



Republic of Zambia

COMMUNIQUE STATEMENT FROM YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Theme: Transforming Education



13th August 2019, Lusaka, Zambia



THE COMMUNIQUE

On the occasion of this International Youth Day commemoration of 2019 held on 13th day of August, and Acknowledging the constructive and diverse inputs from the youth of Zambia, through dialogues and panel discussions, we present the following demands and recommendations that will transform our education;

1. We recognize and greatly appreciate the efforts of our Government through the Ministry of Youth Sport and Child Development in advancing various youth development priorities in line with transforming our Education to prepare our youth for a favorable future outcome.
2. As Young people we request that government puts equal recognition to vocational training certificates obtained from various vocational institutions thereby providing equal employment opportunities regardless.
3. We demand that entrepreneurship should be incorporated as an integral subject into the school curriculum at primary, secondary and tertiary education levels.
4. We request inclusive education and equal access to universal health coverage for all including young people with disabilities.
5. We demand to have an education system that trains health professionals to be socially accountable in youth friendly services to leave no one behind.
6. We demand for a national school policy that promotes healthy nutrition plans for all education levels.
7. We the young people request that our education system addresses the stigma surrounding menstrual health.
8. With reference to the Governments promise we recommend that a youth led indaba is organized to extensively discuss youth development priorities.
9. We demand that youth have access to information about quality health care and educational opportunities without suffering any financial hardship.
10. We demand that government ensures effective skills transfer from displaced young people from other countries

11. We demand for effective inclusion of youth with disabilities in decision making processes.

OUR AFFIRMATION

1. As young people committed to equity, equality and inclusive socio-economic development for transforming education for national development in Zambia; we have gathered to share information and learn from each other as we work together to accelerate the positive transformation of education, inclusive of ICT, innovation, health for all, decent work in the spirit of leaving no one behind and looking at how we can better collaborate with various stakeholders.
2. We commit to engage our family, friends, teachers to a common understanding on the importance of investment for transforming education for all young people in Zambia as we are all leaders of today and the future. Also, we ensure that the curriculum for both in and out-of-schools are bringing all the social norms that point out the practices are cooperatively addressed, as leave no one behind especially for the youth with disabilities, migrants, teenage pregnancy, child labor, etc.

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