



Clarification Statement from the Afro-Arab Youth Council

The Afro-Arab Youth Council (AAYC), as an international organization dedicated to strengthening Afro-Arab cooperation in the fields of youth, development, and peace, has been closely following recent statements and publications issued by an entity claiming affiliation with and representation of the Council.

While expressing its regret over such claims, which may confuse Arab and African public opinion, the Council reaffirms its commitment to the principles of transparency and credibility in all its official activities and positions.

Out of its dedication to preserving its institutional image and maintaining the credibility of joint Afro-Arab youth work, the Council wishes to clarify the following:

1. The Afro-Arab Youth Council is an independent international organization established on **March 9, 2004**, in **Khartoum, Sudan**, to strengthen cooperation between Arab and African youth and promoting dialogue and mutual understanding among peoples.
2. The Council held its **second festival and General Assembly in 2008**, during which it was decided to transfer the headquarters to **Kampala, the capital of Uganda**, as part of efforts to expand its regional outreach and reinforce its presence in the Afro-Arab sphere.
3. The Council is a recognized international institution with **diplomatic status**, having signed an official **Host Country Agreement** with the Government of Uganda, represented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the presence of **H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni**, on **August 20, 2023**, coinciding with the celebration of International Youth Day.
4. Having existed for over two decades, the Afro-Arab Youth Council expresses its astonishment at the attempts of certain individuals or entities to usurp its name or harm its image through social media platforms. The Council affirms that it is an **institutional body grounded in fieldwork and international cooperation**, not in virtual interactions or unfounded claims lacking any legal or organizational basis.
5. The Council operates in accordance with its governing laws and regulations, away from any personal or political agendas. It serves as a **bridge of cooperation and partnership between Arab and African nations**, remaining open to all initiatives that contribute to advancing the causes of youth, development, and peace.





6. The **Afro-Arab Youth Conference**, held in **Kampala from October 7–10, 2025**, witnessed broad participation from **over 45 countries**, including prominent governmental and continental figures such as the **African Union**, the **Deputy President of the Republic of Kenya**, the **Ministers of Youth of the United Arab Emirates, Rwanda, and Qatar**, representatives of the **National Youth Council of Uganda**, the **National Resistance Movement Youth League** (ruling party in Uganda), and the **African Forum of Islamic Councils**, chaired by the **Mufti of the Republic of Uganda** — reflecting the Council’s growing regional and international stature.
7. The Council welcomes all youth organizations and national youth councils from countries that are members of both the **League of Arab States** and the **African Union**, wishing to join it in accordance with the established criteria. It affirms that its doors remain open to cooperation and partnership within the framework of **mutual respect** and **adherence to the Council’s legal and organizational frameworks**.
8. The Afro-Arab Youth Council reiterates its unwavering commitment to fulfilling its mission of strengthening Afro-Arab cooperation, supporting youth initiatives in the fields of development and peace, and empowering the rising generations.

The Council calls upon all institutions and individuals to act responsibly and uphold integrity, refraining from any practices that may undermine the reputation of joint Afro-Arab youth work. It also encourages them to foster the spirit of **mutual respect and constructive cooperation** that has defined the Council’s mission since its establishment.

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Closing of the Afro-Arab Youth Congress
Under the Chairmanship of
H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni



With the leadership of the Sudanese Youth
Council and the First Secretary-General of
the Afro-Arab Youth Council



Signing of the Host Country Agreement with the
Government of Uganda in the presence of
H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the
Republic of Uganda, on 20 August 2023.

