



LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

THE YOUTH BILL, 2024

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A Bill for—

AN ACT of Parliament to give effect to Article 55 of the Constitution; to promote youth development, participation and empowerment; to support youth-driven innovation, talent and entrepreneurship; to provide for the registration of youth organizations; and for connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Youth Act, 2024.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“gender marginalization” means the perception or reality of exclusion of youth from social, economic, or political processes due to their gender identity or expression;

“incubation” means activities or programs designed to nurture youth’s ideas, talents, innovations, and creativity;

“NEET Youth” means youth who are not engaged in employment, education, or training.

“Out-of-School Youth” means a youth who has either not attended school, has dropped out, or, despite completing education, remains skills deficient, unemployed, or underemployed ;

“Out-of-Work Youth” means youth, skilled or unskilled, actively seeking employment without success;

“social re-integration” means the process of reintegrating youth offenders into society following imprisonment or alternative sanctions;

“State Department” means the State Department responsible for matters relating to youth affairs;

“sustainable livelihood” means the ability of the youth, to secure and maintain a means of living that enhances their well-being without harming the environment or socio-economic resources;

“Volunteerism” means youth's active participation in unpaid tasks willingly for public benefit;

“Vulnerable youth” means youth exposed to violence, abuse, neglect, substance misuse, crime, mental disorders, school detachment, or lacking positive adult relationships;

“Youth” means individuals between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five;

“Youth Activity” means an activity involving the objectives of character building, promotion of governance principles, awareness against negative influences, cultural and environmental education, community development, leadership training, and life skills development;

“Youth development” means facilitating youth growth in education, employment, health, and civic engagement;

“Youth Friendly Services” means services designed to address the unique barriers youth face in accessing quality services;

“Youth Participation” means active involvement of youth in community activities including decision making;

“Youth Serving Organizations” means bodies providing activities and services for youth; and

“Youth work” includes activities supporting the personal, social and educational growth of the youth.

Objects

of the Act. **3.** The object of this Act is to—

- (a) promote the holistic development of the youth;
- (b) establish mechanisms for youth development, participation and empowerment;
- (c) provide for the registration of youth serving organizations;
- (d) support the development of youth innovation, talent, research and entrepreneurship; and
- (e) provide special protection mechanisms for vulnerable youth.

Guiding principles.

4. The implementation and interpretation of this Act shall be guided by the following principles—

- (a) inclusivity and non-discrimination;
- (b) youth empowerment;
- (c) participation and engagement;
- (d) Innovation and creativity; and
- (e) capacity building and skill development:

PART II—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Role of the Cabinet Secretary.

5. The Cabinet Secretary shall oversee the implementation of this Act to ensure that its objectives are achieved, and shall—

- (a) establish programs to strengthen youth capacity through targeted development initiatives;
- (b) promote collaboration among youth organizations at national and local levels for collective growth;
- (c) issue guidelines for youth development initiatives implemented by both state and non-state actors;
- (d) coordinate relevant government departments and agencies for effective implementation of this Act; and
- (e) formulate policies to enhance youth well-being, increase youth participation in leadership, and protect youth rights.

Role of State Department.

6. The State Department shall—

- (a) enforce international and regional agreements related to youth affairs;
- (b) create and regularly update an index on youth development progress;
- (c) monitor, evaluate, and report on the youth empowerment initiatives;

- (d) conduct research and collect data to support evidence-based decisions on youth development;
- (e) establish cooperative frameworks for youth development at local, regional, and international levels;
- (f) identify and support youth talent and innovation to drive national progress;
- (g) improve youth employability prospects through relevant training and opportunities;
- (h) enhance youth representation in leadership and governance;
- (i) protect the well-being of youth and prevent exploitation and abuse; and
- (j) disseminate information on government programs, services, and opportunities available to youth.

PART III—IMPLEMENTING RIGHTS OF THE YOUTH

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Restatement of the
Rights of the Youth.

7. Subject to the Constitution and any limitations it provides, every youth shall enjoy the full spectrum of rights guaranteed under the Constitution, with particular emphasis on the right to—

- (a) freely express their ideas and opinions and to disseminate opinions through appropriate media;
- (b) access diverse forms of education, including formal, nonformal, informal, and distance learning;
- (c) associate freely and assemble peacefully;
- (d) participate fully in societal affairs;
- (e) enter marriage based on free consent and enjoy equal rights and responsibilities within marriage; and (f) own and inherit property.

Promoting Youth
Participation.

8. The State Department shall promote active youth participation by—

- (a) creating and strengthening platforms for youth involvement in decision-making at all levels of governance;
- (b) ensuring equal access to decision-making processes and civic duties for youth;
- (c) implementing policies and programs to help marginalized youth integrate into mainstream society;
- (d) providing information and education to increase youth awareness of their rights and opportunities for civic participation;
- (e) professionalizing youth work to improve youth engagement;
- (f) offering technical to strengthen youth organizations; and
- (g) promoting volunteerism as a form of civic engagement locally, nationally, and internationally.

Youth Volunteerism
and Civic

9. To promote youth volunteerism and civic engagement, the State Department shall—

Engagement.

- (a) create a framework to promote, enforce, and support youth volunteerism and civic engagement;
- (b) foster a culture of volunteerism, active citizenship, and community service among youth;
- (c) support youth participation in programs aimed at community service and civic engagement;

- (d) recognize and reward youth volunteers for their contributions; and
- (e) build partnerships with youth-led organizations, civil society, faith-based groups, and the private sector to increase volunteer opportunities for youth.

Promoting youth
Associations.

10. The State Department shall—

- (a) support the establishment of youth associations and networks to facilitate the inclusion of youth in the development process; and
- (b) provide technical support to build the capacity of youth associations for enhanced effectiveness.

Right to sustainable
livelihood and Youth
Employment.

11. The State Department shall take measures to ensure youth have access to decent, sustainable livelihoods by—

- (a) implementing policies and programs that provide employment, skills training, and job placement;
- (b) supporting youth entrepreneurship with access to finance, markets, and business services;
- (c) promoting an inclusive labour market by monitoring working conditions and supporting decent work initiatives;
- (d) providing support to youth-led organizations, cooperatives, and collective forms of entrepreneurship;
- (e) investing in infrastructure that supports youth enterprises; and
- (f) encouraging international cooperation to promote youth livelihoods through exchange of best practices.

Right to youth friendly services.

12. Every youth has a right to youth friendly services, and the State Department shall—

- (a) establish a framework for youth-friendly services;
- (b) foster partnerships among government, civil society, and the private sector to invest in youth-friendly services;
- (c) enhance the capacity of youth and community-based organizations to advocate for youth-friendly programs; and
- (d) develop and promote information, education, and communication materials on youth-friendly services.

Right to health.

13. Every youth has the right to the highest attainable standard of physical, mental, and spiritual health, and the State

Department shall ensure implementation of this right by—

- (a) facilitating equitable and accessible healthcare services, especially in underserved areas, with a focus on primary healthcare;
- (b) involving youth in identifying their health needs and designing programs that meet these needs, particularly for vulnerable youth;
- (c) implementing programs to prevent sexually transmitted infections;
- (d) expanding voluntary counselling and confidential testing for sexually transmitted diseases;
- (e) providing timely access to treatment, including post-rape care, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and anti-retroviral therapy;
- (f) raising awareness on drug abuse prevention through partnerships with youth organizations and communities;
- (g) providing rehabilitation programs for youth with substance abuse issues to support social reintegration; and

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(h) offering technical support to strengthen the capacity of

Right to Leisure,
Recreation, Sportive
and Cultural
activities.

14. (1) The State Department shall promote the right to leisure, recreation, sportive and cultural activities by—

- (a) supporting a diverse range of recreational, sports, and cultural activities, especially in marginalized areas;
- (b) establishing and maintaining youth empowerment centers and sports facilities;
- (c) fostering youth leadership skills through volunteerism and community engagement;
- (d) encouraging youth participation in recreational and cultural activities; and
- (e) promoting public-private partnerships and collaboration with civil society to support these activities.

Right to promote peace
and nonviolence
among the Youth.

15. To encourage peaceful co-existence and prevent youth involvement in violence or armed conflict, the State Department shall—

- (a) enhance the capacity of youth organizations in peacebuilding youth health organizations. and conflict resolution

through intercultural education, civic engagement, and

tolerance training;

- (b) engage youth in dialogues promoting respect for cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity;
- (c) establish mechanisms to promote a culture of peace, discouraging violence, radicalization, terrorism, and discrimination;
- (d) educate youth on peacebuilding and reconciliation;
- (e) condemn armed conflicts and prevent youth recruitment into armed activities;
- (f) provide recovery and reintegration support for youth affected by conflict; and
- (g) implement a policy on youth peacebuilding and reconciliation.

Right to Information. **16.** To support youth access to information, the State Department shall—

- (a) encourage media platforms to share information that benefits youth economically, socially, culturally, and politically;
- (b) foster youth-focused media to improve information dissemination to youth;
- (c) facilitate international collaboration in the production and sharing of information that holds significance for youth; and,; and
- (d) promote the use of information and communication technologies to advance youth access to knowledge and culture.

PART

IV—TARGETTED SUPPORT MEASURES FOR THE YOUTH

Poverty Eradication **17.** To support the youth's right to a decent and sustainable standard of living, the State Department shall—

- (a) improve quality of life by enhancing access to educational, employment, and social amenities;
- (b) provide training and support for youth in agricultural, mineral, commercial, and industrial sectors;

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- (c) build capacity for youth to leverage opportunities in the blue, green, and orange economies;
- (d) support the use of information and communication technologies to expand market reach;
- (e) provide grants to youth and youth organizations for socioeconomic development;
- (f) ensure accessible and affordable credit for youth-led sustainable livelihood projects, particularly in agriculture; and
- (g) encourage youth involvement in designing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating national development plans and poverty reduction strategies.

Support measures for

18.

To support youth Not in Education, Employment, or

NEET Youth.

Training (NEET), the State Department shall—

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- (a) implement programs focused on education and skill enhancement, with emphasis on marginalized and vulnerable NEET youth;
 - (b) collaborate with educational institutions to enhance resources and support for NEET youth;
 - (c) promote technology-driven education initiatives to make NEET youth competitive globally;
 - (d) encourage informal learning opportunities to broaden skills and perspectives for NEET youth;
 - (e) partner with stakeholders to support education and skill-building for NEET youth;
 - (f) uphold the right to education and skills development for NEET youth; and
 - (g) facilitate access to apprenticeships, internships, volunteer opportunities, and other work-based learning experiences for NEET youth to enhance employability

Sustainable
development and

19. Recognizing the role of youth in sustainable environmental practices, the State Department shall

protection of the environment.

- (a) promote awareness and education on environmental preservation through partnerships with media and organizations;
- (b) develop and implement green economy policies targeting youth in sustainable development and poverty eradication;
- (c) support youth advocacy on climate change and environmental protection;
- (d) train youth in sustainable, eco-friendly technologies and practices;
- (e) support youth-led environmental initiatives such as waste reduction, recycling, and tree planting;
- (f) align youth interventions with global and regional sustainable development frameworks;
- (g) engage youth in the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental policies focused on natural resource conservation; and
- (h) foster youth involvement in eco-entrepreneurship and green jobs.

Youth and Culture. **20.** The State Department shall promote and preserve cultural values, knowledge, and traditions by—

- (a) eliminating harmful traditional practices that undermine youth integrity and dignity;
- (b) educating youth on African culture, values, and indigenous knowledge;
- (c) fostering youth creativity to represent local cultural values; and
- (d) promoting intercultural awareness through youth exchange programs.

Youth in a knowledge-based economy **21.** To support youth engagement in a knowledge-based economy, the State Department shall—

- (a) promote widespread access to ICT for youth;
- (b) encourage local ICT content production and access;
- (c) enable youth to connect contemporary culture with traditional African values;
- (d) support youth expression through performance and creative arts for economic growth ; and
- (e) assist youth in using ICT to engage in global cultural trends while preserving heritage.

Youth in the Diaspora. **22.** To support the mobility and integration of youth abroad, the State Department shall—

- (a) champion the protection of the rights and welfare of diaspora youth;
- (b) facilitate diaspora youth involvement in national development;
- (c) strengthen frameworks for labour exchange and foreign employment management for youth; and
- (d) support the establishment of youth attachés to coordinate development opportunities, linkages, and networking.

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Protection from gender marginalisation. **23.** Recognizing the need to protect youth from gender discrimination, the State Department shall—

- (a) coordinate with state organs to eliminate gender-based violence and discrimination;
- (b) provide access to sexuality education and reproductive health services for informed decision-making;
- (c) ensure equitable access to education and employment opportunities;
- (d) support initiatives that promote gender equality and protect youth from marginalization; and
- (e) collaborate with civil society and the private sector to uphold youth rights and eliminate gender-based violence

Youth with Disabilities

24. The State Department shall ensure equal opportunities and participation for youth with disabilities by—

- (a) collaborating with educational institutions to ensure inclusivity and provide accommodations and assistive technologies;
- (b) providing financial and technical support for business development, including accessible workspaces; and
- (c) supporting employable skills training for youth with disabilities to improve job prospects.

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Elimination of
Harmful Practices

25. To protect the youth from harmful cultural practices, the state department shall—

- (a) conduct community awareness programs on the effects of harmful practices;
- (b) develop referral mechanisms for rehabilitation and linkage with relevant authorities;
- (c) create an action plan for eliminating harmful practices targeting youth;
- (d) establish accessible, safe, and confidential reporting channels for victims; and
- (e) provide training for law enforcement and social workers to handle cases involving exploitation of youth.

Vulnerable Youth

26. (1) The State Department shall protect and support vulnerable youth by—

- (a) establishing systems for identifying, protecting, and supporting vulnerable youth;
- (b) developing tools for assessing vulnerability to enable targeted interventions;
- (c) collecting data to monitor the extent of youth vulnerability and develop indicators;
- (d) ensuring that the best interests of vulnerable youth are upheld in decision-making processes; and
- (e) collaborating with stakeholders in developing programs and services for vulnerable youth.

Development and
Management of
Youth Talent

27. To foster youth talent, the State Department shall—

- (a) support programs that promote youth talent development;
- (b) facilitate continuous skill-building opportunities for talented youth;
- (c) manage a national database on youth talent;
- (d) conduct tracer studies on talent development programs;

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- (e) establish infrastructure for national youth talent development;
and
- (f) provide financial and technical assistance to talented youth.

Support in Judicial
System

28. The State department, in collaboration with the relevant state agencies, shall—

- (a) provide legal support and representation for vulnerable youth in the judicial system;
- (b) promote civic education to raise awareness of youth rights within the judicial system;
- (c) develop programs to improve access to justice for youth;
- (d) provide training to help youth understand and navigate the judicial system; and
- (e) establish partnerships with the judiciary, NGOs, and civil society to support youth needs in legal matters.

Out-of-school
Youth

29. The State Department shall develop programs to help out-of-school youth reintegrate into society, including—

- (a) raising awareness of available training and funding opportunities;
- (b) establishing a database for targeted programming;
- (c) providing alternative education and non-formal skills programs;
- (d) addressing gender-based barriers to skills acquisition;
- (e) facilitating skills training through apprenticeships, internships, and digital literacy;
- (f) encouraging community service and volunteerism; and
- (g) promoting culturally appropriate sexuality and parenting education.

30. To enhance employment opportunities for out-of-work youth, the State Department shall—

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- (a) implement job training, skill development, and career guidance programs;
 - (b) promote entrepreneurship with support in the form of technical assistance, mentorship, and business incubation;
 - (c) strengthen links between the labor market, education, and training systems;
 - (d) provide safety nets to prevent youth from falling into poverty; and
 - (e) collect data on youth employment to guide policy decisions.

31. The State Department shall promote sustainable livelihoods by

- (a) developing a Youth Livelihood Framework;
- (b) facilitating youth entrepreneurship with funding, equipment, and training;
- (c) providing equal access to employment and financial literacy programs;
- (d) offering incentives for employers to invest in youth skill development; and
- (e) collaborating with relevant agencies to enforce labor laws for youth.

32. (1) The State Department shall equip the youth with essential life skills by—

- (a) integrating life skills education into youth programs;
- (b) supporting youth clubs that provide life skills training;
- (c) promoting youth-led initiatives in life skills development;
- (d) partnering with private and public sectors for life skills training; and
- (e) ensuring ongoing updates to the life skills curriculum to meet labor market needs.

Youth Enterprise
Development

33. To support youth enterprise development, the State Department shall—

- (a) facilitate entrepreneurship skills training;
- (b) ensure access to affordable financial resources for youth entrepreneurs;
- (c) encourage knowledge sharing and mentorship among youth entrepreneurs;
- (d) create platforms for market access and business promotion;
- (e) reduce barriers to entry and simplify business registration for youth; and
- (f) promote financial literacy to encourage saving and investment.

Placement for
internship.

34. The State Department shall coordinate internships and attachments for youth in both public and private sectors to enhance employability.

PART VII—YOUTH FUND

Establishment of the Youth
Development Fund **35.** (1) There is hereby established a fund to be known as the Youth Development Youth Fund (hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”). Fund

(2) The Fund shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, holding, charging, or disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts, borrowing, and lending money; and
- (d) performing any other act necessary for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act.

(3) The Youth Fund shall be the successor to the Youth Enterprise Development Fund established under [insert LN reference].

(4) All assets, liabilities, rights, obligations, undertakings, and personnel of the Youth Enterprise Development Fund shall, upon the commencement of this Act, be transferred to the Youth Fund and vest in the Youth Fund.

Purpose of the Fund

36. The Fund shall be utilized to—

- (a) provide accessible financial resources to youth for entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainable livelihood projects;
- (b) offer grants, loans, and other forms of financial assistance to youth-led enterprises and youth-focused development initiatives;
- (c) support training and capacity-building programs to enhance financial literacy, business management skills, and technical competencies among youth;
- (d) facilitate market access and financial services for youth enterprises;
- (e) finance research and development in areas relevant to youth empowerment and socio-economic advancement; and
- (f) support any additional initiatives approved by the Board that align with the Fund's objectives to promote youth socioeconomic development.

Sources of the Fund

37. The sources of the Fund shall consist of—

- (a) monies appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Fund;
- (b) loans, grants, gifts, and donations;
- (c) income generated from the investment of Fund assets; and
- (d) any other lawful sources of income as approved by the Board.

Management
shall be administered by a Board of

and **38.** (1) The Fund

Administration of the

Trustees appointed in accordance with this Act.

Fund

(2) The composition of the Board shall include—

- (a) a Chairperson appointed by the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Youth Affairs;

- (b) representatives from the State Departments responsible for Youth Affairs, Finance, and Planning;
- (c) a representative from the private sector with experience in finance or enterprise development;
- (d) two youth representatives, one male and one female, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary; and
- (e) any other members as may be prescribed by regulations.

(3) The Board shall be responsible for—

- (a) overseeing the management, investment, and disbursement of the Fund;
- (b) formulating policies and guidelines for effective Fund administration;
- (c) approving grants, loans, and other disbursements from the Fund in line with its objectives;
- (d) ensuring transparency, accountability, and good governance in Fund operations;
- (e) preparing and submitting annual reports to the Cabinet Secretary; and
- (f) performing any other functions necessary for the effective administration of the Fund.

Powers of the Board.

39. The Board shall have the power to—

- (a) make decisions regarding the allocation and management of Fund resources;
- (b) establish criteria for eligibility, application, and disbursement of financial assistance from the Fund;
- (c) invest Fund resources to achieve sustainable income generation;
- (d) enter into partnerships or agreements with institutions or organizations for the advancement of Fund objectives; and

- (e) take any other lawful actions necessary for the effective functioning of the Fund.

Audit and Reporting.

40. (1) The accounts of the Fund shall be audited and reported on in accordance with the provisions of the Public Audit Act.

(2) The Board shall submit an annual report to the Cabinet Secretary.

Regulations for the Fund.

41. The Cabinet Secretary may make regulations for the better implementation of this Part, including—

- (a) procedures for application, approval, and disbursement of financial assistance from the Fund;
- (b) eligibility criteria for youth and youth-led entities seeking financial support from the Fund;
- (c) guidelines for the investment and management of Fund assets; and
- (d) any other matter necessary for the efficient and effective functioning of the Fund.

PART VI—YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CENTRES

Youth Empowerment Centres. **42.** (1) (1) The State Department shall establish and oversee Youth Empowerment Centres across the country.

(2) The Centres shall —

- (a) provide a secure environment where youth can access essential services, including—
 - (i) sexual reproductive health services;
 - (ii) guidance and counselling services; and
 - (iii) support youth affected by alcohol and drug abuse ;
- (b) support the identification, nurturing and incubation of youth innovations, talents, creative and entrepreneurial ideas;
- (c) create a space for positive interactions, networking and experience sharing among youth on socio-economic and personal issues;

- (d) offer capacity-building programs for youth on socio-economic, technological, and political topics;
- (e) provide spaces for youth leisure and recreation activities; and
- (f) address mental health and wellness concerns by offering accessible and supportive spaces.

Funds for the **43.** The funds for the Centres shall consist of —
Empowerment
Centres.

- (a) monies appropriated by the National Assembly for the purpose;
- (b) gifts, grants, or donations; and
- (c) any other funds received by Youth Empowerment Centres in the performance of its functions.

Management of **44.** The Centres shall be managed by the State Department, which shall
youth empowerment
centres. be responsible for—

- (a) ensuring effective and transparent administration of the Centres;
- (b) developing a management and sustainability framework to govern the Centres' operations;
- (c) overseeing the implementation of programs and services offered at the Centres; and
- (d) undertaking any other measures deemed necessary to promote youth empowerment and innovation within the Centres.

PART VIII— REGISTRATION OF YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Establishment of the **45.** (1) There is established, within the Public Service, the Office of the
Office of
Youth
Registrar

- (2) The Youth Registrar shall be responsible for—
 - (a) registering youth organizations and youth-serving organizations;
 - (b) mediating disputes within and between youth organizations, where requested;

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- (c) maintaining an up-to-date register of all registered youth organizations and ensuring public access to relevant information; and
- (d) performing any other functions related to the registration, regulation, and oversight of youth organizations as prescribed by regulations.

Registration of Youth

Organizations	<p>46. (1) A youth organization seeking registration shall submit an application in the prescribed manner and form to the Registrar.</p> <p>(2) The application for registration shall include—</p> <p>(a) the organization’s name, objectives, and proposed activities;</p> <p>(b) the names and details of the founding members and leadership structure;</p> <p>(c) the organization’s constitution or bylaws, detailing governance and operational guidelines; and</p> <p>(d) any other relevant documentation as may be required by the Registrar.</p> <p>(3) Upon receipt of an application, the Registrar shall review the submission to ensure compliance with the requirements and may request additional information if necessary.</p>
Criteria for Registration	<p>47. (1) The Registrar shall only register a youth organization if it meets the following criteria:</p> <p>(a) the organization’s objectives align with youth empowerment, development, or community service;</p> <p>(b) the organization’s leadership structure promotes transparency, accountability, and inclusivity;</p> <p>(c) the organization’s proposed activities are lawful and in the public interest; and</p> <p>(d) the organization adheres to any additional criteria prescribed by regulations.</p> <p>(2) The Registrar may refuse registration if the organization does not meet the criteria or if its objectives are contrary to the interests of youth development or public welfare.</p>

PART X– GENERAL PROVISIONS

National Talent Scheme	Youth Award	<p>48. The Cabinet Secretary shall establish a National Youth Talent Award Scheme to recognize and promote youth talent across various fields.</p> <p>(2) The Scheme shall be responsible for—</p>
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- (a) developing a framework to identify talented youth across different disciplines;
 - (b) providing quality experiential activities to impart positive life skills and ethical values to youth;
 - (c) recommending criteria for conferring awards on talented youth;

- (d) liaising with relevant government ministries, institutions, and organizations regarding the conferring of awards to youth;
- (e) collaborating with local and international agencies involved in youth award schemes; and
- (f) recommending the provision of financial support and other forms of assistance to nurture and promote talented youth.

Regulations.

- 49.** (1) The Cabinet Secretary may make regulations for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Act.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), such regulations may provide for—
- (a) procedure, form, and fees for registration of youth organizations;
 - (b) the organisation and management of the National Youth Talent Award Scheme; and
 - (c) any other matter that is necessary to give full effect to the provisions of this Act.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Youth Bill, 2024 seeks to advance Youth development, participation, and empowerment by creating avenues for facilitating youth-driven innovation, talent, research, and entrepreneurship in the country. The Bill also seeks to establish the Office of the Youth Registrar which shall provide for the registration, regulation and resolution of conflicts and disputes relating to youth and youth-led organizations. This will provide a robust legislative

and regulatory framework to anchor the Youth aspirations and anchor their role in the delivery of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

Breakdown of Parts of the Bill

PART I provides for preliminary provisions. It sets out the short title and offers definitions and interpretations essential for the subsequent sections. It articulates the main objectives of the Act, laying down a roadmap for its overarching goals.

PART II provides for the administrative interventions that are required from the Cabinet Secretary and the state Department in order to achieve the objectives of the Bill, and the Youth in the country. It also clearly spells out the roles of the county government in the processes involving the Youth.

PART III provides at the substantive level, a restatement of the rights of the Youth and spells out specific roles and interventions that the State Department and other players within the sector are required to take in order to address the attainment of these Rights.

PART IV provides for various support measures that the State Department is required to undertake in order to enable the attainment of the rights of the Youths, besides offering structures that will enable the Youth to prosper and be protected from exploitation or unfair or harmful conditions.

PART V provides for Youth Skills development and specifically singles out various categories of vulnerable Youth who therefore require specific attention and interventions from the State Department. The part further addresses youth enterprise development.

PART VI provides for the establishment by the State Department of Youth Empowerment Centres that shall serve as physical spaces for reaching out and supporting the youth for different forms of support that they require.

PART VIII of the Bill provides for registration of youth organisations by establishing the office of the Youth Registrar within the State Department. The office shall be responsible for

registration, regulation and conflict resolution within Youth and youth-led organisations in the country.

PART IX of the Bill provides for Youth talent development by establishing the National Youth Talent Award Scheme and empowering the Cabinet Secretary to put in place the administrative and regulatory interventions needed to make the Scheme impactful to the youth in the country.

Part X provides the General provisions which include the Regulatory making authority of the Cabinet Secretary with respect to the implementation of the Act.

Statement on the delegation of legislative powers and limitation of fundamental rights and freedoms

Clause 48 of the Bill delegates legislative powers to the Cabinet Secretary for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the Act. The Bill does not limit fundamental rights and freedoms.

Statement as to whether the Bill is a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution

The Bill is Money Bill in terms of Article 114 of the Constitution. The enactment of this Bill will occasion an expenditure of public funds to the Institute. Other organs established will require to be funded from the public coffers.

Statement as to whether the Bill concerns a County Government

This is a Bill concerning the County Governments within the meaning of Article 110 and of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution.

Dated the, 2024.

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