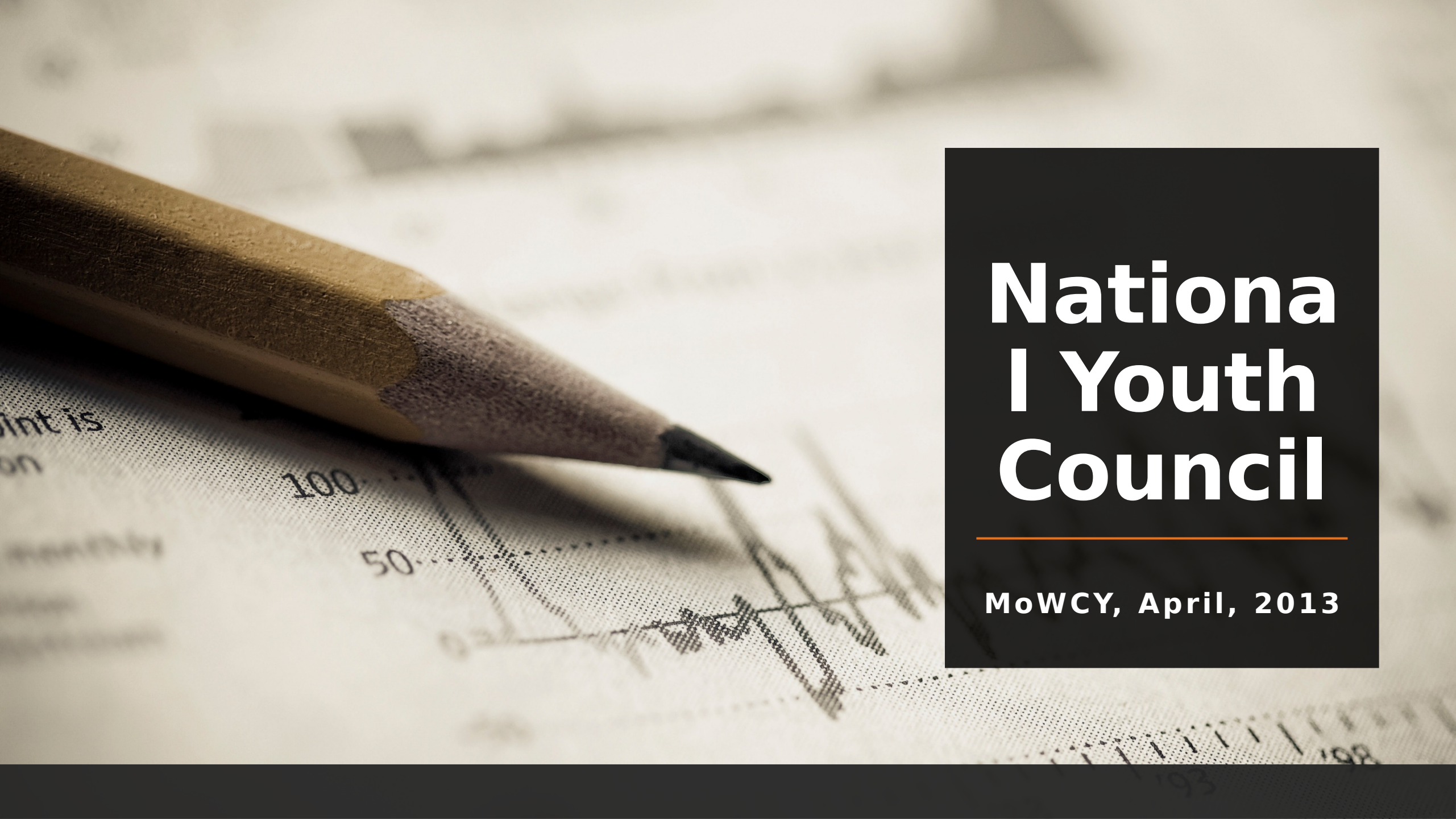


National Youth Council

MoWCY, April, 2013

Who is Youth?

- Youth is a time of transition
- There is no uniform global definition of Youth
- Countries define the youth according to their socio-economic and political context
- African counties set continental definition of youth in the 2006 African Youth Charter
- According to the African Youth Charter Youth is the segment of the population with the age range of 15-35
- According to Ethiopian National Youth Policy Youth is the segments of the population with the age range of 15-29



History has always been shaped by the power of youth.

Facts about Global Youth

- There are over **1.8 billion** young people in the world today, 90 per cent of whom live in developing countries. There are more than **235 million** youth in India and **225 million** in China alone
- The number of youth between the ages of 15 and 24 is 1.1 billion
- youth constitute **18 percent** of the global population.
- Youth and children together, including all those aged 24 years and younger, account for nearly **40 percent** of the world's population.
- About 85 percent of the world’s population of youth live in developing countries.
- Nearly half (45.9 percent) world youth live in low income countries, while another third (34.1 percent) live in lower middle-income countries. The remaining fifth (20 percent) of youth live in upper middle- and high-income countries.
- Approximately **238 million** youth live in extreme poverty—that is, they live on less than **$1 a day**; **462 million** youth survive on less than **$2 a day**.

Facts about African Youth

- Almost 60% of **Africa's population** in 2019 is under the age of 25, making **Africa** the world's youngest continent
- According to the UN's demographic projections, in **2020,** the median age in **Africa** is going to be 19.8
- **By 2030**, young Africans are expected to make up **42 percent** of the world’s youth and account for 75 percent of the those under age 35 in Africa.
- All of the world's top 10 youngest countries by median age are in Africa, with **Niger** in first place with a median age of 15.1 years

Facts about Ethiopian Youth

- **Ethiopia's** population, estimated **117,166,929**, 41 percent is under the age of 15. More than 32.5 percent is aged 15 to 29 and 70 percent is under the age of 35
- The median age in Ethiopia is **19.5 years**.
- Each year **2 million** children transit to young age and join the labour market
- Each year 100,000 young people graduated from higher institutions
- **Youth** unemployment is estimated at nearly **27** percent.

Youth Council

- A neutral and Independent youth led organization that serves as an advisory or advocacy body to government or donor agencies.
- A democratic institution
- Represent Youth Voices
- Have an advisory role
- Membership is based on Active participation

Advocates for Youth

Rights. Respect. Responsibility.

Approaches to Establish Youth Council





Case Studies About Youth council

Nigeria

- The **National Youth Council of Nigeria** (**NYCN**) was established 57 years ago in 1964. It is charged with policy formulation and implementation on issues bordering on youth development in Nigeria.
- It is the umbrella body and the mouthpiece of the Nigerian Youth.
- It was established and given legal recognition in 1990.
- The NYCN has three branches, the National, Zonal and the State chapters.
- The NYCN is also affiliated to the world Assembly of Youth, Pan-African Youth Union.
- It has the Ministry for Youth and Sports Development as its supervisory body.
- The NYCN body has been instrumental to many Empowerment, Scholarships and Support Programmes.



Case Studies (cont…)

Mozambique

- In 1997, the Mozambique National Youth Council (MNYC) was created through a Presidential resolution
- The major role of the council is to coordinate the different activities developed by youth organizations and serve as an intermediary between youth and government.
- Today, the MNYC consists of 250 youth associations (i.e., NGOs, faith-based organizations, and political party youth representatives) within 11 provinces.
- The council is led by an 11-member Board whose objectives are to organize and systematize youth organizations in Mozambique, guarantee the participation of young people in political decision-making, promote advocacy campaigns, and build the capacity of provincial youth councils.
- The MNYC is supported by the government, it also receives support from non-governmental and International organizations.

Case Studies (cont…)

South Africa

- Several youth associations/organizations were there in south Africa since 1927
- South African Youth Council was officially formed in 1997
- SAYC as a civil society organization and a non-governmental youth organization remains the largest youth representatives in terms of its affiliates and the wide spectrum of youth these affiliates represents.
- The council is composed of youth from religious, commerce, arts and culture, disability, public sectors

Case Studies (cont…)

Uganda

- National Youth council of Uganda is a national Umbrella Youth organization responsible for young people aged 18-30
- The National Youth Council was established by the National Youth Council Statute/Act 1993 and is a legal body
- The role of the council is to represent the interests of the youth, to organize/unify the youth, to enhance youth engagement, to carry out mobilization activities, to protect the youth against any harm, carry out advisory and supportive roles, to promote relationship between youth organizations
- Has District and Sub-county affiliate members

Case Studies (cont…)

Kenya

- The National Youth Council is a state corporation domiciled in the Ministry of ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs which came into being after the enactment of National Youth Policy (NYP) (2007) and the National Youth Council (NYC) Act (2009).
- The NYC Act ratified 2009 , the NYC election guidlines was ratified in 2011 and the NYC was operationalized in December
- The need to have a National Youth Council was created after heightened attention to youth issues in response to the post-election violence experienced in the country in January 2008 and in adherence to international obligations on youth empowerment specifically, the African Youth Charter.
- The Council is a youth empowerment platform and provides an elaborate structure that facilitates the participation and inclusion of the youth in governance, national affairs and ensures programes are youth centered and driven.

Objective of the Council

REPRESENTATION & EMPOWERMENT	PARTICIPATION AND BENEFIT	RIGHT	PARTNERSHIP	RESEARCH
International Representation	Ensure holistic participation	Respect individual as well as group right	Among Youth Led groups	Experience sharing contextualization and Research
Continental Representation	Ensures socio-economic benefit	Economic Right	Public –Private Partnership	Conduct scientific research
National Representation	Nation Building	Right to Education SRH….	Continental and global Partnership	

Vision

- To see ***self reliant***, ***vibrant*** and ***Responsive*** young people that would contribute to ***Nation Building***





Values



Participation

Inclusion

Equity and Equality

Youth Leadership

Respect Diversity

Recognition

Creativity

Efficiency and Effectiveness



- Youth from public Universities
- Youth from private universities,
- Young people from Civic Organizations,
- Young people from National Religious organizations,
- young people from Art and Media associations







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- Young people from Disability Association and
- Young people from Trade Union aged 15-24
- Membership is based on age, sex, disability, education, geographic location
- This council will be chaired by MoWCY Minister

Council Members

General Assembly

The GA will be constituted of **127 representatives**

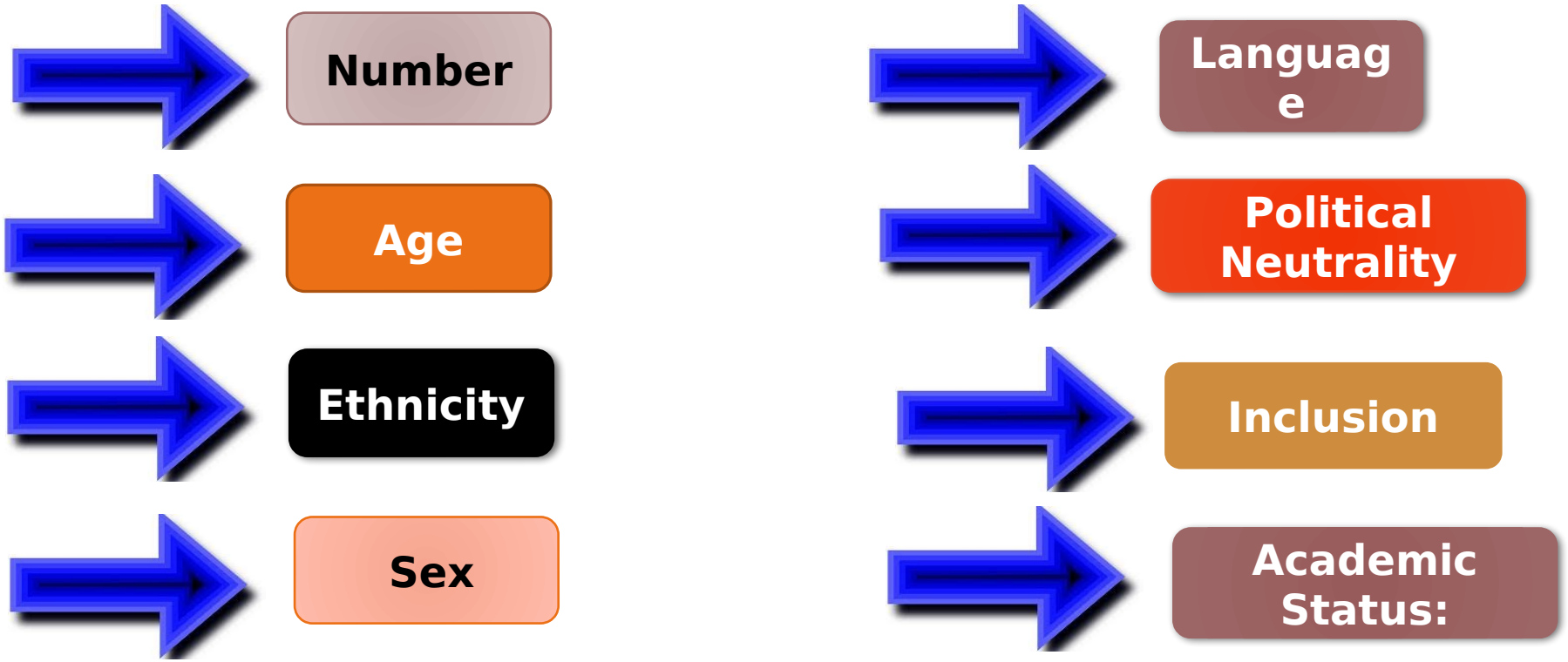
- 92 from public universities 2 from 46 (PU)
- 15 from private universities (PU),
- 7 from national religious councils (NRC),
- 1 from national disability association (NDA),
- 1 from national chamber of commerce (NCC),
- 10 from civic associations (CA) including think thank groups
- 1 from national art and media professionals’ council

Executive Body

The Executive Body will have **33 members**

- 1 higher learning institute from the 10 regional states and 2 chartered cities nominate two executive body(one male and one female) total 24
- 2 individuals from Private Universities
- 2 from National Religious Council
- 1 from National Disability Association
- 1 from Chamber of Commerce
- 2 individuals from Civic Association
- 1 individual from National Art and media council

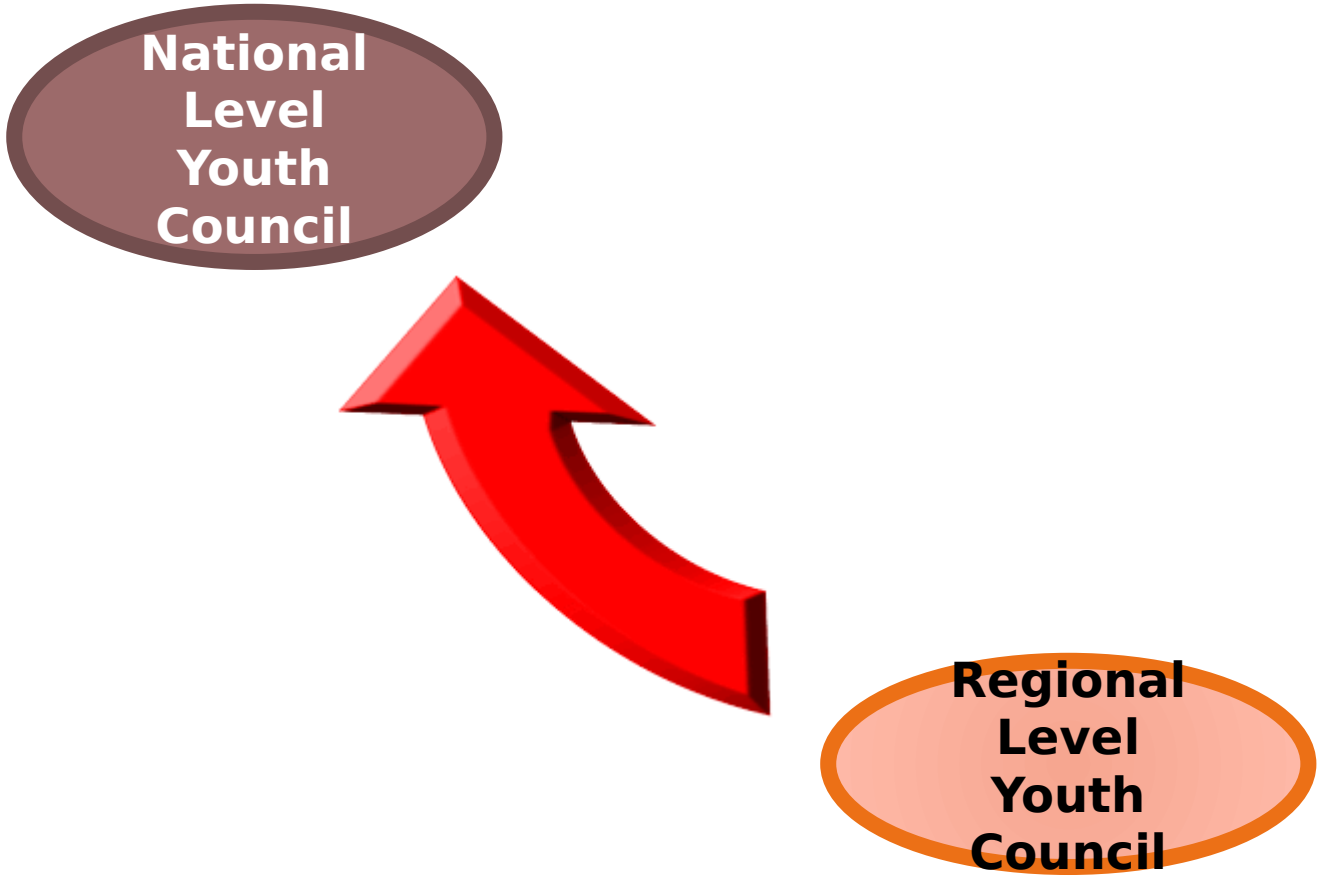
NOMINATION CRITERIA



Term of Power

The executive committee of the Council term of power is two year. After the end of each term an election will be held and candidate will run for election

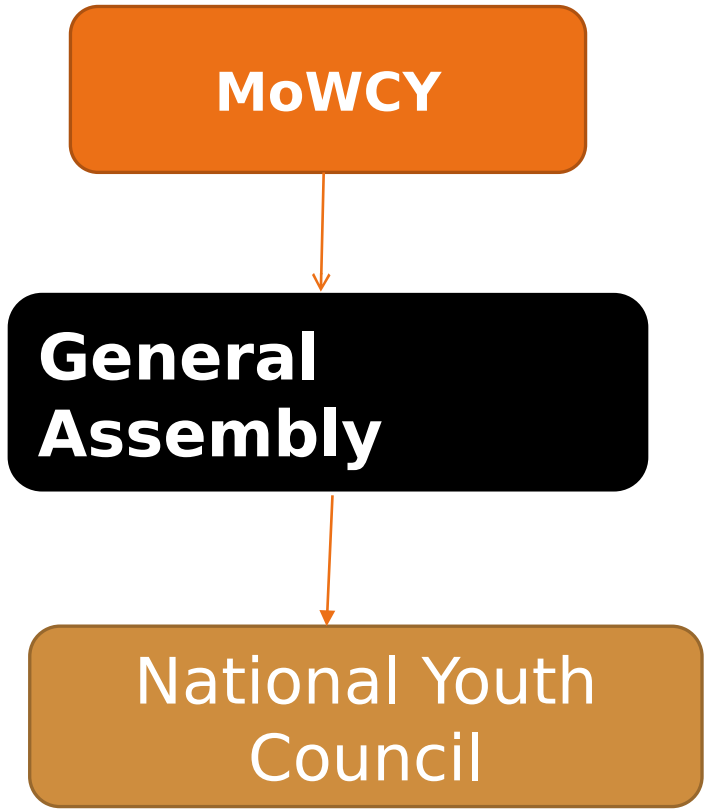
Structure of Youth Council



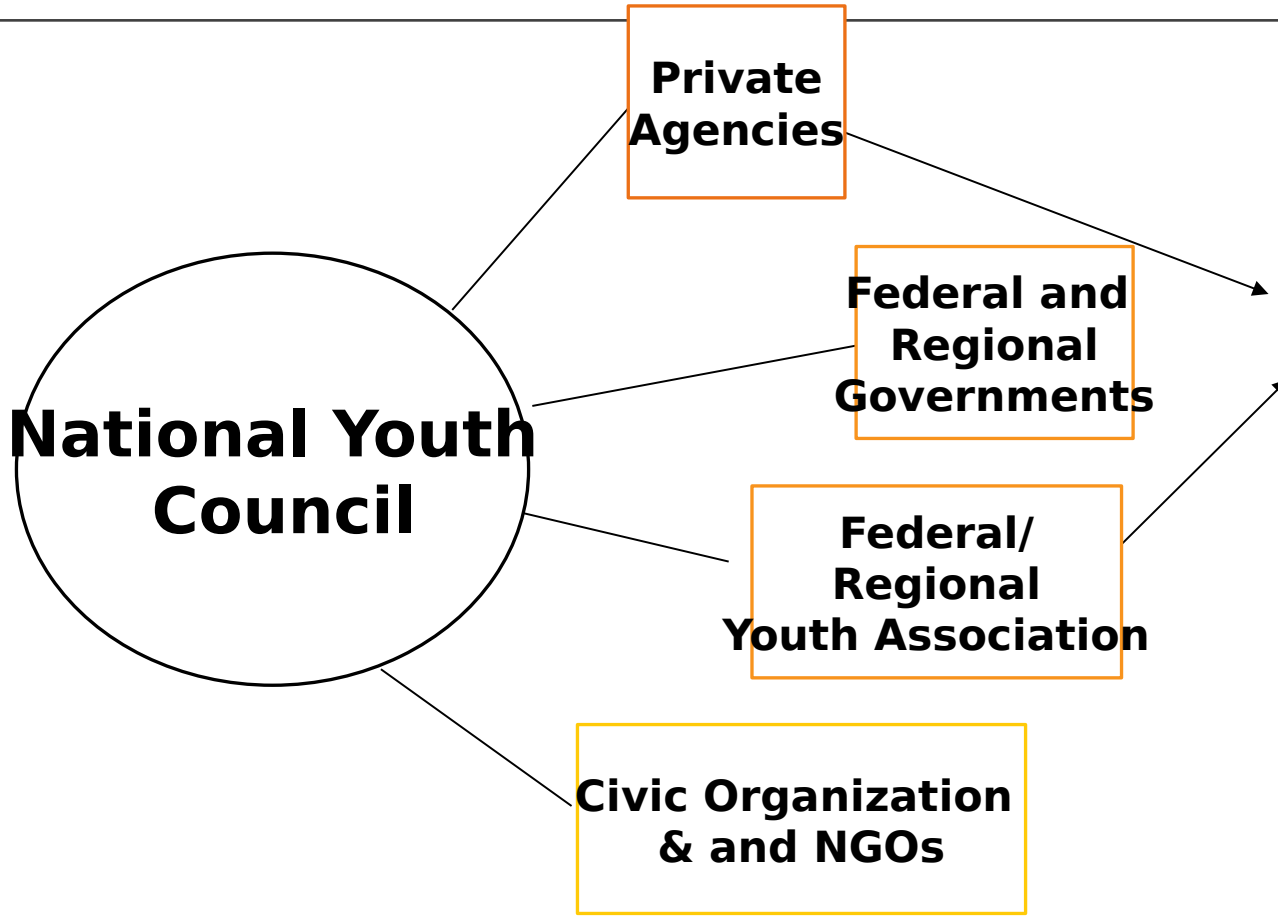
Major Activities of the council

- Advisory Role---Policy and Legislation
- International, continental and National Representation of the Young People
- Youth Empowerment
- Education and Training
- Peace Building and Intercultural Communication
- Community engagement and Civic participation
- Health and care activities
- Economic Participation and Benefit
- Science and Technology
- Research and Development
- Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and environment

Executive Committee of the Council



Coordination Mechanism



We call for:

1. Open method of coordination

2. Co-Management system

Source of Budget

- The council won’t generate its own budget but will be supported by the Ministry for its activities



Anticipated Challenges

Little / small Youth Commitment

Lack of Interest from other Youth organization

Age Limitation

Representation

Programmatic Sustainability

Duplication of Efforts

Finance issue


If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far,
GO TOGETHER.
African Proverb
SYMPHONY OF LOVE
Photo by Nisha Gill

Thank You

