



# CYDPAN

CENTRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT  
& POVERTY ALLEVIATION INITIATIVE

PROGRAMME OF EVENT FOR THE

# YOUTH SUMMIT '21

THEME  
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT  
THROUGH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT  
& SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

November 19, 2021 || 10:00am Prompt

Nelson Mandela Banquet Hall,  
Watbridge Hotel & Suites  
11A/B IBB Way Opp. Ibom Hall, Uyo

*...Towards a Restored and Poverty Alleviated Society*



## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Arise, O compatriots,  
Nigeria's call obey  
To serve our fatherland  
With love and strength and faith  
The labour of our heroes past  
Shall never be in vain  
To serve with heart and might  
One nation bound in freedom,  
peace and unity.

Oh God of creation,  
direct our noble cause  
Guide our leaders right  
Help our youth the truth to know  
In love and honesty to grow  
And living just and true  
Great lofty heights attain  
To build a nation where peace  
and justice shall reign.

## **NATIONAL PLEDGE**

I pledge to Nigeria my country.  
To be faithful, loyal and honest.  
To serve Nigeria with all my strength  
To defend her unity  
and uphold her honour and glory  
So help me God



**RT. HON. ONOFIOK AKPAN LUKE**

MEMBER REPRESENTING ETINAN/NSIT IBOM  
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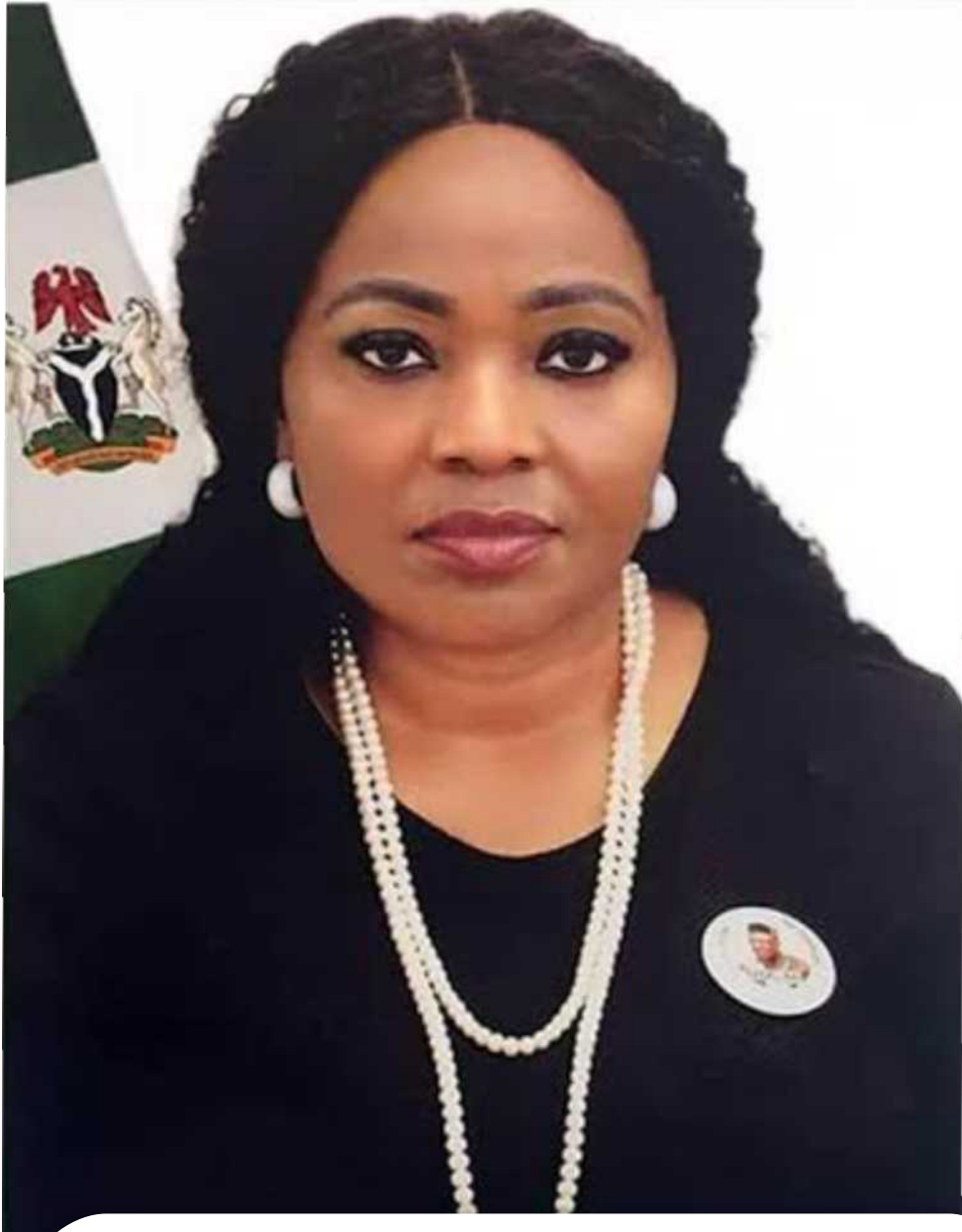
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



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**ROBERT BONIFACE**  
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## PROGRAMME OF EVENT

S/N	Activities		Person Responsible
1.	Arrival/Registration of Guest	9:30	
2.	National Anthem	10:00am	Moderators Aniekan Udofia & Smart Adams
3.	Opening Prayer	10:10am	Prof. (Mrs.) Margaret Bassey
4.	Welcome/Introduction of Guest	10:15am	Moderators Aniekan Udofia & Smart Adams
5.	Experience Sharing	10:30am	Mr. Ekanukpong Ben Mrs.Otobong KenJoshua
6.	Opening Remarks	11:00am	Robert Boniface Executive Director (CYDPAN)
7.	Keynote Speaker 1	11:10am	Dr. Richard Ajah
8.	Spoken Words	11:50am	Henry James
9.	Keynote Speaker 2	12:00pm	RT. Hon Onofiok Luke
10.	Short Comedy	12:45pm	
11.	Plenary Session (Roundtable)	1:00pm	
12.	Brief Response	2:00pm	By Various Guests of Honour
13.	Networking/ Call for Business Proposal	2:15pm	Moderators
14.	Summary of Plenary Session	2:30pm	Prof. (Mrs.) Margaret Bassey
15.	Closing Remarks	2:40pm	Barr. Nsanawaji Adasi Administrative Secretary, CYDPAN

# INTRODUCTION

Youth development is a key driver for poverty eradication and a pre-requisite for the growth of every nation. It is a paradox of our societies that with so many resources, technology, and innovation, poverty has not been eradicated. This is occasioned by high rates of youth unemployment (19.58% - UN International Labour Organization), monumental corruption, uneven distribution of national resources resulting in inequalities in wealth and power, limited access to education, etc. This has taken its toll on youth development in Nigeria. The Corona Virus Pandemic (Covid-19) has put into question all basic transitions. On the other hand, there is an attempt to identify the best ways of entering not just a short period, but a longer era of new normal that young people will have to cope with.

## WHAT WE WANT TO SOLVE

### » **Inadequate Human Capital Investment** (<https://www.isustudentmedia.com>)

Human capital investment is one of the key factors in combating high and persistent unemployment and problems of poverty; yet it is on the low side as every average young person wants to acquire success, not minding whether it is legal or not. Other parastatals believe in capital investment which in little or in no way at the long-run is productive.

### » **Unemployment**

This continues to pose negative influence on the economy and well-being of young people and women. It will over time, if not curbed brings about total demoralization of a country's economy.

### » **Limited Access to Quality Education**

Education remains an inaccessible right for millions of children around the world. More than 72 million children of primary education age are not in school and 759 million adults are illiterates and do not have the awareness necessary to improve both their living conditions and those of their children. From overcrowded classrooms to poor nutrition. Though it is a basic human right, yet in many developing countries, children's access to education especially girls can be limited by numerous factors which includes; language barriers, gender roles and reliance on child labour all stall progress in providing quality education.



### » **Low Cognitive Competence of Young People**

Cognitive competency's theory and creative thinking skills of an individual facilitate effective problem solving, decision making and learning for positive development. The inability to process these skills by young people has brought about basic societal and economic problems such as violence, financial dependence, among others.

### » **Gender-Based Violence**

Gender-based violence is an issue faced by people all over the world. Women are disproportionately harmed by gender-based violence. Despite being so prevalent, gender-based violence is largely under reported because of stigma and lack of access to resources and support systems. While women and girls are the most at risk and the most affected by gender-based violence, boys, men, and gender minorities also experience gender-based violence. It can have serious physical, mental, economic, and social repercussions. For example, sexualized violence can lead to unwanted pregnancies, unsafe abortions, and sexually transmitted infections, as well as isolation and depression. It can also prevent survivors from achieving economic prosperity because of stigma or physical and psychological trauma caused by the violence.

# MISSION & VISION



## Vision

A platform leading young people and women in identifying and expressing their inner strengths towards a restored and poverty alleviated society.



## Mission

To inspire, equip & empower young people, women and children with accurate information, opportunities and resources towards all facets of development and poverty abatement.

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## Objectives



To promote education from grassroots level in order to enhance mental orientation and capacity building



To promote and provide accurate information and access to good health care services



To build and promote the leadership potentials of young people and women into civic engagements in local and national development



To empower and promote the acquisition of skills that cheers financial independence of young people and women to enhance sustainable development.

# Now What?



Identifying a problem and providing solution is key to effective progress. Our platform aims to curb these problems, but not limited to:

1. Character development, life skills and ethical enrichment programs
2. Creativity and Innovation programs
3. Scholarship support program
4. Mentoring activities, including one-on-one relationship building and tutoring
5. Advocacy for access to good health care services through re-addressing health policies influencing young people and proper implementation
6. Advocacy for proper implementation of human right policies on gender-based violence
7. Training for health care practitioners and stakeholders on behavioural approach towards young people
8. Awareness creation
9. Free STDs/STIs, Malaria testing and advancement into counseling and distribution of drugs and mosquito nets in rural and urban areas
10. Young people involvement in peace building
11. Leadership and conflict management programs
12. Providing vocational skills to meet with established market demands
13. Financial and resource support for start-ups or small business and adequate monitoring for effective results.

# WHO WE ARE

Center for Young People Development and Poverty Alleviation Initiative (CYDPAN) is a youth led organization with a focus on sharing ideas with individuals and organizations in the promotion of gender sensitivity in human development.

CYDPAN aims at addressing challenges faced by young people, women and children by creating opportunities for holistic development through Education, Health Services and Skills Development.

We embrace an inclusive approach in addressing issues of economic deprivation especially among the youths and women in the society and take the course for research to nip in the bud those factors that promote moral decadence and the emergence of conflicts and gender based violence in the family, community and the larger society.

## OUR CORE VALUES

### PASSION

Putting our best into positively influencing our targeted audience in self-discovery, decision-making and capacity building in order to harness the change they need for a better future.

### EQUITY FOR ALL

Non bias in our practices, programs and interventions and also promote social and mental development of young people notwithstanding their gender, location, economic or social backgrounds.

### TEAM WORK

Synthesizing ideas, contributions and resources from our experienced professional and volunteers representing diverse communities with same interests for effective outcome of our programs.

## WE ASK

We request for your organization/agency to sponsor any of our training packages or invite us for more detailed partnership conversation as to how we can work together to create extensive impact through all programmes.

### CONTACT US

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**A Welcome Speech Presented by Mr. Robert Boniface  
The Executive Director, Centre for Young People Development  
and Poverty Alleviation Initiative (CYDPAN), at the Occasion of  
the 2021 Youth Summit themed: Youth Empowerment Through  
Civic Engagement and Skills Development,  
on this 19th Day of November 2021.**

*The Honourable Member Representing Etinan, Nsit Ibom, Nsit Ubiom Federal Constituency in the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Barr.) Onofiok Luke,*

*The Honourable Commissioner, Akwa Ibom State Ministry of Education, Mrs Idongesit Etiebet,*

*The Akwa Ibom State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Comrade Ini Ememobong,*

*The Akwa Ibom State Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Welfare, Dr. Ini Adiakpan,*

*The Akwa Ibom State Commissioner for Youths and Sports, Sir Monday Ebong Uko,*

*The Commissioner of Police, Akwa Ibom State Command, CP Amiengbeme Andrew fdc,*

*The Vice Chancellor, University of Uyo, Prof. Nyaudoh Ndaeyo,*

*Prof. (Mrs) Margaret E. Bassey, University of Uyo,*

*Dr. Richard Ajah, Senior Lecturer, University of Uyo.*

*Concerned guests from Civil Society Organizations, Government, Academia and Youth Organisations,  
Gentlemen of the press... Great Nigerian Students, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!!!*

Good Morning all, It is my pleasure to welcome you all to this Youth Summit, thank you for taking time off your busy schedules to join us in this epoch-making occasion. I would like to thank my team members for their support and express my deepest appreciation to all of them for the excellent work in making this summit possible.

Like many other organizations working in the youth care space, we at CYDPAN are committed to realizing our mission statement which is to inspire, equip and empower young people, women and children with accurate information, opportunities and resources towards all facets of development and poverty abatement.

NOW is the time to invest in young people. Now is the time, not sometime in the future. I say now is the time because young people are not just the future; they are very much the present. Our world is home to more than 1.8 billion people between the ages of 10 and 24. This is the largest youth generation in human history and there are many challenges facing us:

- Today, more than half of all young people live in poverty
- An estimated 100 million adolescents do not attend school
- Nearly half of all sexual assaults worldwide are against girls aged 15 and younger
- Every year, 16 million adolescent girls become mothers, and complications from pregnancy are the leading cause of death worldwide among girls between 15 to 19 years-old
- Today, approximately 2,500 youths become newly infected with HIV every single day
- And in all regions of the world, youth unemployment is unacceptably high, and many young people fall victim to exploitation and violence.

Yes, the challenges are many. But they are not insurmountable. Together we can overcome them if we work together and redouble our efforts to guarantee that all young people have the knowledge, skills and opportunities to reach their fullest potentials.

Let me say this, we will not achieve any of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to end extreme poverty, to reach universal education, to improve health, to advance gender equality and create a sustainable planet, unless we make these smart investments in youth and partner with young people.

Investing in young people's education, health and employment will ensure better prospects for their own lives and for their countries' development. On the other hand, if we fail to make these investments now, we will further entrench poverty and ignorance for generations to come.

We have watched with some dismay at the evidence of rapid rise in the vandalization of public assets, sexual crimes against minors, high rate of unemployment and poverty, and the likes. This is indicative of the fact that majority of young people are ignorant of their responsibilities and most of them are economically inactive hence, needing empowerment.

Today's summit is our small first step in the direction of working with all the relevant stakeholders. We hope, with the help of all of you, to set up a road map of actions and the policy framework that can help identify and address various problems facing Nigerian youths. This Summit will feature plenary sessions with high-profiled keynote speakers, interactive breakout sessions involving a range of partners, lots of experts as speakers.

### **Understanding Youth Empowerment?**

Youth empowerment is a process where children and young people are encouraged to take charge of their lives. They do this by addressing their situations and then take action in order to improve their access to resources and transform their consciousness through their beliefs, values, and attitudes. Youth empowerment is a process which encourages youths by all means. It is an effort towards making a course for them to sustain and adapt as per the situations. It aims at improving the quality of life youths are living and brings empowerment by giving them access to the resources which can help them to build confidence and work in the direction of attaining growth and transformation. Youth empowerment is the most effective means of making a better future for any country.

The importance of youth empowerment are enormous, these includes: Better Standard of Living, Poverty Eradication, Crime Reduction, Good Education Standard, among others. It is noteworthy to state that, greater percentage of Nigeria's population is made up of young people, and this comes with its social and economic implications, as such empowering them is a necessity of urgent importance. With the devastating impact of the Corona Virus Pandemic, empowering young people through civic engagement and skills development is critical which brings to mind what civic engagement signifies.

Civic engagement or civic participation is any individual or group activity addressing issues of public concern. Civic engagement includes communities working together or individuals working alone in both political and non-political actions to protect public values or make a change in a community. The goal of civic engagement is to address public concerns and promote the quality of the community. Through civic engagement, young people would volunteer personal time to participate in community projects such as clean-up programs, protecting federal, state & local government assets within their communities, resisting heinous and nefarious activities and the likes and bolstering efforts for a strong community bond.

On the other hand, skills development is ability and capacity acquired through deliberate,

systematic, and sustained effort to smoothly and adaptively carryout complex activities or job functions involving ideas (cognitive skills), things (technical skills), and/or people (interpersonal skills).

This is where CYDPAN's bulk of work is domiciled. Through this medium, with skills development, CYDPAN will train select beneficiaries on various skills such as Pastry, Hair Dressing, Fashion Design, etc. as well as provide them with start-up parks for diverse entrepreneurial ventures.

That hinted, permit me to draw your attention to some of our achievements. So far, within our one year of existence, we (with the support of our partners) have selflessly trained and empowered over 49 youths on various skills acquisition programs, with most becoming self-reliant and employers of labour, among other life-touching programs.

These and many more are what CYDPAN is committed to; and by extension, it is a responsibility of all of us. In this light, we call on you all to partner and support CYDPAN through any of these medium:

- Cash donations
- Procurement of start-up parks such as Welding Machine, Hair Drying Machine, Oven, etc.
- Recommendations

It is our belief that through your support and partnership, we could touch more lives and make our world a better place for ourselves and generations unborn. Let me particularly thank the Governor of Akwa Ibom State, His Excellency, Mr. Udom Gabriel Emmanuel, for the visible efforts he is making towards the comprehensive industrialization of Akwa Ibom State. Indeed, his initiatives hold future prospects for the youths of the state and beyond.

Once again, you are welcome to this life transforming event and I deeply appreciate you for honouring our invitation both as participants and resource persons. It is my hope that the aims of this summit will be met in furtherance of the Akwa Ibom creed of faith, hope, practical work and inevitable growth.

Thank you for being a part of this summit, remain blessed.

# EVENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

## FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH (DECEMBER 15 TO 22, 2021)

This Free Medical outreach is part of CYDPAN's major mission to provide access to basic healthcare service to rural, hard-to-reach and underserved communities to facilitate maximum healthcare coverage and provide comprehensive response to healthcare threads in rural areas whether natural or man-made.

Please consider the following ways you can make the FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH a success

<b>CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP</b>	<b>N5,865,000</b>
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- Promotional materials placed on beneficiary's goody bags
- Promotional materials such as flyers, tags, hoardings and banners displayed at event venues
- Thank you ad in local newspaper
- Company name/logo prominently displayed on organization's website and posters
- Company ad in organization's website
- Company name and logo prominently displayed on t-shirts
- Acknowledgement on organization website and social media profiles

<b>EVENT SUPPORTER</b>	<b>N2,000,000</b>	<b>N1,500,000</b>	<b>N1,000,000</b>	<b>N500,000</b>
	<b>N250,000</b>	<b>N150,000</b>	<b>N100,000</b>	<b>N50,000</b>

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- Company ad in organization's website (depending on levels of support)

Become a corporate sponsor or event supporter     Sponsor (drugs and test kits)  
 Participate on planning committee     Volunteer at events     Sponsor/host event at your facility

Other: please specify.....

All donations in cash should be made into our Corporate Account.

**Account Name: CENTER FOR YPD & POVERTY ALLEVIATION - Account Number: 1215526718**  
**Bank Name: Zenith Bank Plc**

**Account Name: CENTER FOR YPD & POVERTY ALLEVIATION - Account Number: 2040756237**  
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*Let's give a helping hand together*













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