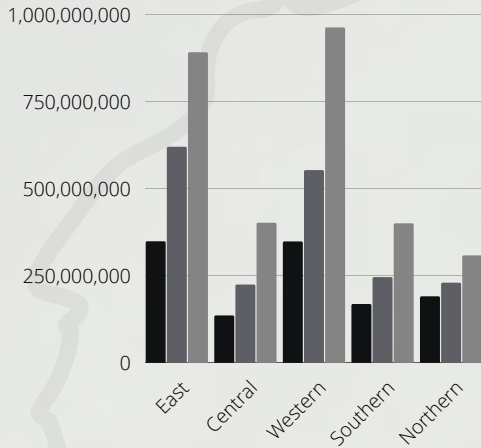




2050: A Perspective into Africa's Youth Demographic

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Africa's regional median population growth is estimated at 2.0% with the Central African Region leading at 2.4% p.a.



By 2050, the African youth population will be SIX times larger than the European youth population.



By 2050, a third of all youth are expected to live in Africa.



US\$95 billion of revenue is lost annually due to gender inequalities in Africa



The estimated number of young people entering the labor force in Africa will exceed that of the rest of the world combined.



Over the next three decades, sub-Saharan Africa's working age population will grow by about 14 percent every five years.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICAN YOUTH UNDER THE AFRICA CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA



LARGEST SINGLE FREE TRADE AREA IN THE WORLD

The AfCFTA will create a trade market estimated at \$450 billion across all 55 countries on the African continent.

LARGEST SINGLE MARKET IN THE WORLD

The AfCFTA will create a market of 1.2 billion people. Limitless business opportunities for youth entrepreneurship.



ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The AfCFTA will create labour and skills movement hence enable Africa's youth pursue labour and education opportunities on the continent.



AGRIBUSINESS AND FOOD SECURITY

Enhanced trade of foodstuff and agricultural products through AfCFTA will reduce food poverty and improve nutritional outcomes for African youth.



INVESTMENT IN EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES

African countries are incredibly resource rich and AfCFTA will create huge opportunities for the youth in value addition and industry diversification. This will promote extractive and processing industries across the continent.

SOCIOECONOMIC INTEGRATION & CULTURAL EXCHANGES

The AfCFTA is expected to foster regional integration through regional trade and investments. This will enhance cultural exchanges and promote positive relations amongst African youth.



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POSITIONING **AFRICAN** YOUTH FOR THE AFRICA CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA



PARTNERSHIPS CREATION

Partnering with governments through business is essential to facilitate investment by youth in accompanying measures necessary to complement AfCFTA. This includes intra-African trade infrastructure as well as supplying trade finance, trade information and logistics services.



AWARENESS RAISING

There is need for businesses and youth to be fully sensitized by government on the potential of AfCFTA. On this basis, they can then establish new trade linkages or push their governments to negotiate for these opportunities if they are not already covered by the negotiated substance of the agreement.



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QUALITY & RELEVANT EDUCATION



African governments must prioritize on producing a youth population ready for an integrated economy. This is a crucial component in achieving success with the Free Trade Agreement. Education is one of the most powerful weapons in the fight against extreme poverty, particularly for girls, who are the hardest hit by poverty.



PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

Involvement of the youth in the private sector is key in enhancing opportunities for investment through AfCFTA. In terms of advocacy, this is necessary required in order to ensure direct input into the AfCFTA negotiating institutions to ensure that AfCFTA is shaped to assist the business community to trade in Africa.

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