



SDG 16 CONFERENCE

Peace, Justice & Inclusive Societies



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SPEAKER BIO

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Emmanuel is the Founder and Executive Director of Youth Advocates Ghana (YAG) and a Convener of the African Youth SDGs Summit. He is a youth development consultant with a particular interest in governance, participation, and youth empowerment. Founding YAG at the age of 25, Emmanuel has led the charge for the organization for a decade, transforming it into a national youth-led organization with its programs reaching the whole of Africa.

In 2017, Emmanuel launched the African Youth SDGs as the largest forum on the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa to solidify the mandate to invest in the power and voice of the youth to push the development of the African continent and improve the lives and future of the youth in the region. The summit has become a rallying point, and a catalyst for partnerships with local governments, civil society organizations, local UN systems, and in some cases the summit participants have themselves become accountability or monitoring champions for SDGs delivery in Africa.

Emmanuel is also named as one of the UNDP's 16x16 Global Youth Leaders advancing peaceful, just and inclusive societies. Educationally, Emmanuel holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Development Studies from the Presbyterian University College. Additionally, an Executive Certificate in Development Policy and Practice from the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Emmanuel was a finalist of SDGs Action Campaign Awards in 2018 in Bonn, Germany.