

PRESS RELEASE

100 DAYS OF GLOBAL GOALS

Young people call for Zimbabwe Government to act on new Global Goals

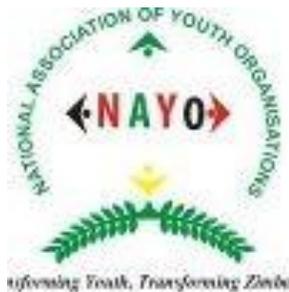
On the 100th day of the Global Goals coming into effect, young campaigners from the, the National Association of Youth Organizations (NAYO Africa) through the National Youth Working Group on Development Effectiveness (NYDE), Youth Power and Restless Development are being involved in several activities across the country to call on the Zimbabwe Government to show their plan to end poverty, inequality, create decent jobs and climate change among other goals which the government has decided to focus on. Today 08 of April marks the 100 Days of Global Goals; young people are calling for Zimbabwe government to have a consolidated plan that includes them from planning, monitoring and implementation.

The Zimbabwe Government signed up to the Global Goals also known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) late last year and they came into effect on 1st January 2016. There are fifteen years to implement the goals, but with the previous set of global targets (Millennium Development Goals) criticized for making a slow start, campaigners (we) are insisting that the same mistake cannot happen again.

The Government of Zimbabwe through the Ministry of Macro-Economic Planning and Investment Promotion has selected some Sustainable Goals from the 17 that fit into the Zimbabwean context and in line with ZIM ASSET Clusters.

Youth in Zimbabwe are therefore asking:

- If Government has a plan on how they will ensure the Global Goals are fully implemented and monitored.
- If Government include young people in this planning process. Count on our ideas, skills and passion for sustainable development and,
- We urge our government to present their progress towards achieving the Global Goals during this year's High Level Political Forum at the United Nations headquarters in New York.



In monitoring the realization of these SDGs, young people play a critical role as the majority of Zimbabwean population. Development effectiveness cannot be realized if youth are represented as passive actors or largely invisible. This should be like in the ‘three-lens approach to youth participation’ adapted from the World Bank Development Report 2007. Youth participation can be viewed through three lenses:

- With youth as beneficiaries;
- With youth as partners and/or
- With youth as leaders.

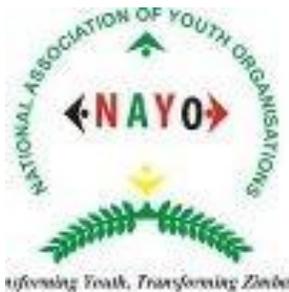
The ultimate aim is to develop youth as partners and leaders in development; based on youth having agency; the capacity to act, skills and capabilities and the ability to change their own lives.

Coordinator of NAYO Africa Macdonald Munyoro noted that, "The UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon asserted before world leaders that 'youth are the torch-bearers of the SDGs' giving prominence to the role of youth in development. A **100 days** now, we are keen to know how Zimbabwe and the UN itself are engaging youth (torch-bearers). Through NYDE and Youth Power we are making our clarion call for youth to take a lead in the roll-out of the SDGs."

Cat Currie, Youth Power Global Campaign Manager, said: “If we’re going to solve the world’s toughest problems, every day counts. Almost a hundred days ago, world leaders committed to the Global Goals and we as young people want to know what the plan is to make these goals a reality. We’re committed to using our Youth Power to making sure these Global Goals get off to the best possible start”.

The call for action on the 100th day of the Global Goals is a part of our campaign involving over fifty partners worldwide. The campaign supports young people and their collective power to turn the Global Goals promises into reality.

NANGO National Youth Chairperson Misheck Gondo alluded that, “The involvement of youth in spectrum for development is a panacea to effective development; young people form the basis for the present and the future. Our government should fulfill the constitutional obligation



enshrined in section 20 that is poised to empower youth and expand their participation in all national processes. SDGs are such processes that young people need to be at the epicenter as opposed to the periphery, as in the past processes”

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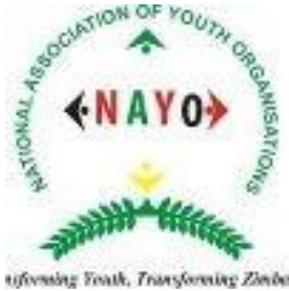
Campaign Partners

National Association of Youth Organization (NAYO Africa)

NAYO Africa is an umbrella body of youth organizations and the Current Global Youth Coordinator for Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE), <http://csopartnership.org> . NAYO Africa is a Co- Chair the following International Working Groups: Agenda 2030 Working Group and Development Effectiveness Working Group respectively, and also an External Advisor to Action Aid International Youth Programs. Currently, NAYO Africa is part of the Core-Team planning and leading the preparations of High Level Meeting 2 by GPEDC to take place in Nairobi in November 2016; the meeting has a major bias to youth empowerment and development. NAYO Africa is the SADC-AAYC Regional Youth Coordinator. At local level NAYO Africa is leading the National Youth Working Group on Development Effectiveness (NYDE) that seeks to transform SDGs in to reality by simply involving young people in line with 20 youth specific targets set from 6 SDGs developed by UNDP. NAYO Africa is the youth Chairperson under National Associations of NGOs in Zimbabwe (NANGO) (<http://www.nango.org.zw>)

Youth Power Campaign

‘Youth Power’ is a global campaign by Restless Development the youth led international development agency to support young people making sure the promises of the Global Goals become reality. World leaders have signed up to Global Goals which promise to end poverty, inequality and climate change. These promises can only be kept with the unique power of young



people: taking action to influence their leaders, working together to use their collective power, and by having the opportunities to influence the leaders making these decisions that affect young people's lives.

Restless Development

Restless Development is the youth led international development agency, putting young people at the forefront of change and development. We operate in ten countries across Africa, Asia and in the UK and US, with a network across the world. We focus on healthy and safe sexual lives, decent livelihoods, and young people being involved in the decisions that affect their lives. We listen to young people, our work is led by young people, and together we help young people make lasting change in their own communities.