



A cohort of Young African Leaders from 14 east and central African countries participates in an intensive four-week residential program. Participants choose among one of three tracks covering Business & Entrepreneurship, Civic Leadership, and Public Management. Over 4,000 alumni have graduated from the program and are now transforming themselves, their communities, and their countries. Photo: Deloitte

EAST AFRICA

YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (YALI) REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTER EAST AFRICA

The YALI Regional Leadership Center East Africa empowers inspiring young leaders from fourteen east and central African countries with the skills, knowledge, and networks to drive Africa's growth and unlock the continent's potential.

The Center houses East Africa's premier leadership development program, bringing together innovative problem-solvers to foster regional perspectives and address today's challenges within and beyond their countries. After completing the transformative leadership development program, participants continue to make a significant difference in their home communities and across the region through the growing YALI alumni network.

OUR WORK

YALI Regional Leadership Center East Africa is one of four regional leadership centers in Africa that provide leadership training in three distinct tracks: business and entrepreneurship; civic leadership; and public management. The Center, located at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, is supported by a growing number of African and international partners from both the public and private sectors. Every young leader is carefully selected and because of completing the unique and life-changing curriculum, emerges equipped and passionate to re-write the African narrative. Over 4,000 alumni have graduated from the program and are now transforming themselves, their communities, and their countries. Collectively, these alumni are setting a new standard for ethics, governance, and innovation in the public and private sectors across East Africa.

ACHIEVEMENTS

To date, YALI Regional Leadership Center East Africa has:

- Graduated over 4,000 alumni in 43 cohorts.
- Supported alumni job creation: 50 percent of alumni reported employing at least three new people in their enterprises.
- Established a regional network of alumni chapters in 14 east and central African countries and linked alumni to U.S. Embassy resources.
- Partnered with Power Africa to provide leadership training to 53 young women in the energy sector from ten countries.
- Adopted a distance learning model to provide training to 400 participants during the COVID-19 pandemic. YALI alumni mobilized resources for mitigation and response efforts, leading to 78 initiatives benefitting more than 60,000 individuals across the region with face masks, hand sanitizers, soap, food packages, and prevention education.
- Collaborated with other YALI Regional Leadership Centers in Ghana, South Africa, and Senegal to strengthen programming.
- Partnered with the African and international private sector to advance sustainability.

BUDGET: \$21.5 million

DURATION: 2015-2021

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

KEY PARTNERS

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