

# ACP YPN'S POST-COTONOU WISHLIST



TOP 10 WISHES FOR ACP-EU  
POST-COTONOU PARTNERSHIP



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# OUR WISHLIST

## For youth inclusion, representation and resilient societies...

1. Enlist the **thematic expertise of youth advisors** in all future ACP-EU negotiations and consultations.
2. Create a **Youth Advisor Database** in collaboration with ACP missions within the EU.
3. Implement a **Youth Fund** that supports the on-going work of ACP youth organisations, such as the ACP YPN and partners' initiative of Black History Month EU #BHMEU.
4. Guarantee youth inclusion in all aspects of the EU-ACP partnership, as already initiated by ACP YPN via the **ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly Youth Forums**.
5. **Co-produce the ACP Youth Forum** in order to ensure a representative methodology is used; guarantee its convening on an annual basis.
6. Finance **ACP scholarships** to EU academic institutions, such as the College of Europe.
7. Introduce **fully-funded internships** at the ACP Secretariat in Brussels and Geneva; ensure ACP youth who are resident in Europe but are not citizens of an EU member state can also benefit from internships in EU institutions.
8. Endeavour to open up **region-based ACP offices** to ensure better connection with ACP constituents.
9. Celebrate contributions by ACP diaspora to the development of Europe and ACP countries, for example, through the creation of **an annual "Young ACP Leader" award** but also acknowledging the contributions of ACP Youth via the Young European of the Year.
10. Introduce an **ACP methodology that reflects and celebrates our diversity** at events (e.g. ACP catering, attire, and ACP exhibitions alongside political discussions) to demonstrate our connection to local and global issues we face.

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