



The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) hosted the sixth Southern Africa Regional Youth Forum (SARYF) in Windhoek, as from the 8th – 12 October under the theme **“Youth Participation towards Social Justice”**. In attendance to share vision and discuss ways on how to contribute to democracy and social justice are young leaders, who are graduates of the Youth Leadership Development Programme in Seven SADC countries namely; Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Madagascar and Mozambique.

Theme was further broken down into six thematic areas, which will serve as basis of discussion. The thematic areas are

- Social Justice in practice in Southern Africa
- Youth Participation towards Social Justice
- Youth and Gender,
- Youth and Education,
- Youth Empowerment through Enterprise Development, Grants and Employment Creation
- Youth Identity and representation

Each thematic discussion was informed by a resource person, and the panel is made up of SARYF delegates themselves. In this way we trust to further empower SARYF delegates and be true to the SARYF which is **Leadership - Justice – Discipline**.

The delegates also had an opportunity to engage to government officials and key player in social justice in Namibia.

The recommendation crafted during SARYF will be taken up with the SADC secretariat, the African Union and the organiser of the Africa Youth Forum.

