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Russia–Africa Youth Public Forum

**25-29 July 2022 (including arrival and departure days)
Moscow, Russian Federation**

Application

Deadline: **20 June 2022**

RUSSIA AND AFRICA: YOUTH COOPERATION

Relations between Russia and Africa have a long history and are based on the rich experience of multifaceted and mutually beneficial cooperation, which has been undergoing a qualitative change and an acceleration of its pace of development over the past few years. At present, we can say with certainty that this cooperation, which began in the second half of the XX century, is among the regional foreign policy priorities of Russia.

In addition to economic aspects, the basis for a sustainable dialogue between Russia and African countries is comprised of common values, shared principles of cooperation and a similar political strategy which proclaims the protection and promotion of national sovereignty, commitment to international law, including principles of non-interference in internal affairs, adherence to multilateral diplomacy, respect for the balance of interests in international relations, strengthening international security and stability. All these things make Russia and African countries allies in the international arena and allow our countries to promote cooperation on a wide range of issues.

Russia–Africa Summit, which was held in Sochi in 2019, started a new chapter of international relations. Declaration of the First Russia–Africa Summit emphasizes the intention of the parties to increase cooperation,

«facilitate the people-to-people contacts between Russia and African States using the potential of non-governmental organizations and various fora, including the youth ones»¹.

Today Russian-African relations have a great chance of strengthening cooperation as Russia and African countries serve as the most attractive partners for each other in many areas. The prospects of such relations depend, among other things, on cultivating a robust relationship of trust between African and Russian youth. Youth is the key to the future and the key to success of both the African continent and Russia.

Thus, youth cooperation between Russia and African countries is one of the core areas of the development of friendly relations, contributing to the establishment of strategic partnership. Moreover, taking into account the intensification of cooperation between Russia and Africa in the past few years it becomes obvious that taking the whole set of Russian-African relations to a new level is impossible without participation of the general public, including youth public organizations.

Russia–Africa Youth Public Forum will be aimed at strengthening friendships and mutual understanding, building long-term partnerships between young people from Russia and Africa. The development and capacity building of a solid institutional base of youth cooperation between the countries will depend on the foundation of youth cooperation that is to be laid during the Forum and subsequently – the discussion and creation of new effective institutions and mechanisms of interaction between Russian and African youth.

¹ Declaration of the First Russia–Africa Summit <https://summitafrica.ru/en/about-summit/declaration/>

AIM OF THE FORUM:

Development of the Russian-African youth dialogue and establishment of systemic work between Russian and African youth public associations.

OBJECTIVES:

- establish friendly and professional ties between youth leaders and youth public associations of Russia and African countries;
- create conditions for sharing experiences, further cooperation and development of joint projects between youth leaders and youth public associations of Russia and African countries;
- develop proposals and recommendations for the development of youth cooperation and forms of interaction between the youth of Russia and African countries.

THEMATIC TRACKS OF THE FORUM

The Forum will have the following thematic tracks:

- Education, Science and Technologies;
- Youth Entrepreneurship and Startups;
- Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement;
- Creative Industries.

ORGANIZERS

The Forum is jointly organized by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs (Rosmolodezh), the National Youth Council of Russia, the Global Alumni Alliance and the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "MIREA - Russian Technological University".

The project is implemented using a grant of the President of the Russian Federation for the development of civil society provided by the Presidential Grants Foundation.

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

The Forum will bring together 100 participants – representatives of youth NGOs from Russia and African countries.

A candidate for the Forum must meet the following criteria:

- be 18-35 years old;
- be a citizen of the Russian Federation or one of the African countries;
- be a leader or an activist of a youth NGO / youth movement / student organization / representative of a youth wing of a political party / young entrepreneur or startup founder / representative of creative industries;
- be motivated to be actively involved in the Forum's programme;
- be open-minded and focused on developing and improving the dialogue between Russian and African youth;

- be motivated and able to organize events, projects and programmes after the Forum in collaboration with other Forum participants;
- be ready to take part in all the programme activities of the Forum;
- be able to speak Russian or English.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Dates: the Forum will begin on July 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and end on July 28, 2022 at 9:00 p.m. Arrival day for all participants is July 25, 2022.

Place: Moscow, Russian Federation.

Working languages: Russian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Financial conditions of participation: The organizers will provide accommodation and meals during the Forum and a cultural programme for all participants.

The organizers will cover travel costs from place of residence to Moscow and back as well as visa fees for foreign participants. Russian participants will cover their travel costs to Moscow and back themselves or at the expense of the sending organization.

The organizers will provide visa application support and assistance with issuing a permission to enter the territory of the Russian Federation for international participants who will require it.

The event will be organized in compliance with the sanitary and epidemiological requirements of Rospotrebnadzor.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

All interested candidates from the **Russian Federation** are invited to apply **by choosing one most convenient option** by 23:59 Moscow time 20 June 2022:

- on the website "Youth of Russia" ("Molodezh Rossii") <https://myrosmol.ru/event/97566> (to apply you will need to register on the website);
- via an online application form available at <https://forms.yandex.ru/cloud/628c9f2bef52c390baea8722/>.

All interested candidates from the **African countries** are invited to apply **by choosing one most convenient option** by 23:59 Moscow time 20 June 2022:

- on the website "Youth of Russia" ("Molodezh Rossii") <https://myrosmol.ru/event/97566> (to apply you will need to register on the website);
- via an online application form in English available at <https://forms.gle/eEAJdAAsXnUL9dAh9>.

All participants will be selected by the organizers based on the completed application form and the participants unique experience, motivation and balanced diversity within the group. Selected applicants will receive additional information and instructions no later than June 30, 2022.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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OTHER EVENTS

If you are interested in other activities in the field of international youth cooperation, please contact: <https://intermol.su/>, <https://fadm.gov.ru/> and <http://www.youthrussia.ru/>.