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OSUNYOUTHAGENDA

The Osun Youth Agenda (OYA) Campaign is an advocacy birthed from the quest of having the youth contribute meaningfully to the development of Osun State and the Nation at large replacing the restiveness, civil despondency and anti-social behaviors of the youth with social and economic gainful opportunities. OYA is the aggregated voices of young people in the state that present to the government the priority developmental issues of Osun Youth. The Osun Youth Agenda is a product of research (qualitative and quantitative) and consultative processes which

includes the Youth Priority Need Survey (YPNS) with a sample size of six hundred (600) Osun Youth across the 30 Local Government Areas (LGA) of the state through Random Sampling, Focus Group Discussions and Key Informant Interviews. The Osun Youth Agenda addresses youths' demands on Education, Employment, Health Care Delivery, Agriculture and Wealth Creation. In a bid to achieve OYA advocacy objectives, specific activities were strategically carried out by the coordinating hub of OYA (Kimpact Development Initiative - KDI) to amplify the needs of Osun Youth:

Osun Youth #MeetMrSpeaker (Osun Youth Agenda Legislative Town Hall Meeting)

On 22nd January, 2020, at Atlantis Civic Center Ring road Osogbo, Osun Youth Agenda team in conjunction with the Osun State House of Assembly (OSHA) hosted the first Youth/legislative Town-hall meeting in the history of Osun State; interacting with the speaker, Osun State House of Assembly - Rt. Honorable Timothy Owoye. Other OSHA members, the Commissioner of Youth and Sport - Hon. Olayemi Azeez Lawal, the Senior Resident Director, National Democratic Institute - Dr. Stephen Snook, and Mr. Femi Adefila, KDI Board of trustee member were in attendance to give their goodwill messages.

Rt. Hon. Timothy Owoye gave an address and had an interactive session with Osun state youth where he answered questions asked by the youth. The Hon. Speaker in his address and during the interactive session, applauded Bukola Idowu and KDI team for their zeal and doggedness to take Osun Youth and her de-

velopment to the next level. Furthermore, he said the Osun Youth Agenda is in consonant with the 7th Assembly Legislative Agenda and gave his commitment on the passage of Osun Youth Development Commission Establishment Bill which will be given first reading immediately the house resume from recess in March, 2020 and that the house will work with the Executive to see that the bill passed at the hallowed chamber of the OSHA is signed into law". In his response to questions asked as regards the implementation of Osun Youth Agenda recommendations in the 2020 budget, he said 'the Osun State House of Assembly will partner with CSOs/NGOs like KDI in monitoring and tracking the budget implementation'. To conclude with, he mentioned that the Osun State 7th Assembly is setting up an E-parliament platform where the legislators can engage the youth and their constituency effectively.



Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Osun State House of Assembly and Olufemi Olanipekun (Anchor) during the Special Discussion at the Legislative Town hall Meeting



Download the Full OYA Brochure: <http://bit.ly/OYA-BROCHURE>

Download the OYA Factsheet: <http://bit.ly/OYA-FACTSHEET>

Download the OYDC Policy Brief: <http://bit.ly/Full-OYDC-Policy-Brief>



A wide view of the participant at Legislative Town Hall Meeting while Rt. Hon. Speaker of the Osun State House of Assembly and Olufemi Olanipekun (Anchor) were interacting

“*Osun Youth Agenda is in Consonant with the 7th Assembly Legislative Agenda – Rt. Hon. Speaker Osun State House of Assembly, Hon. Timothy Owoye*”

“*The passage of Osun Youth Development Commission Establishment Bill will be given first reading immediately the house resume from recess in March, 2020” – Rt. Hon. Speaker Osun State House of Assembly, Hon. Timothy Owoye*”

Radio Program & Tweet Chat

OYA radio program grand finale hosted on OSBC 104.5 FM was centered to discuss the impact of Osun Youth Agenda and her forthcoming programs in January 22nd and 23rd 2020. The platform was also used to create awareness and invite the citizen most especially the youth to be part of the forth coming programs.



OYA Project Coordinator, Bukola Idowu in Rave 91.7 FM Studio on the OYA Radio Program.

Kimpact Hosts High Profile Stakeholders to Second Osun Youth Agenda Policy Dialogue



L-R: Mr. Femi Adefila- member KDI Board of Trustees, Dr. Stephen Snooks - Senior Resident Director, National Democratic Institute (NDI), Hon. Olayemi Azeez Lawal- Commissioner of Youth and Sports, Bukola Idowu - Executive Director KDI and Bem Aga -Senior Program Officer NDI at the second policy dialogue.



Kimpact Development Initiative and its allies on Osun Youth Agenda team held the second edition of Osun Youth Agenda High Profile Stakeholders' Policy Dialogue on 23rd January 2020. The policy dialogue had in attendance the Osun State Governor Mr. Adegboyega Oyetola who was represented by the Commissioner of Youth and Sports- Hon. Olayemi Azeez Lawal, Commissioner for Agriculture and Food Security- Hon. Adedayo Adewole, Commissioner for Commerce and Industry- Hon. Olaonipekun Henry Olabode, Commissioner of Health represented by Dr. Olawale F. Dauda, Coordinating Director, Ministry of Youth and Sport- Mr. Taiwo Adediran Agunlejika and the representative of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education- Mrs. S. F Olajide, NDI Senior Resident Director, Dr Stephen Snook and KDI Board member, Mr. Femi Adefila were all in attendance.

Gov. Oyetola gave his assurance that the state government will continue to provide enabling environment for the development of the youth. His Excellency further stated that the bill for the establishment of Osun Youth Development Commission has been forwarded to the State House of Assembly as a response to KDI/OYA team request at the first Osun Youth Agenda Policy Dialogue. Also, He mentioned that the commission will serve as a forum for addressing issues that are vital to the needs of the youth and making them critical partners of government and beneficiaries of governance. Furthermore, the Osun Youth Policy is in progress and the subvention to cater for the various needs of the youth would be provided by the state government.

The policy dialogue had two panel sessions where the OYA campaign team and policy makers reached a consensus on the Strategies and timeline for the implementations of the recommendations which will start in the next three weeks from the day of the dialogue according to the commissioner of Agriculture and Food security. Strategies such as capacity development for the youth and access to funds through microcredit agency and Vocational training centers to boost Entrepreneurship are already set in place.



Hon. Olayemi Azeez Lawal- Commissioner of Youth and Sports delivering Governor Gboyega Oyetola's Speech at the second edition of the policy dialogue event.

SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, THE STATE OF OSUN, MR. ADEGBOYE GA OYETOLA, AT THE 2ND EDITION OF OSUN YOUTH AGENDA POLICY DIALOGUE HELD AT AURORA EVENT CENTRE, OSOGBO, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

PROTOCOLS:

I am highly elated to have been invited by Kimpact Initiative to the 2nd edition of the Osun Youth Agenda Policy Dialogue.

I deeply appreciate Kimpact Initiative and the ever-vibrant and ever-resourceful Osun youths for coming up with the Osun Youth Agenda Policy Dialogue Series as a critical organ for mobilising youths to interrogate issues that are central to their welfare and the growth of the State. This initiative, which makes the youth to talk and interrogate issues, is a huge contributor to the dream of Osun to remain the most peaceful State in Nigeria. When youths dialogue and get involved in issues of governance, social vices and crises are driven out of lane and the society remains peaceful, strong and prosperous.

Our Administration came into power on the benevolence of the people and on the strength of our Development Agenda which seeks to deliver governance on all fronts and in all the sectors. The Development Agenda whose strategy is to deliver service and projects on an equitable, adequate and qualitative basis has sustainable development as its focus. And the youth are the drivers and the lifeline of sustainable development. They constitute over 60 per cent of the people to which our Agenda is targeted.

I am happy and fortunate as governor to have an army of the most proactive, most innovative, most intelligent, best educated and most-service and people-oriented

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Promotion Agency was signed at the event. These two economic entities are designed to unlock the rich potential of the State and radically transform its economy.

Twenty-two investors and business czars signed Memoranda of Understanding with the State at the Summit in the critical areas, especially in agriculture, mining, infrastructure and economy. Our goal is to make Osun the commercial hub of the South West.

By the time these initiatives begin to yield dividends, they will generate massive employment for the youth, provide huge business opportunities for our people, eliminate hunger and banish poverty. Besides, they will provide ample opportunities to expand our extant equitable service delivery mechanism in all the sectors across the State.

We have reviewed our educational system to make it functional by introducing vocational and technical education to take care of middle-level manpower and promote entrepreneurship. We are renovating and revitalising the State's 10 Life Academies to make them functional. This is in addition to the renovation of schools, provision of instructional and learning materials as well as training and re-training of teachers to make our children get the best education.

A bill for the establishment of Youth Development Commission has been forwarded to the State House of Assembly as a response to your request presented at the 1st Osun Youth Policy Agenda for the establishment of the Commission to Enhance Youth Centered Policies and Development Plan; Youth Focused Intervention; Gainful Youth Employment and Fully Tapped Youth Potential. The Commission will serve as a forum for addressing issues that are vital to the needs of the youth and making them critical partners of government and beneficiaries of governance. The Osun Youth Policy is also in progress and, very soon, the

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youths. Indeed, with this array of young people around me, I am confident that our development Agenda is on autopilot.

By virtue of their population and nature, youths are the highest players and targets of the 21st Century knowledge- and technology-driven world. Their welfare and interests should naturally take a huge part of the programmes of any responsible government. Our Administration never lost sight of this fact and we have consistently anchored our programmes on young people who are the strength, the pillar and the hope of the State.

The 7th Secretary-General of United Nations, Nobel Laureate Kofi Annan rightly observes that "young people should be at the forefront of global change and innovation. Empowered, they can be key agents for development and peace. If, however, they are left on society's margins, all of us will be impoverished. Let us ensure that all young people have every opportunity to participate fully in the lives of their societies".

Mr. Annan's comment underscores our position that the youth are the principal players in our Development Agenda. In The State of Osun, the youth have been the focus of many of our developmental programmes such as Osun Youth Empowerment Scheme, O-YES, Youth Employment and Support Operation, YESSO (a World Bank Assisted Programme), and other youth empowerment programmes.

As part of our avowed commitment to providing employment for our youths, we convened the Osun Economic Investment Summit, which was attended by over 1,000 local and international participants, investors, business moguls, Speakers and Moderators. The Executive Order for the establishment of Osun Investment

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subvention to cater for the various needs of the youth would be provided by the State Government.

The door of our Administration is open to you as allies of government at all times and the Commissioner for Youths and Sports shall always be on hand to engage with you on the various aspects of your welfare and Policy Dialogue.

This 2nd Youth Policy Dialogue offers you another opportunity to review, fine-tune and firm up issues that are of utmost importance to you as leaders of tomorrow and the strength of Osun.

I assure you all that the State Government of Osun would continue to provide an enabling environment for the development of our youths.

I wish to express the appreciation of the State Government of Osun to the Kimpact Development Initiative for organising this programme.

I thank all our invited guests and partners and our valued youths for attending the 2nd edition of this Policy Dialogue.

I wish you an impactful and rewarding Dialogue as you strive to contribute to the development of The State of Osun.

I thank you all for your attention.

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Osun Youth Agenda Team Reflects on the Campaign Strategies



Oluwakemi Akinyemi speaking on the campaign strategies and all activities of the Osun Youth Agenda Campaign

As widely known, “Reflecting on the past has always helped in re-strategizing for future endeavors”. KDI organized a reflection meeting with OYA technical Committee members and Local Government Hubs as they shared the joy for being part of the team that drives change toward Youth development in Osun State. Successes recorded were celebrated, challenges were discussed and recommendations were proffered for the subsequent engagement.

Some of the impact and successes of the campaign from the LG Coordinators and technical committee members:

“I’m happy to be a part of the OYA project, it has helped me, the youth in my Local Government and the constituency representative of Ede south to be able to make informed decision.” – Yusuf Dauda (Ede South LG Coordinator)

“For the first time we have an advocacy that is successful with the political stakeholders which have resulted to the advancement of the state development.” – Rasheed Adebisi (Technical Committee member).

Challenges experienced during the campaign were not left out as some of the coordinators have difficulty reaching out to political actors in their Local Government Areas.

Recommendation

- KDI ensure that all these commitment doesn’t stay as mere words. Engagement towards ensuring Youth Development should be continuous and the implementation of the OYA recommendations that were included in the 2020 appropriation law needs to be monitored. So, continuous advocacy to decision makers most especially the Osun State Governor needs to continue so as to ensure this youth are prioritized during the implementation of the 2020 appropriation law.
- The legislative advocacy needs to continue to ensure that Osun Youth Development Commission Establishment Bill is passed into law and it is accented by the Executive Governor of Osun State The reflection meeting had 44 participants with 21 males and 13 females.

Lesson learnt

- To achieve a developmental change, constant and continuous follow up with Stakeholder on their commitment has been an effective tool to achieve the objectives of Osun Youth Agenda.
- Advocacy is not literally activism, in place of attacking advocacy targets, a constructive and fact based engagement will aid swift successes.
- Consistent media engagement, grassroots mobilization, policy and advocacy dialogues and fact based policy briefs are good tools of engagement in policy advocacy that has high profile stakeholders as target.

Osun Youth Agenda Team Meets New Appointed Honourable Commissioner of Youth and Sports



Bukola Idowu - Executive Director KDI intimating the Hon. Olayemi Azezz Lawal- Commissioner of Youth and Sports on the journey so far on Osun Youth Agenda

Kim pact and OYA team on the 5th November, 2019 paid a congratulatory and advocacy visit to the newly appointed Hon. Commissioner of Youth and Sport in Osun State, in person of Hon. Olayemi Azezz Lawal to familiarize him on OYA campaign, its recommendations and the journey thus far. Bukola Idowu, the project coordinator of OYA campaign took the Hon. Commissioner through the evolution of OYA, activities done so far and the expected outcomes in a short presentation. The OYA brochure, policy briefs and newsletters were presented to the Hon. Commissioner. The Hon. Commissioner in his response acknowledged the great works of Kim pact/OYA so far on youth development in Osun State and pledged his support and promised to collaborate with the team towards actualizing OYA recommendations and development of Osun Youth.

Osun Youth Agenda Media Conference

As the Osun Youth Agenda is being brought to an end, Kim pact Development Initiative, the coordinating hub for Osun Youth Agenda organized a press conference to inform the public, the successes recorded so far in the Osun Youth Agenda Campaign, laud the support OYA had received from relevant stakeholders and decision-makers, call for the implementation of the youth developmental needs in the 2020 appropriation law and passage of the Osun Youth Development Commission (OYDC) Establishment Bill into law. The press conference had the presence of 10 media houses



Tope Alabi, a journalist from NTA Osogbo seeking clarification on the press statement read and the journey ahead.

Successes Recorded So Far on Osun Youth Agenda Camapign

S/N	OYA THEMATIC AREAS	OYA RECOMMENDATION IN OSUN 2020 BUDGET	PAGE NUMBER
1	Education	OYES cadets in schools and N-teach should be adequately trained	Confirmed from the Governor's speech presented at the policy dialogue.
		Provision of adequate teaching and instructional materials e.g. textbooks (especially Literature, Mathematics, Accounting, English and other science subjects), ICT laboratory equipment, well equipped libraries for primary and secondary schools.	Confirmed from the Governor's speech presented at the policy dialogue.
2	Employment Opportunities	Conversion of Ayegbaju market into a computer market (village)	Pg. 40 in the Ministry of Youth and Sport Budget.
		Operationalized Youth Employment Policy	Confirmed from the Governor's speech presented at the policy dialogue that the Youth Employment Policy is in stage of completion.
		Domestication of Ease of Doing Business Policy (PEBEC) in Osun State (As launched by the vice president)	Ongoing work on it
3	Health	Establishment of Youth Friendly centers	Pg. 91 in the Ministry of Health Budget
		Family Life and HIV education and sex education curriculum to be used in government and private schools	Pg. 90 in Ministry of Health Budget.
		Set up Osun drug abuse response department (O'DARD) that will provide Primary (Education and Sensitization), Secondary (Treatment – smoking cessation programs) and Tertiary (Rehabilitation and reintegration) interventions to curb the menace of drug abuse in the state.	Already in operation in the Ministry of Health
4	Wealth Creation	Hold promotional programs for Osun produced good	Pg. 55 in Ministry of Commerce and Industry Budget
		Establishment of well-equipped youth innovation hub and skill training center.	Pg. 40 in Ministry of Youth and Sport. Pg. 55 in Ministry of Commerce and Industry Budget.
5	Agriculture	Agricultural inputs	Pg. 83 & 84 in the Ministry of Agric. Budget
		Establishment of agricultural produce market	Pg.83 in the Ministry of Agric. Budget
		Rehabilitation of farm settlement offices	Pg. 84 in the Ministry of Agric. Budget
		Rehabilitation / stocking of government / secretariat pond	Pg. 83 in the Ministry of Agric. Budget
		Establishment and irrigation of 9 new farm settlements	Pg. 83 in the Ministry of Agric. Budget
		Upgrading of infrastructure of 9 old farm settlements	Pg. 83 in the Ministry of Agric. Budget
		Establishment of Food Mart.	Pg. 83 in the Ministry of Agric. Budget

A dedicated Ministry for Youth, Sports and Special Needs and a 37 year old as Commissioner of Youth, sports and Special Needs

The Osun Youth Development Commission Est. Bill, 2020 is now at the floor of the Osun State House of Assembly (OSHA) and Rt. Hon. Speaker of OSHA, Hon. Timothy Owoeye promised to give the bill its first reading upon the House resumption from recess and ensure its being passed to law.



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