

OUR COLLECTIVE POLITICAL DEMANDS – GENDER EQUALITY & YOUTH PARTICIPATION

“Young Voices in Conversation – Unleashing Youth Power for Gender Equality” – a side event hosted by Plan International Germany at the 5th African Youth SDGs Summit

A vibrant group of more than 80 young people developed collective political demands. What we have is a powerful document – it encompasses the needs of African youths in their activism for gender equality. Now it is our turn to amplify their voices and spread their demands!

Collective Political Demands

Representation	Gender-balanced representation in rural areas, political parties, politics and government, education
Norms and Values	Feminism to be understood as positive and for everyone → male involvement Awareness campaigns on gender-related policies in communities, especially in rural areas (for example in villages) against the backdrop of patriarchal cultures and norms
Policymaking	Policies to be accessible, brief, and digestible for community members Gender-transformative engagement: gender-sensitivity for programs, projects, and financing Gender equality as a priority in policy-making Menstrual hygiene and health policies
Participation	Meaningful participation of young people, especially young women in all processes and spaces – from policymaking to implementation
Opportunities	Decent work for young people Equal opportunities (e.g., equal employment) for women Compulsory education
Resources	Equal distribution of resources to people with disabilities Equal access to digital technologies and innovation Provision of resources to orphans Easily accessible and distributed spaces, platforms, and resources for youth (advocates) of all genders Provision of services for women (e.g., sanitary facilities)
Finance	Allocating financial resources and land to women Allocate finances and resources to support gender equality initiatives Investing resources in the implementation of policies.