Introduction

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) contributes to building the capacity of state and non-state actors to play their part in Rwanda's sustainable development process. "There is nothing for young people without youth engagement" and Rwanda needs young citizens who are well-informed, engaged, able to develop the necessary skills and values. Thus, the FES runs the 1. Young Citizen Training Program (YCTP) to encourage young professionals to participate actively in the development of the country by utilizing their full potentials.

Beneficiaries

✓ 24 young women and men from civil society organizations, government institutions, trade unions, the media, the private sector, universities, the public sector and various districts in Rwanda.

Specific Objectives

Young citizens representing various organizations and institutions

✓ build their capacity so that they can contribute to the processes of achieving the national vision and the sustainability of learning outcomes,
✓ understand and apply relevant concepts and tools of personal development, citizenship and communication.

Expected results and indicators

At the end of the program, young citizens are able to:

✓ discover the concepts of good governance and their implications in the citizenship role in relation to the national priorities,
✓ understand and situate themselves in relation to regional and international trends,
✓ develop democratic values and culture in their citizenship,
✓ use acquired techniques and tools to engage more actively in society,
✓ carry out a personal project to improve organizational structures and behaviours.

Concretely....

The young citizens take an active and visible position in addressing current challenges;

✓ learners connect with resource persons and the world of the FES network;
✓ at least one pre-identified challenge is completed for each source organization after the training;
✓ a joint project is carried out by the group of learners to promote & experience good governance practices;
✓ young citizens commit to initiate social impact initiative in their respective communities

Content

The YCTP is a group citizenship learning program that includes

✓ thematic training and personal development tools
✓ Activities and Conferences; Visits and Meetings with Rwandan and foreign personalities;
✓ Study tours and Simulation exercises and role-playing games;
✓ Personal, group or peer support work, online documentation; Film screenings and case studies;...
Stakeholders
✓ Academics, diplomats, political figures, national and international experts from fields as diverse as sociology, economics and politics, journalists or artists ...

Duration and Frequency
✓ 09 sessions of 2-4 days per month / in residential system in Kigali.
✓ the launch of the program will be organized in February and the graduation of the trained citizens will take place in October 2020.

Training schedule dates
Thursday, 20th – Saturday, 22nd of February 2020
Thursday, 19th- 21st of March 2020
Friday, 3rd – Saturday, 4th of April 2020
Thursday, 21st – Saturday, 23rd of May 2020
Thursday, 18th – Saturday, 20th of June 2020
Wednesday, 22nd – Saturday, 25th of July 2020
Friday, 21st – Saturday, 22nd of August 2020
Thursday, 17th – Saturday, 19th of September 2020
Wednesday, 21st – Friday, 23rd of October 2020

Topics
SESSION 1: Ethics and Citizenship
SESSION 2: Good Governance and Good Practices
SESSION 3: Genocide and Memory Preservation
SESSION 4: Decent Work and Social Protection
SESSION 5: Climate Change and Global Trends
SESSION 6: Study Trip
SESSION 7: Open Space
SESSION 8: Sustainable Development and Inclusive Economic Transformation
Session 9: Foreign Policy and Regional Integration

Selection criteria
✓ Young women and men, who are involved in social and/or community activities,
✓ Aged between 20 and 30 years,
✓ Holders of a university degree and/or 2 years of professional experience,
✓ Fluent in Kinyarwanda and English, French knowledge is an advantage.

On Friday, 24th of January at 09.00am an YCTP 2020 information session will be organized at FES Rwanda in Kigali. Interested participants are invited to attend this information session.

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