

**African  
Youth4Climate**  
*Together for Green Goals!*



## Code of Ethics and Good Conduct within African Youth4Climate (AY4C)

### 1- Introduction

African Youth4Climate is an initiative that resulted from the various experiences and common will of African Youth Delegates and Climate Leaders at the UN Youth Summit "Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition" at the PreCOP26 in Milan.

#### Vision

African Youth4Climate envisions to pioneer as a continental initiative that federates and ensures, within a formal framework, the synergy of climate action, the inclusion of youth voices and their diverse green innovations for a healthy, carbon neutral, resilient, more just, peaceful and sustainable Africa.

#### Mission

To unite member networks, organizations, green businesses and stakeholders in federating climate action across the continent in a formal regular and concrete manner whilst including and monitoring youth voices and innovations in African Union and United Nations decision-making processes on climate, environmental and sustainability issues.

## OBJECTIVES

African Youth4Climate aims to:

- To identify and federate youth climate networks and actions for an effective fight against climate change in Africa;
- To create a formal and institutional continental space for regular and meaningful dialogues with youth and stakeholders, and an effective monitoring system for the implementation of climate proposals, strategies and policies for improved sustainability in Africa;
- Strengthen and increase the leadership of young people engaged in the fight against climate change with strong representation in local, national and international decision-making bodies;
- Facilitate access to funds and support for scaling up climate initiatives at international, continental, national and local levels.
- Monitor the inclusion of youth organizations, businesses and innovation in the negotiations and implementation of strong resolutions for true climate justice in Africa and from all these angles.

Thus, African Youth4Climate promotes a platform where different entities share information through working groups, thematic meetings and climate projects or other actions, with respect for confidentiality and common values by each of its members being essential. Stakeholders (activists, journalists, scientists, green entrepreneurs and innovators, representatives of NGOs, associations, national and international bodies,...) gathered together can also be expected to work in synergy to implement joint development projects for climate action in line with our common vision. In order to ensure that the quality and safety of working conditions within African Youth4Climate are maintained, the organization has decided to adopt a code of ethics and good conduct.

The purpose of this code is to ensure that the common values, rules of good conduct and confidentiality to which each member of the working group(s) is invited to adhere are respected. This Code requires all members of African Youth4Climate to respect the rules of ethics, the principles of sustainable development and the laws and regulations in force.

The Code must be signed by each African Youth4Climate Member. It shall apply throughout the duration of the membership of the Member of African Youth4Climate. Failure to abide by the principles set out in this Code may constitute serious reasons and may, where appropriate, lead to the removal of the Member from African Youth4Climate.

## 2. Commitments and rules of good conduct

The Members undertake to favour the accomplishment of the different group activities, notably by mutual aid between members according to the fields of competence and activities of each, according to a principle of complementarity. They communicate all legal and authorized information that may contribute to the development of the activities of African Youth4Climate while committing to implement all the means necessary for the realization of collaborative projects.

The Members undertake to be in good financial standing with regard to any contributions of a financial nature which will be withheld as necessary and by common agreement by the Members for the realisation of the voluntary activities, under penalty of having the membership suspended temporarily or definitively in the event of non-payment of the sum required.

### 2.1. Respect for confidentiality and intellectual property

Members agree to respect all confidentiality commitments and/or rules that may be established by African Youth4Climate according to their level of responsibility.

It is strictly forbidden to submit any part or any project or initiative internal to African Youth4Climate, proposals or ideas unilaterally to other institutions or stakeholders other than those officially defined by the Coordination.

It is strictly forbidden to appropriate property belonging to another Member. Respect for the intellectual property of each Member is important.

African Youth4Climate is responsible for communication activities (photographs, press and publicity, brochures, newsletter, ....). Any member who wishes to speak on behalf of a working group and/or African Youth4Climate should inform the African

Youth4Climate coordination and should only communicate on validated information and with agreed terms and language.

## 2.2. Mutual respect of the Members

In particular, each Member is required to:

- Maintain the equipment of each African Youth4Climate Member in good and safe conditions;
- Refrain from any criminal and/or inappropriate use of the property of an African Youth4Climate Member.

Any act, word or gesture that discriminates against any person, including but not limited to religious, ethnic, disability or political affiliation, is prohibited. It is the responsibility of each member to maintain a courteous behaviour and a respectful attitude, free of any discrimination.

Any conflicts between members must be settled in a way that respects the interests of each party.

## 2.3. Common Values

Each Member agrees to respect and ensure respect within African Youth4Climate for the following principles:

- Confidentiality of African Youth4Climate's green and collaborative innovation projects;
- Commitment, honesty, discernment, sharing and peace;
- Rigour, assiduity and diligence;
- Solidarity, loyalty and sense of public interest.

In the context of their relations with the outside world, Members must at all times ensure that they:

- Respect an obligation of discretion and confidentiality concerning all their activities and the projects of African Youth4Climate;
- Respect an obligation of careful consideration and prudence in relations with all persons, natural or respect a duty of reserve and caution in dealings with all persons, natural or legal, outside African Youth4Climate;

- Convey a positive image of African Youth4Climate and avoid any behaviour or attitude that could damage this image and harm its reputation and good name.

#### 2.4. Respect for the laws and regulations in force

Each Member undertakes to respect the laws and regulations in force, as well as the rules of public order.

### 3. Implementation of the Code

African Youth4Climate, as the initiator of the working groups, is the responsible for the respect of the Code. The Ethics and Good Conduct Monitoring Council is composed of eight (08) Coordinating Members, namely:

- Ms Blanche Ariane Apovo,
- Ms Karishma Ansaram,
- Ms Lydia Halidi,
- Mr Mian Joseph Atta,
- Mr Johannes S.E Goudjanou
- Mr Hassan Bichara Hassan,
- Mr Morgan Mpandi,
- Mr Kouakou Soualiho Ouattara,

is responsible for the proper application of this Code of Ethics and Good Conduct by each of the Members.

Each Member undertakes to systematically make the external persons he/she employs sign Each Member undertakes to ensure that all external persons employed by them in the context of an activity, project or any other action related to African Youth4Climate, sign a confidentiality undertaking and possibly a non-conflict of interest undertaking.

This Code is given to each of the Members of African Youth4Climate, who ratify it and agree to abide by its contents.

Consequently, Members are invited to submit to any member of the Ethics and Good Conduct Monitoring Council any remark or proposal that could make the text of this Code evolve, in order to work towards the implementation of an effective ethics policy within the working groups.

### 3.1. Declaration of consent:

I agree that once the purpose for which the data was collected has been fulfilled, my personal data or data collected by me will become the property of African Youth4Climate.

I consent to being photographed or filmed at professional events and to the use of such images in African Youth4Climate's communication activities (brochures, newsletter, print and broadcast media).

I agree that my personal data or data collected by me may be communicated to the various stakeholders of African Youth4Climate as required for the provision of services.

I acknowledge that I have read the Code and agree to its terms, to respect it and to ensure that it is respected.

Dated at: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

Surname and first name of signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Function / quality of signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Your ORGANIZATION / COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature, I declare that I have read and understood this document and undertake to comply with it without reservation. In case of non-compliance with one or more of these articles, I expose myself to sanctions (warning, temporary exclusion, permanent exclusion) defined and notified by African Youth4Climate.

This consent is valid indefinitely.

Read and Approved

Signature: