerator Awards (EAC YEA) for cross-border trade innovations focused on post-COVID-19 economic recovery and aimed at creating decent jobs for youth. The Business Leaders Forum was crowned by the launch of the Afrikan Youth Business Council (AfYBC) by H.E Albert Muchanga, African Union's Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry and Minerals. The AfYBC is a continental apex body for youth-led business entities.
More than just a summit, the Arusha Experience allowed delegates to explore the numerous tourist destinations and sites that give Arusha its rich history and relevance in the African renaissance.

The key recommendations emanating from the Summit informed the development of the Post-summit Agenda of Action.

As per YouLead's practice of participatory approaches and youth-led decision making, the summit was climaxed with a popular survey for delegates to contribute toward the YouLead Summit 2023 theme and destination. A majority of participants voted for the 2023 theme to be **"Youth economic empowerment"** followed by **"The role of youth innovations in advancing the Buy Africa - Build Africa Agenda"**.

On the destination city for the 2023 YouLead Summit by vote, delegates wish to see the summit hosted in **Nairobi, Kigali, Kampala, Arusha, Bujumbura, Kinshasa and Juba** respectively.

Important to note is that **voting by delegates is one among other factors that are considered for the theme and destination of each year's YouLead Summit.**

Notable Speakers of the summit included H.E Fatoumata Tambajang, former Vice President of The Gambia, Hon. Amb. Ezéchiel Nibigira, Chairperson, EAC Council of Ministers, who doubles as Minister Ministry of East African Community Affairs, Youth, Sports and Culture Republic of Burundi, Hon. Rebecca Miano, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of EAC Affairs, Hon. Paula Ingabire, Minister responsible for ICT and Innovation in the Republic of Rwanda, H.E Albert M. Muchanga, Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry, Mining (ETIM) at the African Union, Mr. John Bosco Kalisa, Chief Executive Officer-East African Business Council, H.E Donald J. Wright, US Ambassador to Tanzania, Ms. Charlene Ruto, First Daughter of the Republic of Kenya, H.E Mette Norgaard, Danish Ambassador to Tanzania, Prof. Eddy Maloka, Hon. Dr. Peter Mathuki, EAC Secretary General represented by Dr Irene Charles Isaka (Ms), Director Social Sectors, EAC, Ms Hodan Addou, UN Women Representative in Tanzania, Hon. Maasay Pamela Simon-EALA MP, Tanzania, Hon. Nusrat Hanje, MP. Tanzania, Dr Mona Girgis, Director of Plan International Tanzania, Ms Chido Cleopatra Mpemba, AU Youth Envoy among other dignitaries, Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamliton, Executive Director of the International Trade Centre, Ms. Yafika Chitanda representative of the AfCFTA Secretariat, Ms. Makena Mwobobia, Executive Director of MS TCDC and Mr. Ivan Atuyambe, Head of Leadership and Governance Academy at MS TCDC who also doubles as Director of YouLead.

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