

## Introduction

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) contributes to building the capacity of state and non-state actors to play their part in Rwanda's sustainable development process. "*There is nothing for young people without youth engagement*" and Rwanda needs young citizens who are well-informed, engaged, able to develop the necessary skills and values. Thus, the FES runs *the 1. Young Citizen Training Program (YCTP)* to encourage young professionals to participate actively in the development of the country by utilizing their full potentials.

## Beneficiaries

- ✓ 24 young women and men from civil society organizations, government institutions, trade unions, the media, the private sector, universities, the public sector and various districts in Rwanda.

## Specific Objectives

Young citizens representing various organizations and institutions

- ✓ build their capacity so that they can contribute to the processes of achieving the national vision and the sustainability of learning outcomes,
- ✓ understand and apply relevant concepts and tools of personal development, citizenship and communication.

## Expected results and indicators

At the end of the program, young citizens are able to:

- ✓ discover the concepts of good governance and their implications in the citizenship role in relation to the national priorities,
- ✓ understand and situate themselves in relation to regional and international trends,
- ✓ develop democratic values and culture in their citizenship,
- ✓ use acquired techniques and tools to engage more actively in society,
- ✓ carry out a personal project to improve organizational structures and behaviours.

## Concretely....

The young citizens take an active and visible position in addressing current challenges;

- ✓ learners connect with resource persons and the world of the FES network;
- ✓ at least one pre-identified challenge is completed for each source organization after the training;
- ✓ a joint project is carried out by the group of learners to promote & experience good governance practices;
- ✓ young citizens commit to initiate social impact initiative in their respective communities

## Content

The YCTP is a group citizenship learning program that includes

- ✓ thematic training and personal development tools
- ✓ Activities and Conferences; Visits and Meetings with Rwandan and foreign personalities;
- ✓ Study tours and Simulation exercises and role-playing games;
- ✓ Personal, group or peer support work, online documentation; Film screenings and case studies;...

### **Stakeholders**

- ✓ Academics, diplomats, political figures, national and international experts from fields as diverse as sociology, economics and politics, journalists or artists ...

### **Duration and Frequency**

- ✓ 09 sessions of 2-4 days per month / in residential system in Kigali.
- ✓ the launch of the program will be organized in February and the graduation of the trained citizens will take place in October 2020.

### **Training schedule dates**

Thursday, 20th – Saturday, 22nd of February 2020

Thursday, 19th- 21st of March 2020

Friday, 3rd – Saturday, 4th of April 2020

Thursday, 21st – Saturday, 23rd of May 2020

Thursday, 18th – Saturday, 20th of June 2020

Wednesday, 22nd – Saturday, 25th of July 2020

Friday, 21st – Saturday, 22nd of August 2020

Thursday, 17th – Saturday, 19th of September 2020

Wednesday, 21st – Friday, 23rd of October 2020

### **Topics**

SESSION 1: Ethics and Citizenship

SESSION 2: Good Governance and Good Practices

SESSION 3: Genocide and Memory Preservation

SESSION 4: Decent Work and Social Protection

SESSION 5: Climate Change and Global Trends

SESSION 6: Study Trip

SESSION 7: Open Space

SESSION 8: Sustainable Development and Inclusive Economic Transformation

Session 9: Foreign Policy and Regional Integration

### **Selection criteria**

- ✓ Young women and men, who are involved in social and/or community activities,
- ✓ Aged between 20 and 30 years,
- ✓ Holders of a university degree and/or 2 years of professional experience,
- ✓ Fluent in Kinyarwanda and English, French knowledge is an advantage.

On **Friday, 24th of January at 09.00am** an YCTP 2020 information session will be organized at FES Rwanda in Kigali. Interested participants are invited to attend this information session.

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