



Terms of Reference – YSB 2024-2026 (to be updated)

The Delegation of the [European Union](#) to Nigeria and ECOWAS is one of the 140 EU Delegations throughout the world. Under the leadership of the Head of Delegation, the EU Delegation is working together with EU Member States, Nigerian Authorities and Civil Society Partners to strengthen the partnership between EU and Nigeria. The partnership is aimed at achieving sustainable development, reducing poverty and to promoting democracy, human rights, and the rule of law, in line with the 5 pillars of the EU’s external priorities.

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INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Objectives: *SDGs, Paris Agreement, Poverty Eradication, Addressing Inequalities by Building Inclusive and Sustainable Societies*

<p>Green Alliances and Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-carbon and circular economy • Biodiversity and Forests • Green and smart cities • Sustainable energy • Sustainable food systems including nutrition • Water and Oceans • Pollution • Sustainable industry/value chains and green mobility 	<p>Alliances for Science, Technology and Innovation, and Digital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible Digitalisation: regulatory frameworks and connectivity, including key enabling infrastructure such as power, broadband • Digital skills and entrepreneurship • E-services, including e-governance • Data protection 	<p>Alliances for Sustainable Growth and Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable finance • Investment and de-risking, including key enabling infrastructure • Creation of decent jobs • Education and skills • Business environment and investment climate • Regional economic integration, trade and connectivity 	<p>Migration Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement, including development benefits of migration • Migration management, including border management, return, readmission and sustainable reintegration, and legal pathways • Durable solutions for refugees 	<p>Governance, Peace and Security, Human Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human rights, democracy, fundamental values • Rule of law and accountability • Conflict prevention, sustaining peace and building resilience • Fight against terrorism and organised crime • Human development
WOMEN AND YOUTH		EDUCATION AND SKILLS		

The Youth Sounding Board (YSB) aims to create a space for meaningful involvement of young people in the EU’s partnership with Nigeria. It will enable active engagement and exchanges between young people, decision-makers, the EU Delegation and its Member States. The YSB will advise the EU Delegation in Nigeria on youth participation and empowerment and on a broad range of topics such as employment, education, training and entrepreneurship, environment and climate change, human rights and democracy, peace and security, digitalisation and technology, gender, social inclusion and



health, peace and security, as well as culture, arts, media and journalism. The YSB also aims at creating opportunities for young people and youth organisations to express their views, connect and exchange. The YSB will ~~allow young people to have an influence on the policy and programmes of the EU in Nigeria, and will thereby~~ contribute to make EU action more participatory, relevant and effective for young people in Nigeria.

Description of the engagement

YSB members will serve an unpaid mandate of two years and will engage in activities aiming at:

- *Advising:* The YSB will advise the EU Delegation on designing, implementing and monitoring programmes and strategies related to youth.
- *Influencing:* The YSB will play a critical role as bridge between the youth population and government by influencing policies and legislation and how the EU can strengthen or further facilitate this process.
- *Monitoring:* The YSB will monitor the impact of EU programmes on youth, the extent to which of youth's needs and priorities are included, and make suggestions to improve support to young people.
- *Informing:* The YSB will serve as a knowledge hub for both the EU and the YSB Members to exchange information and share ideas. The YSB will keep the EUD informed of the most important issues for young people, emerging trends, concerns, opportunities and constraints.

For this purpose, the YSB members will, among others:

- Hold 4 meetings (virtual or physical) per year;
- Develop a work plan with objectives and activities;
- Discuss and deal with ad-hoc issues or requests using online tools and platforms;
- Build links with similar structures and existing youth initiatives at local and country level.

Duration

The appointment to the YSB is for 2 years, starting from the first meeting of the YSB. The approximate minimum number of working days will be 15 per year and will depend on the workplan developed by the YSB itself in cooperation with the EU Delegation.

Ethics and Conduct

The YSB members shall maintain the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct and integrity, which include honesty, truthfulness, fairness and incorruptibility, in all matters affecting their duties and responsibilities. The YSB members will be committed to the European Union's fundamental values: respect for human dignity and human rights, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law.

The YSB members understand that their personal actions could reflect on the other YSB members and the EU's image, and that any behaviour which severely compromises the core values of the EU or



violates the Code of Ethics and Conduct and Communication Guidelines (Annex 1 and 2) may result in a termination of this appointment.

Relationship

Being an YSB member is a voluntary position that does not entail any labour relationship. However, costs linked to the participation in the Board meetings, both physical and online, will be covered, such as data expenses, travel costs and per diems in line with EU policies and procedures.

The European Commission has the right to terminate the mandate of a candidate in case of violation of the Code of Ethics and Conduct and Communication Guidelines or unsatisfactory/non-contribution to the collective work of the YSB group. YSB members should inform the EU Delegation Youth Focal Point in case of an event that has an impact on and can hinder their contribution to the YSB as soon as possible. In case of early resignation or termination of the mandate, the EU Delegation will appoint other candidates.

Personal Information

The YSB member acknowledges that the European Commission will hold their personal data. Such data may include his/her address, contact details, demographic information, identity card/passport number, and other records. The European Commission will comply with General Data Protection Regulation in respect of the YSB members' data and shall not use the data for any other purposes other than as it relates to the YSB members mandate.

YSB Members agree that their contact details are shared with relevant EU Departments and implementing partners for further follow-up activities.