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## **PROGRAMME**

### **YOUTH FORUM**

**In the margins of the  
11TH SUMMIT OF OACPS HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

***"Theme:  
A Transformed and Renewed OACPS in a Changing World"***

**Date: 26 March 2026**

**Malabo, EQUATORIAL GUINEA**

**Championed by the Republic of Equatorial Guinea**

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Time	Session Focus
11:00 – 11:30	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks: <b>H.E. Mr Moussa S. Batraki</b>, Secretary-General, OACPS</li> <li>• Keynote Address: <b>S.E Clement Engonga Nguema Onguene</b>, Minister of Education</li> <li>• Opening Statement: <b>Dr. Aleksandar Bodiroza</b>, Director of the Asia and Pacific Regional Office (UNFPA)</li> </ul>
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Session I – From Skills to Livelihoods: Jobs, Entrepreneurship and Digital Pathways</b></p> <p>Focus: Internships/ Vocational pathways: Youth-led enterprise; access to finance readiness; digital inclusion for SMEs/cooperatives; volunteerism and young professional programmes</p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. Pendo Maro</b>, Independant Climate Change Expert</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Kazuki Kitaoka</b>, Director of the Office of Youth and Women at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Yolanda Asumu</b>, Founder iCUBEFARM</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Representation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNICEF</b></li> <li>• <b>Secretary of State for Labour and Employment Promotion</b></li> <li>• <b>UNDP</b></li> <li>• <b>GITGE</b></li> <li>• <b>MUNI</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OACPS Youth Champions :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Ronnie Osumba</b>, Managing Partner of Momentum Africa Partners LLP</li> <li>• <b>Mr Laurent Okili</b>, International Relations</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:00	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>

<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	<p><b>Session II – Future Skills for Resilient Livelihoods: Digital Jobs, AI Competencies and Climate-Smart Agrifood Systems</b></p> <p>Focus: Accelerating future-ready skills and employment pathways for OACPS youth through vocational training, digital work opportunities and applied AI, prioritising climate-smart agrifood systems, climate adaptation and rangelands/pastoralist livelihoods</p>
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	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Pendo Maro</b>, Independent Climate Change Expert</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Emmanuel Manasseh</b>, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Africa</li> <li>• <b>Mrs Hadjenana Mahamat Abouna</b>, Founder and President, Ensemble Sawa</li> </ul> <p><b>Local representation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>INPYDE</b></li> <li>• <b>BANGE/ECOBANK</b></li> <li>• <b>Ministry of Youth and Sports of Equatorial Guinea</b></li> <li>• <b>BATA</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OACPS Youth Champions :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Ashley Lashley</b>, Youth Advisor to the UN Secretary General on Climate Change/ Executive Director, Ashley Lashley Foundation</li> </ul>
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<b>14:00 - 14:30</b>	<p><b>Commitments, Partnerships and Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of key recommendations by Equatorial Guinea government Rapporteur</li> </ul>