

# Youth Entrepreneurs Chambers Africa (YECA)

Empowering Africa's Youth for Sustainable Transformation

#### **About Us**

Youth Entrepreneurs Chambers Africa (YECA) is a regional non-profit and professional development organization dedicated to empowering young people to become catalysts of sustainable social and economic transformation across Africa. Founded on the belief that Africa's youth are its greatest resource, YECA works to nurture their potential through capacity building, innovation, mentorship, and enterprise,

development.

YECA provides a dynamic platform for young entrepreneurs, innovators, and professionals to connect, learn, and grow. We equip youth with essential skills, tools, and networks needed to thrive in an increasingly competitive global economy while contributing meaningfully to their communities and national development goals.

#### **Vision**

To be the leading hub for empowering African youth to become skilled, innovative, and resilient entrepreneurs driving inclusive and sustainable development.

#### **Mission**

To equip young people with practical knowledge, entrepreneurial skills, and professional competencies that foster employability, innovation, and self-reliance across Africa.

#### **Core Values**

- Integrity: Promoting transparency, accountability, and ethical leadership.
- Innovation: Inspiring creativity and forward-thinking solutions.
- Excellence: Ensuring quality and professionalism in all our programs.
- Inclusiveness: Empowering both young women and men from all backgrounds.
- Collaboration: Building partnerships for sustainable impact.

#### **Strategic Program Areas**

## **Youth Skills Development and Employability**

- Short courses in Work Readiness, Financial Literacy, and Entrepreneurship Essentials
- Internship and mentorship linkages with local enterprises
- Job readiness bootcamps and employability coaching sessions
- Certification training in Monitoring & Evaluation and Project Management

## **Entrepreneurship and Business Development**

- Entrepreneurship and innovation training workshops
- Start-up incubation and business coaching
- Access to finance, business plan competitions, and networking events
- Proposal development and fundraising clinics
- Market linkages and digital business promotion

## **Capacity Building and Professional Development**

- Tailored short courses in M&E, Project Management, and Fundraising
- Training of Trainers (ToT) programs for youth leaders and CSOs
- Certification in results-based management and organizational development
- Consultancy and technical support to youth-led initiatives

## **Financial Literacy and Economic Empowerment**

- Practical financial literacy training
- Budgeting and savings campaigns
- Business financial management for startups and SMEs
- Cooperative formation and financial inclusion advocacy

### Innovation, Research and Policy Advocacy

- Youth innovation labs and idea incubation
- Research on youth employment and entrepreneurship trends
- Policy dialogues and youth leadership forums
- Advocacy for youth economic empowerment policies

#### **Training and Certification Programs**

- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)
- Project Planning and Management
- Financial Literacy and Business Management
- Entrepreneurship and Start-up Development
- Work Readiness and Soft Skills
- Proposal Writing and Fundraising Techniques
- Leadership and Communication for Impact
- Carrier Guidance and coaching

At Youth Entrepreneurs Chambers Africa (YECA), we believe that sustainable development is achieved through collaboration and shared purpose. YECA stands as a trusted partner to governments, NGOs, community-based organizations,

academic institutions, and private sector actors committed to advancing youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, and employability across Africa.

We therefore call upon interested individuals, academic institutions, CSO and partners to reach out to us for more information, partnership opportunities, or enrolment in our capacity-building programs.

Are you part of an NGO, community organization, academic institution, or development initiative? Reach out to YECA

At Youth Entrepreneurs Chambers Africa (YECA), we are committed to building a generation of skilled, confident, and innovative young leaders. Through our structured Training and Mentorship Program, we provide practical learning and hands-on guidance designed to strengthen professional competence, entrepreneurial capacity, and leadership potential.

Our programs combine classroom-style sessions with mentorship, peer learning, and practical assignments that enable participants to apply skills directly to their work or business environments.

## Call for training, coaching and mentorships

- **Duration:** 3 months per intake
- Frequency: Half-day sessions, three (3) times a week
- Training Cycles:
  - January April (First Cohort)
  - May July (Second Cohort)
  - September November (Third Cohort)

Each training cycle provides an engaging and flexible schedule that allows participants to balance learning with work or other commitments.

# **Training Focus Areas**

Participants can choose from a variety of short professional courses, including:

- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)
- Project Planning and Management
- Financial Literacy and Business Management
- Entrepreneurship, Job creation, Business development services and Innovation
- Work Readiness and Employability SkillS
- Proposal Development and Fundraising
- Leadership, Communication, and Team Building

Every session integrates **mentorship support** from experienced professionals and entrepreneurs to guide participants in applying their new skills effectively.

## **Fees and Registration**

- Individual Participants: 200,000 RWF (covers the entire 3-month program)
- Institutions or Groups (5 members and above): 300,000 RWF per participant

Fees cover training materials, mentorship sessions, and a certificate of completion. Early registration is encouraged as spaces are limited per cohort.

#### Join Us

Whether you are an individual seeking to enhance your professional skills, or an institution aiming to build the capacity of your team, YECA offers a transformative learning experience tailored to your needs.

## & For registration and inquiries:

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Together, let's build a skilled, innovative, and empowered generation of African youth