

Background

The Eastern Africa region has a huge population with an average of 70% of the population being young people. This has led to an increase in youth engagement in the leadership of various sectors in the East African countries. While focusing on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, we understand that ethical leadership is key to achieving these goals and key to the development of our countries. With more youth preparing to take up leadership roles there is a need to spark conversations on ethical leadership.

The 6th East Africa Youth Forum (EAYF) seeks to understand ethical leadership practices and their importance in propelling development processes. It also aims at creating an educational platform through which young people will learn from mentors, share knowledge and skills on leadership practices, and be reminded of the role they play in their countries achieving good governance through ethical leadership.

Forum Objective

As we continue to envision an Africa that is economically prosperous, politically vibrant, ecologically sustainable and socially inclusive - a continent of people who celebrate their cultural heritage and diversity bringing hope to the world - the 6th EAYF will be addressing the theme of **‘Ethical Leadership, Key to Better Nations’**.

In every leadership cycle, young people are either involved in the process or they assume leadership positions. This could be in government systems or in the corporate sector. This forum will look into the various issues relating to leadership in our region and their impact on the youth. Issues like corruption, youth unemployment, poor relationships, lack of dedicated mentors among many other issues have led to bad leadership practices persistent in our region.

The 6th EAYF will offer an opportunity to explore into these and other issues related to leadership with an aim to influence ethical practices amongst youths. Participants will have an opportunity to learn from each other and develop strategies that will guide in the practices of ethical leadership.

Format

The forum will have plenary sessions where subtopics will be addressed by the invited speakers, facilitated workshops with focused group discussions, guided discussions where the participants will have an opportunity to learn from speakers who advocate for good governance, and community service where the participants will interact with and give back to the general public advocating one of IofC cultures and desired leadership practices.

Technical Requirements

To achieve the forums objective, we will require funds to cover the budgeted costs. Monetary or in-kind support will be highly appreciated. If interested, we can share the budget for your consideration.

Program

The planned activities are outlined in the forum program that will be made available on our website.