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Youth and SDGs

Localising SDGs via-à-vis Youth – the EU ACP youth perspective

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1. Why is the localisation of SDGs important for youth?

➤ **EU-ACP Cotonou Partnership: Art. 26 on 'youth issues'**



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Cooperation shall also support the establishment of a **coherent and comprehensive policy for realising the potential of youth so that they are better integrated into society to achieve their full potential.** In this context, cooperation shall support policies, measures and operations aimed at:

- a) *protecting the rights of children and youth, especially those of girl children;*
- b) *promoting the skills, energy, innovation and potential of youth in order to enhance their economic, social and cultural opportunities and enlarge their employment opportunities in the productive sector;*
- c) *helping community-based institutions to give children the opportunity to develop their physical, psychological, social and economic potential; and*
- d) *reintegrating into society children in post-conflict situations through rehabilitation programmes.*

2. How can localising SDGs promote youth involvement in SDG implementation?



Where are youth in the

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

???

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

No
'Youth'
SDG
5 of 169
targets
refer to
'youth'

4
QUALITY
EDUCATION



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

8
DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

13
CLIMATE
ACTION



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*

"The SDGs are an indivisible tapestry of priorities for collective action." UN
SG Ban
Ki-Moon

3. Recommendations – LOCALISE:

Youth can support implementation of SDGs!

1. Pioneer Youth-mainstreaming

➤ *UN ECOSOC 'gender-mainstreaming' definition*

2. Align SDGs with Regional and Local Agendas

➤ *e.g. AU Vision – goal 18 on empowered youth and children*

3. Create an enabling environment for youth & youth organisations

➤ *Commonwealth Youth networks, ACP YPN
Regional Reps & ACP YPN SDG Ambassadors*



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