

# POLICY DOCUMENT

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## SUMMARY STATEMENT

Joining the PEP Africa community as a Friend is a powerful way to contribute to global youth development and advocate for social responsibility.

Your support not only empowers young people worldwide but also sends a message of solidarity and inspiration to others. Together, we can make a difference in fostering self-reliance, justice, and meaningful participation.

By becoming a PEP Africa friend4life, you contribute to youth development worldwide, convey a socially responsible message, and inspire others.

### Main Objectives:

- Enhance and support youth inclusive and meaningful participation in PEP Africa's events and decision-making, including at the regional level, within the framework of the United Nations' nine Major Groups and Stakeholders.
- Strengthen collaboration and information-sharing between stakeholders and interested individuals in responding to global challenges, emerging issues, and priorities for youth development.

### Membership:

- Representatives must be in good standing order with PEP Africa.
- Leadership representation is on a one-year rotational basis.
- Interested persons/institutions may participate as observers.
- Membership will be facilitated and coordinated by the PEP Africa's Team.
- The membership is valid for one year (12 months), with the option of continuous membership. Of course, we hope you will remain friends4life for a long time!
- Agree that PEP Africa may use my personal information to communicate with me about the Organisation and programs.
- May find it interesting to personalize their experience on PEP Africa's websites, conduct academic/charitable research, and share my data with trusted organizations and affiliates.
- Have a review policy that provides information on how we use and process your data.

### **Chairing of the meetings:**

- The meetings will be co-chaired by one co-chair from civil society and one co-chair from a Member State.
- It is foreseen that elected co-chairs will assume chairmanship for one year.
- The co-chairs will be elected at the group's constituting meeting and thereafter at the last regular meeting of the year or when a co-chair steps down.
- It is foreseen that the Group will meet every two months or at least four times per year.

### **Functions of the Group of Friends:**

- Function as a point of contact between interested Member States, significant Groups, and Stakeholders to discuss pressing global issues and identify potential areas of collaboration, with a focus on young engagement and processes.
- Provide a platform for information-sharing, knowledge-sharing, capacity-building, and dialogue to identify ways to enhance PEP Africa's participation in forums and promote inclusive action to improve the global challenges.

### **Structure:**

- Biannual meetings will be held every six other months.
- The meetings will be convened in a hybrid format in a Conference Room and online (Teams).
- The two co-chairs will be jointly responsible for developing an agenda for each meeting, to be circulated with group members at least one week before the meeting.
- PEP Africa will facilitate the meetings by supporting the co-chairs, booking meeting rooms, establishing and managing mailing lists, etc.