

YOUTH ASPIRATIONS

for Post 2016 Election GH

EDUCATION

EMPLOYABILITY

TRANSFORMATIONAL AGRICULTURE

YOUTH INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

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Bridging Gaps for Positive Youth Development



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PRIORITY ISSUES

1. Education
2. Employability
3. Transformational Agriculture
4. Open & Youth-Inclusive Governance



EDUCATION

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1.1 Reduction of School Drop-Out Rates at Basic and Senior High School Levels

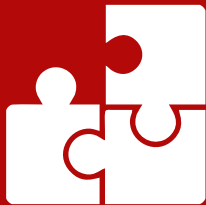
1.1.1 To advance inclusive and equitable quality education that promotes life long learning for all children and the youth including persons with disability

1.1.2 Girls and women should be empowered through adult/informal education at all levels

1.2 Prioritizing Adult Education

1.2.1 Prioritize and offer a second window of opportunity to those that have left school to return through integrated adult education and distance tertiary education initiatives





EMPLOYABILITY

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*To grow the economy and put more money in the pockets
of Ghanaian youth through youth employability
– not in a decade, but right away*

2.1 Technical Vocational Education Training (TVET) Promotion

2.1.1 To prioritize Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

2.1.2 To upgrade the Council for Technical Vocational Education and Training (COTVET) to the status of a STAND-ALONE COMMISSION whose work will feed into Ghana's long-term development agenda

2.2 Job Creation

2.2.1 To invest in the building blocks of opportunity and enabling environment for private sector job creation and public sector job creation

2.2.2 Establish an efficient and computerized job centres at regional levels for an initial 2-years and decentralize to district levels after 2-years

2.2.2.1 Database on youth employment status in Ghana should be collected

2.2.2.2 Partnership to be developed with private sector under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs to co-fund the job centres



2.3 Entrepreneurship Promotion

- 2.3.1 Creating a sustainable program to promote equitable entrepreneurship coherent with a long-term national development agenda
- 2.3.2 To develop a model intensifying government's partnership with the private sector in providing entrepreneurship development
- 2.3.3 To synchronize Public-Private Partnership models with youth entrepreneurship programs
- 2.3.4 Invest substantial amount of money each year in a new Innovation Agenda to significantly expand support for incubators and accelerators, as well as the building of national network for business innovation and cluster support
- 2.3.5 Commitment to allocate 1% share of the GetFund to support youth start ups in all the 216 districts in Ghana
- 2.3.6 Commitment to allocate at least 5% of public procurement contracts to young entrepreneurs in Ghana
- 2.3.7 Support the establishment of National Youth Chamber of Commerce





YOUTH-CENTRED TRANSFORMATIONAL AGRICULTURE

#YouthdriveAgric

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*The future of food and agriculture in Ghana,
how and where food is grown, processed and consumed
must be youth-centred*

- 3.1 To develop a YOUTH-LED food and agriculture system that is efficient, more productive, sustainable, profitable and provides food security, and economic stability to a growing Ghanaian population**

- 3.2 To harness youth potential and innovative technology to do and produce more food with less input**

- 3.3 To forge partnerships between producers and others along supply chains to enhance stewardship**





OPEN & YOUTH-INCLUSIVE

GOVERNANCE

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4.1 Open and Involvement of Young People in Governance

At its highest levels, our government need to understand and address the needs of Ghana's young people

- 4.1.1 To create a Presidential Youth Advisory Council, consisting of young Ghanaians aged 16 to 24, to provide non-partisan advice to the President on issues facing the country. This shall be in the likeness of the Council of State. Persons with disability to be included on the council
- 4.1.2 To institutionalize a presidential dialogue with the youth every six months
- 4.1.3 Young people to have access to highest levels of government including the presidency, ministers of state, agencies, parliament and the judiciary

4.2 Decoupling of the Ministry of Youth and Sports

- 4.2.1 To decouple Ministry of Youth and Sports to have a Stand-alone Ministry of Youth with Directorates responsible for coordinating sector-specific programs and activities for youth

Alternatively

- 4.2.2 Establish Youth Desks at all Ministries, Agencies and Departments to facilitate youth inclusion and mainstreaming

4.3 Promotion of e-Governance

- 4.3.1 That Government use technology and youth-friendly engagement tools to crowd source policy ideas from the youth and get them actively involved in governance processes

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