Kampala, Uganda
Sheraton Hotel

AGENDA

DAY 1: Tuesday, 21 April 2015

YouthMap Assessments: YouthMap contributors engage in a multinational conversation on opportunities and challenges for youth in Sub-Saharan Africa

The first day of the conference will convene YouthMap assessment contributors and select stakeholders from the six assessment countries. Presentations and activities will focus on sharing an overall analysis of YouthMap findings across countries and sectors (e.g., education, health, employment, civic/political participation) and highlighting economic opportunities for youth. Interactive small group sessions will allow conference participants to identify common themes, lessons learned, and promising practices from across YouthMap countries that can be applied more broadly and inform future youth programming.

8:30–9:30 Registration and Youth Expo
Conference participants will have the opportunity to learn about the experiences and work of YouthMap beneficiaries, including:

- SET Africa Fellows showcasing their social ventures;
- YouthMap Uganda Internship Program graduates discussing their findings from research on youth perspectives of sexual and reproductive health and agricultural livelihoods.

9:30–10:30 Opening Session
Welcome remarks from the MC, IYF leadership, and leaders from the Governments of Uganda and the United States.

10:30–11:00 Overview of YouthMap
IYF will present background information on the YouthMap assessments in order to structure the day’s discussions. This presentation will highlight the need to focus on positive youth development and provide an initial look at the assessment findings through a thematic lens.

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break
Please enjoy the refreshments.

11:30–12:30 Thematic Working Groups I
In small groups focusing on one of the thematic areas from the YouthMap assessments, participants will use a systems thinking approach to map out a challenge or problem and identify key solutions and recommendations.
12:30–13:30  Lunch
Please enjoy lunch catered by the Sheraton Hotel.

13:30–14:15  Thematic Working Groups II
Groups from the morning session will continue to work together to generate recommendations, which they’ll present on flip charts.

14:15–14:45  Coffee Break/Gallery Walk
Recommendations generated in Session 1 will be posted in the conference hall, and conference guests are invited to review and validate them in an interactive gallery walk during the coffee break.

14:45–15:30  YouthMap Country Perspectives
A panel of representatives from each of the YouthMap countries will discuss promising practices and reactions to recommendations from the thematic working groups.

15:30–16:30  Promising Practice Working Groups
Participants will continue the conversation started by the country perspectives working panel to identify what promising practices could be applied in their own countries and recommendations for moving forward.

16:30–17:00  Closing Remarks
The day will close with remarks summarizing lessons learned, next steps based on the day’s discussions, and a preview of Day 2.
DAY 2: Wednesday, 22 April 2015

YouthMap Projects: Youth and stakeholders from across sectors discuss what works in youth-focused programming

The second day of the conference will bring together a variety of young people and youth-serving institutions to discuss programmatic responses to opportunities and challenges identified in the assessments. Youth participants and implementing partners from YouthMap innovation fund activities will discuss lessons learned, best practices, and opportunities for scale. The projects represented include an internship project promoting employability in Uganda, an agriculture project promoting entrepreneurship in Senegal, and the SET Africa fellowship program which promotes leadership and social innovation regionally. Participants will have the opportunity to join thematic breakout sessions to explore two of the three projects.

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9:30–10:00 Opening Session
Welcome remarks by the MC and a representative of the Government of Uganda.

10:00–10:45 YouthMap Voices
Youth from each of the YouthMap projects (a Ugandan intern, a Senegalese entrepreneur, and a SET Africa fellow) will share their experiences and introduce the audience to the projects being highlighted throughout the day.

10:45–11:15 Coffee Break
Please enjoy the refreshments.

11:15–12:45 Breakout Sessions I
Participants can select one of the following sessions to learn more about the YouthMap project addressing that theme and discuss best practices, opportunities, and recommendations for future youth programming in that thematic area.
- A: Employability (Internship Program - Uganda)
- B: Entrepreneurship (Jeunes Agriculteurs - Senegal)
- C: Leadership (SET Africa - Regional)

12:45–13:45 Lunch
Please enjoy lunch catered by the Sheraton Hotel.

13:45–15:15 Breakout Sessions II
Participants can select one of the following sessions to learn more about the YouthMap project addressing that theme and discuss best practices,
opportunities, and recommendations for future youth programming in that thematic area.

- A: Employability (Internship Program - Uganda)
- B: Entrepreneurship (Jeunes Agriculteurs - Senegal)
- C: Leadership (SET Africa - Regional)

15:15–15:45 Coffee Break
Please enjoy the refreshments.

15:45–16:30 YouthMap Partners
A cross-sectoral panel including representatives from IYF, USAID, the private sector, and the Government of Uganda will discuss recommendations generated during the breakout sessions and what institutions and/or individuals can do to effectively engage youth moving forward.

16:30–17:00 Closing Session
Closing remarks by the MC and a representative of USAID.

17:00 Networking Event
Guests are invited to remain at the venue to enjoy refreshments and informal conversation.

NB: The agenda will be updated continuously in the lead-up to the conference in order to provide more information on event activities and speakers.