



AFRICAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

On Natural Resources and
Environmental Governance

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SIDE EVENT GUIDELINES

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**Theme: Scaling Youth-led Innovations for
Africa's Green Economy**

Tentative Dates: 22nd - 23rd October 2026



**Labadi Beach Hotel,
Accra**





About AYC-NREG 2026 Side Events



AYC 2026 invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from partner institutions, development agencies, private sector actors, research organizations, civil society groups, and youth-led organizations to convene side events at the conference. Side events are interactive sessions designed to complement and extend the main conference discussions.

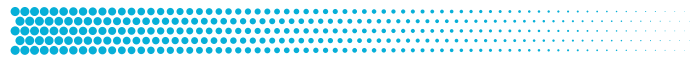
Thematic Focus Areas



All side event proposals must align with at least one of the thematic areas of AYC-NREG 2026. Applicants are encouraged to consult the concept note for detailed information on these thematic areas;

1. **Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems**
2. **Circular Economy and Waste Management**
3. **Green Manufacturing and Sustainable Products**
4. **Energy Transition**

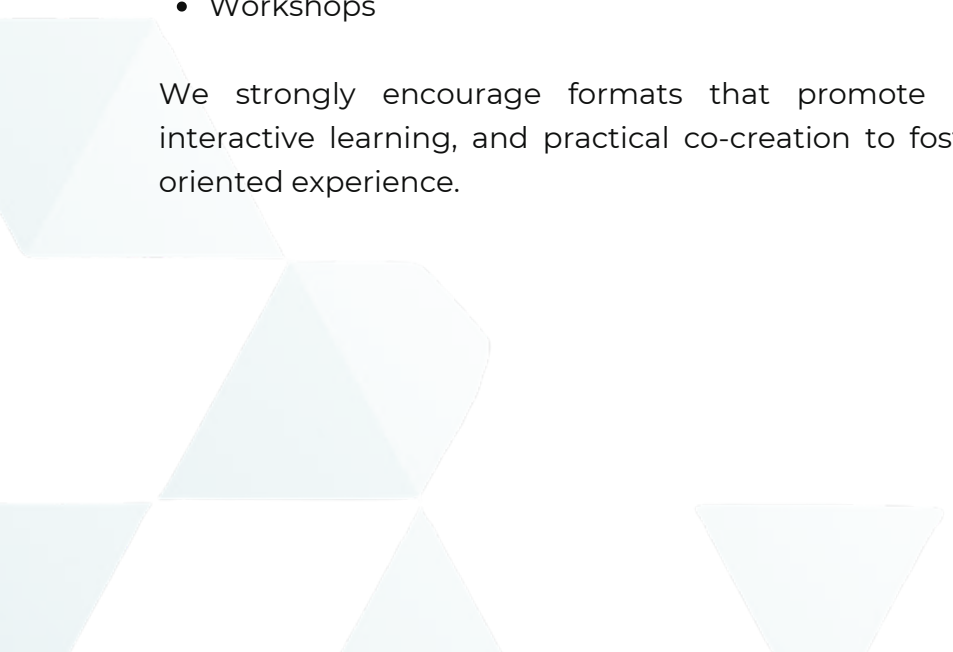
Format of Side Events



The side event may be delivered in any of the following format;

- Expert Submissions
- Panel Discussions
- Research Presentations
- Workshops

We strongly encourage formats that promote active audience engagement, interactive learning, and practical co-creation to foster an enriching and solutions-oriented experience.





Selection Criteria

Proposals will be assessed based on the following criteria:

1. Alignment with the AYC 2026 conference theme and thematic focus areas
2. Clarity of objectives and expected outcomes.
3. Collaborations between multiple organizations to co-host side events are strongly encouraged.
4. Relevance, timeliness, and potential impact of the proposed topic
5. Potential for fostering partnerships, generating innovative solutions, and producing actionable outcomes
6. Demonstrated commitment to youth inclusion, gender equity, and representation of persons with disabilities (PWDs)

Organizational Responsibilities

Selected organization will be expected to:

- Lead the overall side event flyer design, facilitation, and delivery of the session.
 - Confirm speakers, panelists, and session format within agreed timelines
 - Provide all session materials and resources in advance to the AYC 2026 Organizing Team.
 - Lead the promotion of your side event on your social media platforms.
 - Work closely with the AYC 2026 Organizing Team to ensure alignment with the overall programme design.
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Important Points to Note

Logistics and Support

The AYC 2026 Organizing Committee will;

1. Provide a dedicated venue space and basic audiovisual support for each approved side event.
2. Hosting organizations are responsible for all other logistical arrangements, including any additional equipment, materials, or resources required for the success of their session. While the Organizing Team may provide additional support where possible, primary planning and execution responsibility rests with the host.
3. Each side event (host) is required to nominate a maximum of **two (2) official representatives** who will serve as the primary points of contact for their side event.
4. AYC will provide **meals and refreshments exclusively for the two (2) nominated representatives** per the side event.
5. All additional logistics including travel, accommodation, and catering for any other members of the organizing team or participants remain the sole responsibility of the host.

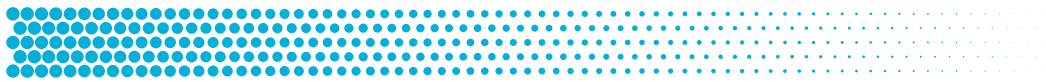
Submissions should be sent to us via email at: ayc@syndghana.org

For further enquiries, please contact the AYC 2026 Organizing Team through the aforementioned email.





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