



YOUNG DEMOCRACY UNION OF AFRICA YDUA FORUM 2025

RABAT-MOROCCO

THEME

"Democratising Africa in the Age of Social Media and AI:
The Centre Right Youth Agenda"

Morocco-Rabat

22-27 June 2025

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

YOUNG DEMOCRACY UNION OF AFRICA (YDUA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

22 – 27 JUNE 2025

VENUE: ONOMO RABAT TERMINUS HOTEL, RABAT, MOROCCO

Theme: "Democratising Africa in the Age of Social Media and AI: The Centre-Right Youth Agenda"

DAY 0 – 21/22 JUNE 2025

AIRPORT ARRIVAL/HOTEL CHECK-IN

DAY 1 – 23 JUNE 2025

OPENING & TOPIC 1: The Centre Right perspective on digital democracy, governance and technology

Venue: Istiqlal Party Headquarters

TIME	AGENDA	FACILITATOR/SPEAKERS
09h00 – 10h00	Arrival and Registration & tea break & Photos & Press conference	
Opening ceremony: Marwa EL ANSARI		
10h00 – 10h15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Opening with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an➤ Moroccan National Anthem➤ Anthem of the Istiqlal Party➤ Opening Vidéo Présentation	
10h15 – 10h30	Welcome Speech	HE Nizar Baraka, General Secretary of Istiqlal party
10h30 - 10h40	Address from YDUA President	Mr. Kiirya Ismail
10h40 – 10h50	Remarks from Istiqlal youth organisation	Mr. Othmane Tarmounia, General Secretary
10h50 – 11h00	Keynote Address by IYDU	Prof. Dr. Michael Dust
11h00 – 11h10	Remarks from DUA President	Mr. Rahhal EL MaKKAOUI

11h10 – 11h20	Remarks by KAS	Dr. Holger Dix
11h20 – 11h30	Musical Break: Princess Stella	
11h30 – 11h45	GROUP PHOTO + TEA BREAK	
Session 2 Moderator: Mohcine Drissi El Bouzaidi		
11h45 – 12h45	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>Reimagining Africa-Europe Relations in a Complex Global Landscape</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Rahhal El Makkaoui - Reengineering Relationship Africa-Europe• Dr. Holger Dix – African Context (Partner’s Perspective)• Prof. Dr. Michael Dust – European Youth Position• Mr. Kiirya Ismail – Position of the African Youth
12h45 – 13h00	Q&A Session	Moderator
13h00 – 14h30	LUNCH At the HOTEL	
14h30 – 15h30	Visit to the House of Representatives (Attend part of a live parliamentary session)	
Session 3 Moderator: Eva Dohalova		
16h00-17h00	<p>Presentation:</p> <p>AI, Misinformation and Fake News: How do we combat it? (Interactive case studies and role-playing exercises)</p>	Hon. Abdelhalim El Mansouri
17h00 – 17h15	Q&A Session	Moderator
17h15-17h30	Tea Break	
17h30 – 18h00	Closing of Day 1 and Recap (End of Programme)	Hon. Inna Hengari (YDUA SG)
Session 4: Ms. Andile Mthombeni		
18h00 – 18h30	Groups 1, 2 and 3 Prepare for Presentations	
20h00 – 22h00	Dinner and Discussion with Mr. Ryad Mezzour <i>Minister of Industry and Trade, and Member of the Executive Committee of the Istiqlal Party</i>	Restaurant Dar Chrifa
END OF DAY 1 PROGRAMME		

DAY 2 – 24 JUNE 2025

TOPIC 2: The political landscape in the age of AI, misinformation and regulation (Formal Attire Formal and Smart for Evening Cocktail)

Venue: Hotel

Excursion/Evening Dinner: Istiqlal Headquarters

TIME	AGENDA	FACILITATOR/SPEAKERS
Session 1 Moderator – Dr. Lynn Bassey		
09h00 – 09h15	Welcome Ice Break	Moderator
09h15 – 09h30	Recap and Reflection of Day 1	Moderator
09h30 – 10h15	<p>Speaker Presentation:</p> <p>Digitizing Democracy: Combining Tradition and Innovation in Political Practice</p> <p>Panel Group Discussion/Discussant (North Africa Group):</p> <p>The Centre Right perspective on digital democracy, governance and technology</p>	<p>Ms. Eva Dohalova</p> <p>Group Members: Morocco, Tunisia & Equatorial Guinea</p>
10h15 – 10h30	Q&A Session	Moderator
10h30 – 10h45	TEA BREAK	
Session 2 Moderator – Ms. Andile Mthombeni		
10h45 – 11h30	<p>Speaker Presentation:</p> <p>The political landscape in the age of AI, misinformation and regulation</p> <p>Panel Group Discussion/Discussant (East Africa)</p>	<p>Ms. Kirsten Cosser</p> <p>Group Members: Tanzania, Kenya & Uganda</p>
11h30– 11h45	Q&A Session	Moderator
Session 2.1 Moderator – Mr. Togar Cephas		
11h45 – 12h30	Socio-economic and political mobilization in the digital world	Group Members: Ghana, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria

	Panel Group Discussion/Discussant (West Africa)	
12h30 – 12h45	Q&A Session	Moderator
13h00 – 14h00	LUNCH BREAK	
Session 3 Moderator – Hon. Inna Hengari		
14h00 – 14h45	Speaker Presentation: From Hashtag to Revolution: How Youth Movements Drive Change Online in the Age of social media and AI Panel Group Discussion/Discussant (Southern Africa)	Prof. Dr. Michael Dust Group Members: South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, Angola, Malawi
14h45 – 15h00	Q&A Session	Moderator
15h00 - 15h15	AFTERNOON TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
Session 4 Moderator – Istiqlal Team Member		
15h15 - 16h00	Interactive Roundtable: AI and Public Policy in Africa: Rethinking Youth Engagement and Governance in the Digital Age	Dr. Jawad Ennouhi Dr. Abdlhafid Adminou
16h00 – 16h30	Q&A Session	Moderator
Session 4.1 Moderator – Ms Beatrice Njeri		
16h30 – 17h00	Erosion of Democracy in Africa in the digital era: Case Studies	Tanzania, Ivory Coast and Mozambique
17h00– 17h30	Closing of Day 2 and Recap	Moderator
20h00-22h00	Dinner and meeting with leadership of Istiqlal Youth Organization	Restaurant Al Marsa
END OF DAY 2 PROGRAMME		

DAY 3 – 25 JUNE 2025**THEME 3:****How can youths use AI for a better political integration****Venue: Moroccan Parliament**

TIME	AGENDA	FACILITATOR/SPEAKERS
09h00 - 09h30	Arrival and Registration	Mohcine Bouzaidi
09h30 - 10h00	Welcome Speeches	President of the Istiqlal Party Group Hon. Abdesslam Lebbar
10h00 – 10h30	Visit to the Moroccan Parliament and its main halls	
GROUP PHOTO		
Session 1 Moderator – Istiqlal Team Member		
10h30 – 12h30	Panel Roundtable Discussion 1: The role of AI in Elections and Governance: Risks and Opportunities	Hon. Abdelali Barouki - Morocco Hon. Atupele Austin Muluzi – Malawi Hon. Malika lahyan Mr. Yassine Joual
12h30 – 13h00	Q & A Session	Moderator
13h00 – 14h30	LUNCH (Parliament)	
Session 2 Moderator – Istiqlal Team Member		
14h30 – 16h00	Panel Roundtable Discussion 2: Between Digital Ambition and the Migration Dream: African Youth in the Age of Artificial Intelligence	Hon. Abdelmajid El fassi Hon. Nana Asafou – Ghana Dr. Hamid lakhlifi
16h00 - 16h30	Q & A Session	Moderator
16h30 – 17h00	Closing of Day 3 and Recap	Moderator
17h00 – 17h30	Back to Hotel	
20h00	DINNER	HOTEL
END OF DAY 3 PROGRAMME		

DAY 4 – 26 JUNE 2025

YDUA BUSINESS, ELECTIONS, TOUR OF RABAT & FAREWELL DINNER

YDUA Business: Hotel (Dress Code: Political Party T-Shirts)

Excursion: Tour of Rabat (Dress Code: YDUA T-Shirts)

Farewell Dinner: Hotel (Dress Code: Traditional Country Attires)

TIME	AGENDA	FACILITATOR/SPEAKERS
08h30 – 09h00	Arrival and Registration	Ms. Maria
Session 1 Moderator – Mr. Kiirya Ismail		
09h00 – 09h15	De-brief and Recap of Day 3	Mr. Kiirya Ismail
09h15 – 10h30	Presentation of YDUA Report from the Outgoing Board and Constitutional Amendments	Hon. Inna Hengari Mr Walid Mulindwa
10h30 – 10h45	Election Procedural Briefing	Election Committee
10h45 – 11h30	Presentations by Nominated Candidates	Candidates
11h30 – 11h50	Voting/Elections	Election Committee
12h00 – 12h20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcement of Results Swearing In 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elections Committee Chair Chair of Legal Committee
12h30 - 13h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speech by New President Allocation of members to committees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YDUA President Newly Appointed SG of YDUA
13h00 - 14h00	Lunch	Hotel
15h00 – 18h00	Touristic Tour in Rabat (Dress Code : YDUA T-Shirts)	
20h00 - 23h00	FAREWELL COCKTAIL DINNER by Istiqlal Youth Organisation– SEE PROGRAMME BELOW	VENUE TBC
END OF DAY 4 PROGRAMME		
DAY 4 – 26 JUNE 2025		
FAREWELL COCKTAIL DINNER – DRESS CODE (TRADITIONAL ATTIRE)		
20H00	Remarks from Istiqlal Youths Organisation	Mr. Othmane Tarmounia
20H15	KAS-PolDiSSA Remarks	Dr. Holger Dix
20h30	Introduction of New Board	Speech by New President
20h45	Conference Declaration and Commitment Signing	Signed by All Delegates

21h00	Conference Attendance Certificate & Awards	Ms. Eva Dohalova IYDU SG
20h30	Cocktail and Networking (Music & Dance)	Dr. Mohcine
END OF DAY 4 PROGRAMME		

DAY 5 – 27 JUNE 2025

HOTEL CHECK-OUT/DEPARTURE