Africa

Regional Fact Sheet

Mission & Vision
WFP Africa - Africa is the region with the share of its growing youth population being the highest in the world. Unleashing their potential is a key to the region’s growth. The agrofood sector is the most significant sector for youth, as it is an important and critical area where youth can contribute to its sustainable development as agents of change.

Significant issues
WFP Africa - through the survey conducted in 2021, identified some of the priorities among youth which include: climate change and biodiversity, youth engagement and poverty alleviation.

What's being done
WFP Africa aims to serve as a regional hub for youth in agrofood systems for the Sub-Saharan Africa. WFP Africa throughout the year 2022 seeks to engage a wider and diverse youth in the region to expand and connect its networks to different parts of the region, sectors and groups to make the platform more inclusive and accessible.

Regional Youth Consultation Survey in Africa 2021

Objectives:
- Provide a space for youth and youth-entities (organizations, student groups, producers, entrepreneurs, researchers, etc.) who engage in agriculture and food-related areas in Africa; and
- Feed ideas toward agrofood systems transformation.

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