



African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) is a loose youth network that was conceived in 2006 in Nairobi Kenya, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Climate Conference of Youth (COY) to be held just before the UNFCCC COP 12. AYICC aims to ensure the participation and involvement of African youth in the international climate change and sustainable development policy processes, which later guides the implementation of youth related projects at the country level.

The network comprises of 38 country chapters and membership consisting of, but not limited to youth organizations working on climate change and sustainability development issues. The members of the African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) address the bigger picture of climate change by appreciating its links with sustainable development. In this regard, the AYICC will link climate change and poverty reduction targets, especially in terms of utilizing appropriate and ecologically viable strategies. Thus ensuring both positive developments and avoiding the negative impacts of climate change.

This initiative has continued to link, and share knowledge, ideas, experiences, skills and strategies on youth action around the continent on climate change mitigation and adaptation. It has been identified by most youth to have the potential to provide a platform for them to address their regional challenges at such international gatherings as the UNFCCC among others. Since the inception of AYICC, we have worked in partnership with international youth movements and have played a great role in the establishment of the International Youth Climate Movement whose youth member organizations are now officially acknowledged by the UNFCCC as the YOUNGO (Youth NGOs)

#### **OUR CORE OBJECTIVES**

1. To provide a platform for young people in the African Countries to engage in dialogue and share experiences with regard to youth participation in climate change.
2. To advocate and lobby for active representation and participation of youth in climate change activities in particular and sustainable development in general.
3. To build partnerships and mobilize resources that will build the capacities of youth and youth organizations to play an active role in the implementation of climate change agreements and projects in the Africa region.
4. Play a leading role in promoting and implementing climate change education and research, adaptation and mitigation in Africa.
5. Initiate youth leadership processes by creating a platform for transfer of leadership skills and principles of transparent governance.

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**Motto: African Youth: This is Our Time!**