

## Call for Expression of Interest for Civil Society Organizations: Y.E.S Africa - Giving Wings to NEET Youth to Help Africa Soar

### Context

Africa is currently experiencing unprecedented demographic growth, with a constantly increasing young population. This demographic trend represents both a challenge and an opportunity for the continent, as many young people find themselves unemployed, uneducated, or lacking training (NEETs). It is crucial to implement initiatives that offer these young people new perspectives.

While governments across African countries and Social and Solidarity Economy actors are deploying strategies to enhance youth empowerment, these efforts cannot scale to meet the challenge without significant funding. Today, development aid to Africa is estimated, according to OECD databases, at \$90 billion, with \$75 billion coming from states and \$15 billion from international NGOs.

The Y.E.S Africa project is positioned as a flagship initiative aimed at transforming this demographic dynamic into a positive force. By facilitating the exchange of experiences and mobilizing funding, we aim to create a support ecosystem for young Africans and reduce the number of NEETs across the continent. We connect various stakeholders, such as NGOs, donors, governments, and private companies, to strengthen the capacities of NGOs, enabling every young African to contribute fully to the economic and social growth of their country.

As part of the Youth Empowerment Summit for Africa (YES Africa), we are launching a call for expression of interest directed at Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working in the field of NEET youth empowerment in Africa through various levers to enhance the skills of human development



professionals, facilitate the exchange of experiences, and mobilize funding for innovative and impactful initiatives.

YES Africa's mission is to create a dynamic and collaborative network that allows CSOs to maximize their impact, benefit from shared resources, and participate in large-scale projects aimed at facilitating the social and professional integration of NEETs on a continental scale.



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The objectives of the Y.E.S Africa project are:

- To build a network of African actors and donors committed to the economic empowerment of youth in Africa.
- To identify opportunities, challenges, and potentials on the continent in terms of youth empowerment.
- To share best practices among African actors engaged in youth empowerment.
- To support African actors in better structuring their youth empowerment projects or programs to increase their impact and ensure funding for scaling up.
- To mobilize impact investors for African youth empowerment projects.
- To assist institutional and associative actors engaged in youth empowerment in fundraising.
- To produce a multilingual guide for actors engaged in youth empowerment in Africa.

### Selection Criteria

Interested NGOs must meet the following criteria:

- Be a legally registered NGO.
- Have proven experience in empowering NEET youth.
- Present innovative projects with significant and sustainable impact.
- Demonstrate good governance and financial transparency.
- Show capacity to implement projects with measurable impact.



- Be an NGO willing to implement projects supported by African and international donors.
- Be available for the capacity-building program for 3 hours/week from September 23, 2024, to December 13, 2024.
- Have the capacity to assign a representative to fully participate in the summit to be held in December 2024 in Morocco, either physically or digitally.



### Selection Process

- 1. Submission of Documents:** Interested NGOs must complete the application form available on our website, including:
  - A description of the NGO and its activities.
  - A list of projects and impact results with evaluation reports.
  - A summary of the proposed project, including objectives, expected results, target of the project, and anticipated impact.
  - Administrative documents (NGO statutes, etc.).
- 2. Pre-selection:** Applications will be evaluated by a scientific committee based on the criteria mentioned above. Additional documents may be requested after pre-selection.
- 3. Interview:** Online meetings will be organized to present the project in more detail and complete applications if necessary.
- 4. Evaluation:** Applications will be evaluated by a scientific committee based on the criteria mentioned above.
- 5. Final Selection:** Selected NGOs will be announced and receive confirmation emails.

### Submission of Applications

Interested NGOs are invited to complete the application form available on our website at the following address: [Youth Empowerment Summit – YES Africa. Call for African NGOs \(google.com\)](#).



The submission deadline is October 6th, 2024.

## Contact

For any questions or additional information, please contact: [developpement@jadara.foundation](mailto:developpement@jadara.foundation) and [directrice@jadara.foundation](mailto:directrice@jadara.foundation)

## WHO WE ARE

JADARA FOUNDATION, formerly the Moroccan Student Foundation, is a Moroccan non-profit association recognized as serving the public good, created in 2002. Our mission is to enable every young person to choose and build their future with confidence and ambition, free from social, territorial, disability, or gender determinisms.



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Each year, we seek, mobilize, and identify young people to inspire, guide, financially support, mentor, and develop their transversal skills. To achieve this, we deploy social ascent programs supported by educational partners, impact-driven companies, engaged volunteers, and donors sensitive to our cause.

The Foundation, with over two decades of experience, has developed a robust model that positions it as a key player in the third sector today. This long trajectory has been marked by lasting impact and success, allowing the Foundation to solidify its reputation as a catalyst for social ascent in Morocco.

Today, as a reliable actor in the third sector, the Foundation continues to work with determination to contribute to significant and lasting changes, thus consolidating its position as a trusted partner and engine of social progress, having transformed the lives of over 2,750 young people in Morocco.



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LionsGeek is the result of a partnership between 2M, MolenGeek, Charlewood, Belgian Radio Television RTBF, and the Ministry of Economic Inclusion Small Business Employment and Skills of Morocco, the Wallonie-Bruxelles Region, through the General Delegation Wallonie-Bruxelles in Morocco, and the Association for the Promotion of Education and Training Abroad (APEFE). It is an association focused on inclusive action in favor of NEET youth. LionsGeek offers diverse and tailored support to meet individual needs, through three main intervention axes: a full-time training program, an incubator for project leaders, and a coworking space. LionsGeek aims to address the various needs of young people and the labor market through long-term, short-term, and certified training in multimedia and digital fields.

