

ROLES OF YOUTH GOVERNANCE



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Youth



- Over 70% of the population in Africa is composed of young people below the age of 35 which is a similar scenario to that of Zambia.
- The 2006 Zambia National Youth Policy defines youth as those between 18–35 years old.
- Youth are an important component of the society because they are the majority and represent the future of any given nation.

What is governance



- Refers to the manner of steering or governing, or of directing and controlling, a group of people or a state.
- Governance is essentially related to politics, in that politics is often defined as the art of governance.
- Just as politics talks about governments, institutions, power, order, and the ideals of justice, governance also deals with the public sector, power structures, equity, and ideals of public administration.

What the roles of youth in Governance



- **Participation Right to franchise**
- Article 46 of the constitution of Zambia provide that A citizen who has attained the age of eighteen years is entitled to be registered as a voter and vote in an election by secret ballot.
- Youths have a duty to participate in elections as a matter of right and responsibility to ensure that they use their right to franchise to make the best decisions for the country through the ballot.
- The current parliament has only 3 out 156 who are youths and 30% are women

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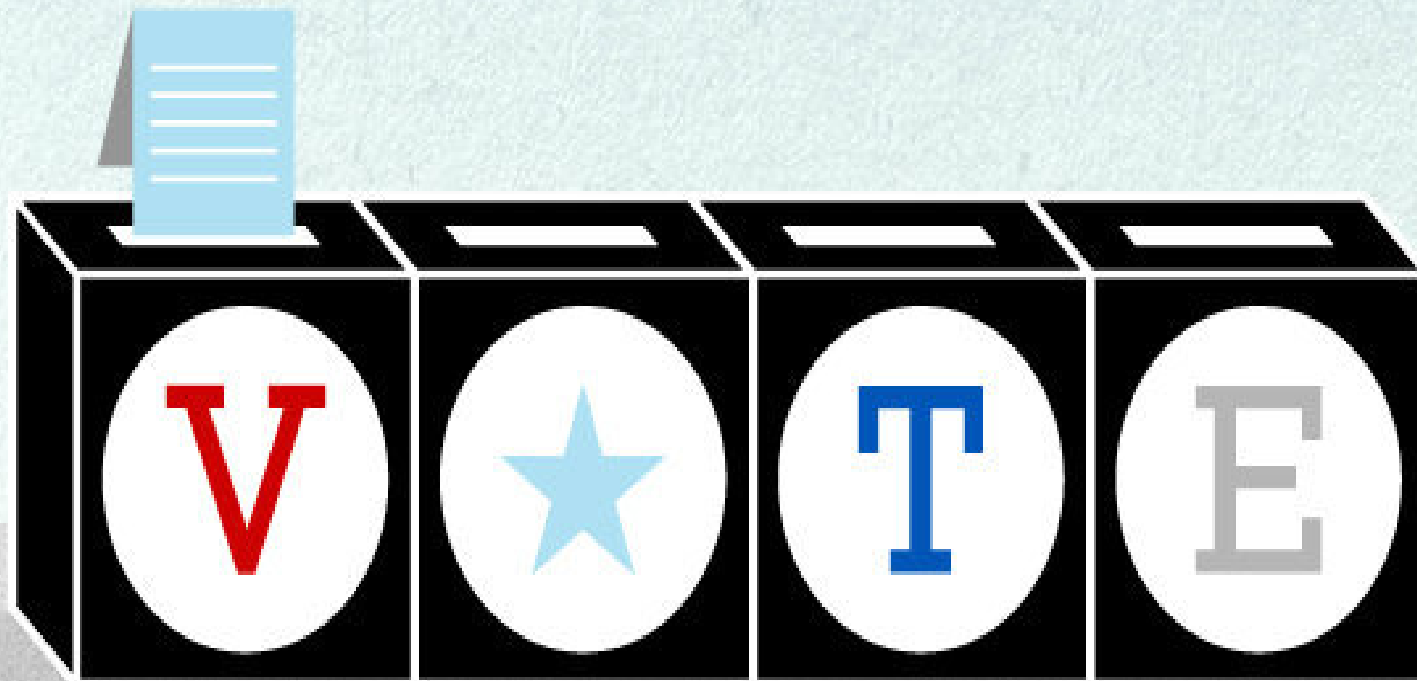


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Why is voting important



- **Elections have consequences**
- You have the power to decide on the quality of life you want for yourself and future generations. Voting is your chance to stand up for the issues you care about
- **Not voting is giving up your voice.**
- Elections are decided by the people who go out and vote, casting your vote is expressing yourself through the Ballot.

Why is voting important



- **Voting is an opportunity for change.**
- Do you want to make a positive impact? Voting gives you that chance!
- **Voting is a civic duty**
- Voting is a civic duty of a good citizen and responsible citizen.
- **The community depends on you!**
- Our communities are made up of friends, loved ones, neighbors, and children. Some may not know how important voting is, while others don't have the privilege. Make the decision to vote for yourself and those around you.

Voter Apathy



- **Voter apathy** refers to a lack of interest in participating in elections by certain groups of voters.
- Two possible causes of voter fatigue are:
- **Alienation** - this refers to the sense that voters feel like the political system does not work for them and any attempt to influence it will be a fruitless exercise.
- **Voter fatigue** - this means that elections are simply deemed to be occurring too often

A Call to young people to realize their future



"This is a new moment of great promise. Only this time, we've learned that it will not be giants like Nkrumah and Kenyatta who will determine Africa's future... It will be the young people brimming with talent and energy and hope who can claim the future that so many in previous generations never realized."

– President Barack Obama

First cabinet



21 African Presidents age as of 2016

21 African Presidents and their ages as of 2016

S/N	Name	Country	Age
1	Isaias Afwerki	Eritrea	70
2	Ismaïl Omar Guelleh	Djibouti	70
3	Ibrahim Boubacar Keita	Mali	71
4	Omar al-Bashir	Sudan	72
5	Pakalitha Mosisili	Lesotho	72
6	Yoweri Museveni	Uganda	72
7	Akufo Addo	Ghana	72
8	Denis Ngueso	Congo	73
9	Muhammadu Buhari	Nigeria	73
10	Jacob G. Zuma	South Africa	74
11	Alassane Ouattara	Cote d'ivoire	74
12	Jose Eduardo dos Santos	Angola	74
13	Teodoro Obiang Mbasogo	Equatorial Guinea	74
14	Hage Geingob	Namibia	75
15	Peter Mutharika	Malawi	76
16	Alpha Condé	Guinea	78
17	Ellen Johnson Sirleaf	Liberia	78
18	Abselaziz Bouteflika	Algeria	79
19	Paul Biya	Cameroon	83
20	Beji Caid Essebsi	Tunisia	90
21	Robert Mugabe	Zimbabwe	92

Right and duty to participate as candidates



- Youths have a duty to participate as candidates in elections either a local government, parliamentary and even Presidential candidates if they meet the requirements.
- Ensure that the participate in political party structures effectively.
- Aspire and take up of positions within their political.
- Participate in formulating policies for their political parties

Promote accountability and transparency



- Participation in democratic is not only for youths in political parties but even for youths in communities, youths should be agents of positive change by ensuring that they hold those in positions accountable to there actions.
- Promote transparency in the way community and public resources are being used by actively making necessary follow up to.
- Join civil society and community pressure groups

sincerity
clarity
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truth
accuracy
directness
transparency
fairness
honesty
believability
forthrightness



Promote Good Governance



How can Youths promote good governance



- Participate in local initiatives with the community
- Belong in to a political party, NGO and youth group
- Understand the laws that govern you such as the Constitution and youth policy
- Know your rights and duties as a citizen
- Make follow up on community developmental projects

Eight factors of Good Governance



- According to the United Nations, Good Governance is measured by the eight factors include;
- Participation
- Rule of Law,
- Transparency
- Responsiveness
- Consensus Oriented
- Equity and Inclusiveness
- Effectiveness and Efficiency
- Accountability.

Activity



How can youths promote transparency and accountability in their communities and in their country what steps can they take to achieve this?

Youths as agents of positive change



- Youths should be agents of positive change in their communities instead of being carders of violence.
- Mentor those that are younger and are less privileged than then.
- Participate in local and national civil society organizations.
- be ambassadors of non violence and peace within their communities and the country.

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You must be the change you
wish to see in the world.

- *Mahatma Gandhi*

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