

The All Africa Youth Pre-Congress



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As the clock ticks towards the All Africa Youth Congress (AAYC) in Ghana in October 2022, preparations have gone into high gear. The AAYC was initially scheduled to be held in 2020, but was put off due to the coronavirus pandemic.

As part of the road to Ghana activities, AACC hosted a pre-congress gathering, which brought 50 youth leaders from across the continent to deliberate and share ideas ahead of the 2022 gathering. The youth leaders were selected from AACC member churches across the continent. Other youth leaders outside the network of member churches were invited as facilitators and presenters.

The All Africa Youth Pre Congress Event was held from the 25th to the 29th of October 2021. The youth leaders deliberated on the important themes shaping the discourse in Africa. The event feeds into the conversations directed towards the main event the maiden AAYC. A keynote address was delivered by a young and passionate pan Africanist, Rev Damon Mkandawire from Zambia, who called upon young people to work together to build Africa.

Discussions topics ranged from climate change, debt, illicit financial flows, migration, and entrepreneurship. During the plenary sessions, the youth leaders emphasized on the need for Africa to decolonize the education system in order to reignite the pan African movement.

The youth leaders feel that this is the key to installing a software for pan Africanism in the continent. This topic will be further explored in the main All Africa Youth Congress (AAYC), which is scheduled for 29 October to 4 November 2022.



In addition, the AAYC pre congress event happened two weeks after AACC convened a roundtable for young entrepreneurs in Africa. One of the entrepreneurs who participated in the roundtable, Henry Cobbler, a tech entrepreneur from Ghana, delivered a thrilling presentation during the event. The youth leaders appreciated the work and the rise of young entrepreneurs who are leading innovative projects in the continent. Young entrepreneurs are an important piece in the transformation of the continent.

The event gave an opportunity for youth leaders to imagine the Africa: My Home. My Future. The transformation of the continent requires the unity of young people, who are willing to drive and tell the African story.

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