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A cohort of Young African Leaders from 14 east and central African countries participates in an intensive four-week residential program. Participants choose among one of three tracks covering Business & Entrepreneurship, Civic Leadership, and Public Management. Over 4,300 alumni have graduated from the program and are now transforming themselves, their communities, and their countries. Photo credit: Deloitte

## EAST AFRICA

### YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (YALI) REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTER EAST AFRICA

The YALI Regional Leadership Center East Africa empowers inspiring young leaders from fourteen east and central African countries with the skills, knowledge, and networks to drive Africa’s growth and unlock the continent’s potential. The Center houses East Africa’s premier leadership development program, bringing together innovative problem-solvers to foster regional perspectives and address today’s challenges within and beyond their countries. After completing the transformative leadership development program, participants continue to make a significant difference in their home communities and across the region through the growing YALI alumni network.

#### OUR WORK

The YALI Regional Leadership Center (RLC) East Africa is one of four regional leadership centers in Africa that provide leadership training in three distinct tracks: business and entrepreneurship; civic leadership; and public management. The Center, located at Kenyatta University in Nairobi, is supported by a growing number of African and international partners from both the public and private sectors. Young leaders are carefully selected and upon completing the unique and life-changing curriculum, emerge equipped and passionate to re-write the African development narrative. Over 4,300 YALI alumni have graduated from the program and are now transforming themselves, their communities, and their countries. Collectively, they are setting new standards of excellence for ethics, governance, and innovation in public and private sectors across East Africa.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

To date, the YALI RLC East Africa has:

- Graduated over 4,300 alumni in 45 cohorts.
- Supported alumni job creation: 50 percent of alumni reported employing at least three new people in their enterprises.
- Established a regional network of alumni chapters in 14 east and central African countries and linked alumni to U.S. Embassy resources.
- Partnered with Power Africa to provide leadership training to 53 young women in the energy sector from ten countries.
- Adopted a distance learning model and online platform to provide training to 978 participants during the COVID-19 pandemic. Alumni mobilized resources and rolled out more than 80 COVID-19 response initiatives that provided over 100,000 individuals across the region with face masks, hand sanitizers, soap, food, and prevention education.
- Collaborated with other YALI Regional Leadership Centers in Ghana, South Africa, and Senegal to strengthen programming.
- Strengthened the capacity of Kenyatta University to resource, manage and sustain the YALI RLC East Africa and leveraged over \$4.3 million from 40+ private sector partners, including MasterCard Foundation, Dow Chemical Company, and KCB Bank to advance sustainability of YALI investments.

**BUDGET:** \$21.5 million

**DURATION:** 2015-2022

### ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Burundi, Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

### KEY PARTNERS

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