



MAIN THEMES OF THE HIGH LEVEL SUMMIT

- *Startups in Africa: Inventory of fixtures.*
- *African Start-ups Background and success Stories Presentation.*
- *Start-ups and Financial institutions: What kinds of partnership for more efficiency into the financing process on the African global scale.*
- Panel discussion: Coworking-brainstorming-Ideation on: 'Startups, opportunities for young people jobs creation and growth in Africa'.
- Empowering girls through Start-ups initiatives: The Mechanisms of implementation.
- Contribution of tech-startups to agricultural development in Africa: the ways to support.
- Internet and energy access affordability and challenges for the continent startups.
- Works in 3 sub- committees on #MMS
 - M: Mentoring
 - M: Monitoring
 - S: Support
- Plenary session debate and adoption of sub-committees works and resolutions.
- Gala-Dinner with Heads of States.

CONCEPTUAL NOTE

The **Panafrican Think Tank, Youth-GAIN** (Youth-Global African Initiative Network) in close collaboration with the **Government of Burkina Faso** and under the **High Patronage of its President, Roch Marc Christian KABORE**, are pleased to hold the first ever **Panafrican High Level Summit on Africa and its Diaspora Youth Start-ups Initiatives**. The event will take place on **26th -28th May 2017** in **OUGADOUGOU**, the capital city of Burkina Faso, where more about thirty Heads of States, of Governments, Panafrican and international institutions, Financial partners are expected to come: **This High Level Summit is to be placed as an environment of meetings by excellence of policies convergences, entrepreneurship initiatives and promotion by Youth towards Youth on the Africa scale and its Diaspora. Those who are breaking new grounds and deserve mentoring, monitoring and support #MMS.**

Over the last decades, we have seen Africa and its Diaspora youths playing a key role in shaping the African society, and are in fact, an important force for development, whether they are employees, students, leaders, entrepreneurs or ordinary persons. And there is no need to recall that most of time, statistics point out clearly the direct correlation between the prosperity of a nation and empowerment of young people. However, we must recognize, the progress made to enhance young people initiatives in

¹ The programme, including sessions times and composition, may be subject to change.



Africa has been rather slow than expected, and this in turn hinders abilities of the continent to reach its full potential and achieve its growth goals.

Central questions remain:

*How can we come together to set a common large platform for Africa and its Diaspora young people global initiatives in order to better tackle the fighting against unemployment?

*How can youth be fully involved in driving the continent's development, when they are the least empowered and employed? *And broadly speaking, how can Africa fulfil its potential and become a dynamic pole of growth and prosperity in the global field of entrepreneurship, when more than 60% of its population is less empowered?

The Panafrican High Level Summit on Africa and its Diaspora Youth Start-ups Initiatives will bring together over 2000 participants from business, academia and leaders, youth startups initiatives and entrepreneurs, as well as key decision makers from the public and private sector and Heads of States. Themes will be focused on **"Startups, opportunities for young people jobs creation and growth in Africa"**.

Through a combination of panel discussions, communication debates, conferences, case-study presentations, B to C exhibition and networking activities, the **High Level Summit** will offer a great platform to meet, network and share the challenges, experiences and success stories of African youths who are changing the game on the continent and internationally as well.



OBJECTIVES OF THE PANAFRICAN HIGH LEVEL SUMMIT

- Join the Panafrican debates about structural economic development through the African youth initiatives promotion.
- Share experiences, success stories and challenges to inspire youths forward.
- Set a global platform gathering Africa and its Diaspora youth startups to holistically strengthen the impact of their different initiatives on the continent.
- Make the hashtag **#Youth-Promoting-Youth-#ForConcreateJobs** into reality.

