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1. Background

The Southern Africa Regional Youth Forum (SARYF) comes together on an annual basis since 2012. The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung offers youth development interventions on national level in many countries across the globe with a specific focus on enhancing leadership capacities amongst young leaders. On the African Sub-continent such Youth Leadership [Development Programmes are being conducted in Botswana, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. And consequentially graduates from those countries are granted the opportunity to further shape the fortunes of Africa.

As a follow up to the previous SARYF in 2016, held in Lusaka/Zambia, this year's meeting aimed at deepening the defined topics of concern for youth in Southern Africa. As a follow-up to last year's discussions, more intensive engagement is sought around the theme: 'Youth participation towards Social Justice' with the following sub-topics:

- Youth and Education
- Youth Empowerment
- Youth Empowerment through Enterprise Development, Social Grants and Employment Creation
- How sustainable is Social Protection
- Youth Identity and Representation
- Intergenerational Dialogue,
- Youth and Gender

2. Programme objectives:

- a. To share visions amongst young African leaders and to discuss ways to contribute to democracy and social justice in Africa;
- b. To influence and provide a youth perspective to politics and policies in African Countries and multilateral platforms.

3. The key values, which underpin the programme:

Tolerance; Openness; Respect; Personal integrity; Hard Work; and Social responsibility / Compassion.

These values also indicate what kind of leadership is being promoted.

4. Target group:

- Youth leaders from the age of 18 – 30 (in exceptional cases 35);
- Graduates from different countries where the FES conducts Youth Leadership Development Programmes;
- Participants are expected to feedback into their national structures after the SARYF Workshop, hence they must have proven track record within their own structures;
- English proficiency is a requirement as well as the willingness and readiness to present certain topics during the SARYF Workshop;
- The majority of national delegates must be recent graduates/participant, whilst only one participant may be previous graduate;
- At least half of the participants must be women.

5. Methodology

The training is **action-based, generation specific, experiential, lateral and highly participatory**. Certain subjects are offered through specifically identified and contracted **Experts**, where the specific Terms of Reference clarify topical expectations. Equally important for intensive learning are periods of **Deepening and Reflection**.