



KAMPALA DECLARATION

OF THE

AFRICAN YOUTH CONGRESS (AYC) GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025 (16 – 17) JANUARY 2025 KAMPALA, UGANDA

We, the delegates of the African Youth Congress Annual General Assembly 2025, representing societies from across the African continent, convened under the theme *Africanism: Modernize Along Culture*, declare the following resolutions and commitments:

African Youth Congress (AYC) commits to holding annual congresses on a rotational basis among African nations, fostering inclusivity and shared leadership. This rotational format symbolizes our commitment to uniting Africa through equal representation and cooperation. The next congress shall take place in Harare, Zimbabwe, in January 2026, marking a new chapter of youth-led initiatives for Pan-African progress.

We gathered under the spirit of unity and solidarity, having appreciated the many years of Pan Africanism activities of the Africa Youth Congress, hereby formally constitute the African Youth Congress (AYC) as a Pan African continental organization. In recognition of the need for legitimacy, accountability and sustainability , we further declare that the AYC shall duly register with all relevant continental, regional and national bodies across Africa in accordance with the laws and regulations of each jurisdiction.

We recognize and appreciate the Republic of Uganda for its instrumental role in the creation and successful hosting of the African Youth Congress over the past six years.

We further recognize the exceptional efforts of H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, for his steadfast commitment to the liberation of Africa, his unwavering support as the Patron of the Congress, and his pivotal role in championing the formation of the Centre of Gravity.

We thus formally nominate H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda as the legal Patron of African Youth Congress (AYC) and thus the chief mobiliser and guarantor of the AYC.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions, the delegates have awarded H.E. Museveni the "**Liberation Centurion Award**", the first of its kind, labeling him a historical leader of Pan-Africanism.

Due to the exceptional efforts of H.E Dr. Emmerson Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, in advancing African liberation, the delegates have conferred upon him the "**Liberation Vanguard Award**", historic in nature.

We thus nominate H.E Dr. Emmerson Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe as the Co-Patron of the Africa Youth Congress (AYC). He shall work with the Patron to mobilize for AYC and guarantee AYC in its endeavors.

In light of his many Pan-African achievements and enduring contributions, the delegates have conferred upon Rt.Hon. Raila Odinga the "**Pan-African Freedom Champion Award**".

We affirm our unwavering support for the liberation and self-determination of the people of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic and call for the total decolonization of their land.

The delegates recognize the role of culture as a key decolonization tool and commit to promoting cultural preservation and modernization as essential for sustainable development.

We reaffirm our commitment to expanding the African Youth Congress into all 55 African states, ensuring that it becomes a truly continental platform for youth empowerment and Pan-African unity.

The delegates have unanimously agreed to adopt the AYC Anthem, making it a key tool of identity and unity for the Congress.

Through the General Assembly, the delegates have adopted the AYC Constitution in its entirety, establishing a strong governance framework for the Congress.

The delegates appreciate Uganda's socio-economic advancements through programs such as the Parish Development Model, a key tool in the modernization of Africa and hence have resolved here today to convene an annual Pan African Business Summit to further the idea of social economic transformation on the African continent.

The delegates encourage H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni to continue these modernization efforts and call upon other African leaders to follow suit.

The delegates recognize the significant contributions of the African Education Resource Centre (AKERC) in establishing the African Youth Congress and the ZANU PF Youth League and agree to foster a strong working relationship between AKERC and AYC.

Uganda shall retain the Secretariat of the African Youth Congress, which will continue to serve as the hub for the Congress' administrative and operational functions.

The delegates call upon entities, governments, Pan-Africanist individuals, and friends of Africa to support the establishment and operation of a formidable Secretariat in Uganda.

AYC declares that elections have been successfully conducted, and a new Standing Committee of the Africa Youth Congress has been elected and sworn in to lead the organization into its next phase.

The delegates recommend Hon. Raila Odinga as the next Chairman of the African Union Commission (AUCC) to advance Pan-African unity and progress.

The delegates rally for peace in Sudan, Libya, and other conflict-affected countries in Africa, urging all stakeholders to prioritize dialogue and reconciliation.

We emphasize the importance of fostering unity among African nations through the “Centre of Gravity” approach, promoting solidarity and collective progress toward a unified Africa.

Conclusion

We, the delegates of the African Youth Congress 2025, collectively affirm our commitment to advancing the cause of African unity, liberation, and modernization while preserving the continent’s cultural heritage and hence agree that a Centre of gravity has to be created for the African continent. Together, we shall continue to build a stronger, more unified Africa for future generations.

Signed on behalf of,
Delegates of the African Youth Congress 2025

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Chairperson

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Secretary General

January 17, 2025
Kampala, Uganda