

Recap Presentation: Working Group 1

Symposium on
*“Strengthening Capacities of Public Institutions for Transformational Leadership,
Innovation and Inclusion to Realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and
Agenda 2063 in East Africa”*

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Outline - Working Group Sessions

1. Session 1 - Inclusive Service Delivery and Youth-Engagement and Employment

2. Session 2 - Inclusive Service Delivery - The Critical Role of Gender Equality

3. Session 3 - Inclusive Service Delivery - Ensuring Access to Inclusive Public Services for Persons with Disabilities

Session 1 - Inclusive Service Delivery and Youth-Engagement & Employment

- The youth are key partners and not just beneficiaries of development.
- There is the need to commit significant investments into youth programmes
- It is important not just to work for the youth but also with the youth
- **Prioritizing issues of the youth in any political, social and economic agenda must be at the front line** of every national development plan.

Session 2 - Inclusive Service Delivery - The Critical Role of Gender Equality

- Gender equality is a fundamental human right
- There is the need to unpack the term Gender as a social construct
- Cultural barriers and traditions were identified as a hindrance towards achieving gender parity –
- Ethiopia and Uganda were cited as success stories on Gender
- There is the need for a holistic approach to gender equality
- There exist an unequal access to service delivery – especially for rural women

Session 3 - Inclusive Service Delivery - Ensuring Access to Inclusive Public Services for Persons with Disabilities

- Inclusion is not all about given money but about innovations
- Inclusion does not work in silos; must be approached from a multi-dimensional and a sectoral level.
- Promoting social inclusion especially for person living with disabilities is a political choice
- More needs to be done in the sphere of promoting access to inclusive public services to people living with disabilities.
- Need for national governments to take ownership and responsibility of initiatives that seeks to promoted the inclusion of PWDs.
- Persons living with disabilities are **faced with significant barriers and largely marginalized in accessing public services** which cuts across gender, income, employment among others.
- Disability rights should be considered as fundamental human rights
- Innovation is key for inclusion and inclusion is urgent
- **Inadequate financing for political commitments and lack of capacities of government institutions** to enforce the laws are severe setbacks for inclusion of persons with disabilities.



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