YES 2025
International Youth Empowerment and Employment Summit

Reimagining Futures: From Vision to Venture

Dates: 2nd – 4th June 2025
Location: Gaborone, Botswana

Youth Empowerment and Employment Summit Botswana – Lighting the Spark for a Generation at Work.

DAY 1: MONDAY, 2ND JUNE 2025 – DIAGNOSE & FRAME

Time	Activity	Details
08:00 - 09:30	Registration & Continental Networking Breakfast	Arrival, check-in, and informal connection in the exhibition hall.
09:30 - 10:45	Grand Opening & Keynote Address	Official welcome and inaugural address by a very Senior official (to be confirmed).
10:45 - 12:30	Panel: The State of Youth Unemployment in Botswana & Beyond	Data-driven session with labour economists, government statisticians, and youth representatives.
12:30 - 14:00	Networking Luncheon	
14:00 - 15:30	Policy Dialogue Workshops	Digital economy regulations, green job incentives, formalising the informal sector.
15:30 - 17:00	The Skills Revolution Forum	Bridging the skills gap for the Fourth Industrial Revolution.
19:00 - 22:00	Official Welcome Gala Dinner	By invitation. Cultural performances and Young Achiever of the Year award.

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 3RD JUNE 2025 – INSPIRE & EQUIP

Time	Activity	Details
09:00 - 10:30	Firechat Keynote 1	The Future of Work and Wealth Creation.
10:30 - 12:30	Pitch to the World – Session 1	Youth entrepreneurs pitch to international venture capitalists and angel investors.
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch & Deal Flow Networking	Structured networking between startups, investors, and mentors.
14:00 - 15:00	Firechat Keynote 2	Solving African Problems with African Solutions.
15:00 - 17:00	Masterclass Series	Pitch decks, financial modelling, and digital marketing workshops.
17:00 - 18:30	Investor Cocktail Reception	Exclusive mixer for investors and selected startups.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 4TH JUNE 2025 – COMMIT & LAUNCH

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09:00 - 10:30	The Accountability Platform	Announcements of measurable commitments by government and private sector leaders.
10:30 - 12:00	Pitch to the World – Finals & Awards	Top startups compete for seed funding and awards.
12:00 - 13:30	Closing Plenary: The Gaborone Accord	Presentation and signing of the collective youth employment action plan.
13:30 - 15:00	Farewell Launchpad Lunch & Commitment Signing	Final networking and partnership agreements. Seminar close.