UNODC
EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE (E4J)
YOUTH SIDE EVENT
3rd Pan African Youth Conference and the Annual General Assembly Meeting of the African Youth Commission
Banjul, Gambia | 25 March 2019
11:00-12:30

WHO WE ARE

Youth are fundamentally important in promoting a culture that supports the rule of law, crime prevention and criminal justice! That is one of the underlying principles of the Doha Declaration, which was adopted at the conclusion of the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The Doha Declaration highlights the importance of education as a tool to preventing crime and corruption.

The Education for Justice (E4J) initiative was developed as part of UNODC’s Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration. E4J seeks to prevent crime and promote a culture of lawfulness through education activities designed for primary, secondary and tertiary levels.

LIVING LIBRARY

The side event will follow the “Living Library concept”: the librarian – Ms. Wambui Kahara, will prepare the audience for the “reading process” to empower the “readers” (the audience and participants) to ask questions to the “living books”. The “Living Books” - four young African leaders - will share their experiences working in their respective countries as agents of change. They will discuss how they see their role in achieving the SDGs, particularly SDG 16, what they expect from UNODC and how they think they can support their governments, regional and international organizations and their communities to strengthen the rule of law in their countries.

LIBRARIAN AND LIVING BOOKS

Wambui Kahara is the UNODC Regional Youth Advisor for Eastern Africa. She has served as Kenya’s Youth Representative to the United Nations appointed by the Kenya Government. She established the United Nations Youth Delegates programme in Kenya and was one of the coordinators of the UN Joint Programme on Youth.

Kudzai Mukaratirwa is a Zimbabwean who is currently the Director of Online Model United Nations, a global debate and educational development platform. He has worked on youth development programs in East Africa, Qatar, Afghanistan and also on larger international projects. He was the originator and principal organizer of a recent Blue Heart, anti-trafficking campaign.

Priscilla Wepia Ametame is a 4th year Law student at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. Between 2017 and 2018, she served as the Ghana United Nations Youth Observer. She is a Co-founder of the Adehye Learning Initiative, an initiative aimed at promoting sustainable development and creating jobs for people in rural communities through ICT.

Edward Githaiga is the Co-founder and Convener of the Youth Voices, a premier youth-led organization in Kenya. He is the co-founder of Youth Economic Empowerment Program. Currently he is implementing a National Youth Agricultural Park dubbed Vijana Na Oilseeds Program.

Tiruwork Mekuriaw Kelkay is the Director of Youth Mainstreaming and Job Creation Monitoring & Evaluation at the Ministry of Women, Children and Youth in Ethiopia. She has also been a Senior Expert on training and research at the Ministry of Youth and Sport as well as the Ministry of Women Children and Youth Affairs in Ethiopia.