



KENYA 2021 TOPICAL DEEP DIVE REPORT

Advocacy Stakeholders Meeting

Date: 4th August, 2021

Theme: Strengthening Youth platforms to Participate in AE policies



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ACTIVITY BACKGROUND

The YALTA Kenya reference group in its meeting of 15th June, 2021, agreed to merge the groups ‘strengthening youth platforms’ and ‘agroecology policies’. The reflection is that creating and supporting to ‘youth platforms’ have little value as a stand-alone activity. One of the propositions of YALTA is to rejuvenate the agroecology movement. This points towards bringing the youth perspective into the agroecology policy debate. This is because getting youth joining the local policy dialogue is considered important but not always a reality or effective.

The YALTA programme is implemented in 4 countries by Netherlands Food Partnership (NFP) and funded by IKEA Foundation. In Kenya, the programme coordinator is hosted by Africa Agribusiness Academy (AAA). NFP follows a so-called ‘impact coalition’ approach for the YALTA programme. An impact coalition shares a joint ambition which individual partners cannot achieve alone. NFP assumes a support role for such an impact coalition. Read more on https://www.nfoodpartnership.com/impact_coalitions/

OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING

The meeting aimed at bringing together key stakeholders to deliberate on how partners can strengthen youth participation in policy development space. The ambition is to have ‘youth in agroecology policy initiative’ that will bring partners to pool their efforts together for effective representation and participation of youth in agroecology policy making.

OUTCOME OF THE ACTIVITY

The activity brought together 11 participants (5 females 6 males) out of 6 were youth. The participants were from CSOs (6), farmer associations/networks (2), Private company for youth in Agripreneurship (3).

Participants made presentation of the work of the organizations that is related to agroecology, sustainable agriculture/livelihoods and advocacy relating to engagement of the youth. This made it easy for participants to know each other well and engage better in the dialogue and in future.

Participants were then divided into two groups to discuss on what limits youth to participate in policy dialogues and what actors can jointly do together to change this. The following were key points that came out of group work.

Factors Limiting Youth

- Lack of information of public participation
- Lack of funding for policy development
- Policy development is tedious / youth are not patient to see through the policy process
- Lack of appropriate platforms to engage
- Youth participation culture
- Lack implementation of policy in place – hence youth do not see / feel impact of power of policy development.
- History of policy development – corruption/bias public participation.





Group 1 presentation; This was presented by Jenniffer Muthike, a youth farmer

What actors can do

- Educate youth importance of their voice / capacity building on policy development
- Invest in policy development process
- Engage youth on social media
- Joint platforms
- Create awareness on existing platforms that youth plug in
- Mainstreaming youth engagement in their programs
- Development of curriculum – on policy development



Ms. Juster Kendi makes a presentation for group 2.

WAY FORWARD/CONCLUSIONS

Participants agreed there is need to work together to increase youth engagement in policy dialogues. The following were proposed as action points;

- Share platforms where youth can engage in policy discussions.
- Lobby with county governments to increase youth engagement in policy processes especially on sustainable agriculture and land use practices.



- Strengthen existing youth networks to increase voice of the youth.
- Plan for more discussion on this to develop joint goals and strategies on increasing youth participation in policy space. The next meeting will be virtual meeting organized by YALTA manager, Kenya.



Ms. Leah Mwaura of SNV makes closing remarks during topical deep dive meeting. She is also a member of YALTA reference group.

ANNEXES

Meeting Programme;

Time	Action	Responsible person
8.30am – 9.00am	Participants arrive and registration	Victor - AAA
9.00 – 9.45am	Introductions A brief about YALTA and objective of the meeting Opening of the meeting	Hannah – YALTA Country Director - AAA
9.45 – 10.45am	Participants share advocacy initiatives they are undertaking related to Agroecology & Sustainable Agriculture (Each 7 minutes) Representative from County government – initiatives related to policy development being undertaken	Hannah
10.45 - 11.15am	Health Break	
11.15 – 11.35am	Group discussion on the challenges limiting youth participation in policy formulation Challenges on limited youth participation in policy dialogues – open discussions	Claire Nasike
11.35 – 12.10 Noon	Second group discussions Actions we can take as actors to create youth participation in this policy process	Co- Facilitator ; Claire Nasike
12.10 – 12.30pm	Presentation of group work Developing joint actions and priorities for actions – what need to be done	Claire Nasike
12.30 – 1.00pm	Way forward Closing Remarks	Hannah Representative from County government / Member of YALTA Reference group
1.00pm	Lunch and participants leave at their own pleasure	



List of participants;

	Organization	Target Participant
1)	SNV	Leah Mwaura - Youth
2)	Practical Action	Tim Mwangi - Senior Markets Advisor,
3)	AAA	Charles Gitau – Country Director
4)	East Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF)	Hilary Kubet
5)	Dudu master	Jennifer Muthike – Youth representatives
6)	Institute for Culture and Ecology	Juster Kendi
7)	ICE	Martin Muriuki - Director
8)	John Kanju	Youth Agri Tech - Youth
9)	Co-Facilitator – Greenpeace Africa	Claire Nasike - Youth
10)	YALTA	Hannah Kigamba - Youth
11)	Youth Agri-tech	John Kinyajui
12)	AAA - logistics	Victor Muthumbi - Youth



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