

AGYLE – A Bridge between Africa and Germany

AGYLE is an African German Young Leaders Programme that brings together young leaders from Africa and Germany for long-term business networking. One of its goals is to develop new solutions-based approaches and business ideas in an innovative design thinking process. Direct encounter and partnership-based exchange between selected African countries and Germany promotes the development of innovative ideas and projects and thus lays the foundation for sustainable economic cooperation. The AGYLE network includes young leaders from Ethiopia, Ghana, Rwanda, Tunisia and Germany. In 2023, the programme was extended to include young leaders from Senegal.



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About AGYLE

With a flourishing start-up tech scene, deep familiarity with digital-communication tools, new cryptocurrencies and mobile payment services, Africa is a continent of ideas, home to a young generation with remarkable entrepreneurial spirit and innovative power. Against this background, AGYLE aims to spark African-German dialogue and to reshape economic cooperation: sustainably, agile, and in genuine partnership.

Goals of AGYLE

- Strengthening African-German dialogue through direct contacts
- Establishing sustainable economic cooperation between Africa and Germany
- Promoting innovative ideas and business models
- Presenting a new image of Africa in the German public sphere

Programme of AGYLE

Every year, a jury will choose 40 young leaders from Germany and selected African countries. In the fall of 2023, the young leaders will get together to an event week, which is dedicated to interdisciplinary exchange and networking, professional motivation and cross-border cooperation between young leaders. The heart of the programme is a design-thinking lab, in which interdisciplinary teams develop and refine selected business ideas that contribute solutions to global challenges. A jury will award a prize at the final event for the most innovative and promising idea. The week will be complemented by discussion rounds, keynote speeches, bar camps, company visits and cultural activities. In addition, all participants will be introduced to an exclusive digital business network to deepen contacts and create sustainable long-term business relationships. AGYLE's annual theme for 2023 is "Digital transformation – young leaders working towards a green and inclusive future".

We are looking for...

- Young Leaders up to 40 years of age
- From the fields of business, politics or media
- From Ghana, Rwanda, Senegal, Tunisia or Germany

What's in store for you

- Exclusive access to an international business network to establish new, long-term corporate contacts and business relationships
- Development of innovative ideas and new business models
- Professional and interdisciplinary collaboration at eye-level with experts, mentors, participants
- Exchange of experience with other young leaders from participating countries
- Positioning as a representative of the home country
- Support in career development through high public awareness and international standing
- Cultural insights into the participating countries

Timeline

- Application period
28 February – 16 April 2023
- Jury meeting and selection of AGYLE Young Leaders
May 2022
- Event week in Berlin
Autumn 2023

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