



Statement by the Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYoF) on the Africa Mindset Reset Forum, Kigali, Rwanda.

The **Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYoF)** will participate in the **Africa Mindset Reset Forum** in **Rwanda**, taking place in **Kigali** from **25–26 August 2026**. The SAYoF delegation will be led by **Ms. Diana Paul Chando**, Head of the **Governance, Peace and Security Cluster**, deputised by **H.E. Efrata Mathewos**, SAYoF Ambassador to the **African Union (AU) and Ethiopia**. In addition, part of the delegation is **Hon. Ian Takudzwa Vambe**, Head of **Media, Advocacy and Communication**, among other youth leaders and partners. SAYoF will contribute to the Forum’s intergenerational conversations on African agency, multilateralism, and execution, aligned with the theme **“From Pan-Africanism to Meta-Africanism.”**

The Forum will feature leading voices including **H.E. Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda and Co-Founder of ASG**; **H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of Ghana**; and **H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn Boshe, Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia**. It will also include **Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, President of the African Development Bank**, and **Thabo Mbeki, Former President of South Africa**, alongside a strong line-up of **young people speakers** from across the continent, including **Ms. Diana Paul Chando** of the **Southern Africa Youth Forum (SAYoF)**.

In addition, SAYoF will convene a **Watch Party in Zimbabwe** in partnership with **House of Arts and Africa School of Governance (ASG)**, creating space for young people to engage with selected Kigali sessions and discuss how the ideas emerging from the Forum can be translated into local action.

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