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**THE NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS DECLARATION ON YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT**

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PREAMBLE:

We the youth gathered at the National Youth Congress reaffirm and appreciate the introduction of the Youth Fund and its intended purpose of solving the unemployment problem amongst the youth in Uganda.

We declare our support for the youth fund with recommendations herein below

1. The Youth Fund should support existing businesses without determining which ventures the youth should get involved in.
2. The Youth Fund should be entrusted with local organizations that have demonstrated their ability to uplift the well-being of their beneficiaries so that they guide and monitor the youth that borrow from the fund
3. Youth Fund should be decentralized to the district level to make it more accessible especially for youth in districts that have no banks
4. Government should set business incubation centers to enhance capacity of youth to start and manage businesses

We also recommend the following outside the realms of the Youth Fund

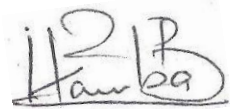
1. Tax incentives be instituted for youth run businesses to enable rapid growth
2. An assessment of youth skills and abilities should be commissioned to ascertain the kind of businesses that the youth are capable of starting and running effectively
3. A directorate of youth be set up at the Uganda Investment Authority (UIA) to make known available opportunities coming with new investments
4. A deliberate internship and industrial training policy by government by mandating investors, Civil Society organizations and government ministries to create opportunities within their institutions by law
5. Incorporate vocational skilling subjects in the education curriculum to develop multi-skilled graduates with the ability either sell ideas or create enterprises
6. Government should encourage a 24 hour economy to create more jobs. This can be in form of encouraging beverage and food processing companies to have two shifts of night and day which creates more job opportunities
7. Government should create incentives for investors willing to set up factories upcountry as a way of encouraging local production of raw materials
8. Government should streamline information flow to the district level so that youth are more informed of available opportunities
9. Government should rejuvenate the cooperatives to strengthen the bargaining power of the local farmers

The youth should;

1. Utilize the available family land to engage in agricultural production of marketable commodities especially fruits and vegetables

2. Youth should set up companies and partner with local governments in providing services such as labor for road construction and maintenance
3. Youth organize at the district level should develop wealth creation projects to inspire youth into business ventures
4. The youth venture into the film industry which is still a young but promising industry in the Uganda

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hamba Richard', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

HAMBA RICHARD

Chairperson NYC

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On behalf of the following youth organizations:

- Huger Fighters Uganda
- KAYONET
- AFFCAD
- Eagles Youth Development
- Site for Community Services Project (SCOSP)
- Students for Global Democracy – Uganda
- Ram Computers Youth Project
- Human Rights Center Uganda (HRCU)– (Youth Rights Defenders)
- 24/7 Distinct (U) Ltd
- NDC
- Vision Group

- Kawaala Teenage & Youth Center
- Vintage Band
- UNESCO Youth Desk
- Arua District NGO Network/ DENIVA
- Mukono Multipurpose Youth Project
- Kagumikiliza High Way Community Based Organization
- ActionAid/ DENIVA
- Youth Empowerment Initiatives Uganda (Soroti)
- JIDNET (Jinja)
- Bunyoro Youth Development Network
- West-Nile Youth Organization On Healthy Education
- Kibaizi Youth Development Association
- Kayoda/ DENIVA
- Pallisa Civic society organization's Network (Paconet)
- Rushenyi youth Drama Actors
- BILEAFE Rural Development Association
- Hope Initiative – CCG
- Open Space Center
- Africa Youth Development Link
- Makerere University

Note: Full report to be compiled and shared ASAP.