**YouthADAPT - ACHIEVEMENTS & 2023 OUTLOOK**

**CONTEXT**
- **Impacts, Outcomes and Outputs**
  - Jobs creation: A cumulative total of over 8,500 new green jobs (direct and indirect) created by the youth-led enterprises
  - Increased access to finance of youth-led start-up and MSMEs: The enterprises have attracted additional $316,874 cumulatively in funding outside of the YouthADAPT grant
  - Increased business survival of youth-led start-up and MSMEs who benefited from the African Development Bank YEI MDTF funded activities: All the enterprises are operational and have reported increase in revenues. Some have seen their revenues rise by up to 50 percent since joining the accelerator; some have doubled their production capacity, and others are entering new markets largely attributed the business development training offered to these enterprises.
  - Increased entrepreneurship celebration for a successful and viable career path. Over 30% of the entrepreneurs have been either nominated for and won awards, and also given speaking opportunities in international conferences.
  - An average revenue increase of 123%.
  - An average profitability increase of 198%
  - Expansion into new markets by 20% of enterprises

**2023 Objectives**
- Introducing the YouthADAPT Network and Hub: A vibrant ecosystem of young innovators, change-makers, and leaders united by a common goal – accelerating climate adaptation and resilience across Africa. Through collaborative efforts, cutting-edge ideas, and transformative initiatives, the YouthADAPT Network and Hub provide a dynamic platform where youth from diverse backgrounds converge to drive tangible change in the face of climate challenges. Join us in shaping a sustainable future as part of this powerful movement.

**SUPPORTED PROJECTS**
- The Youth Empowerment for Entrepreneurship and Job Creation in Climate Adaptation and Resilience Pillar

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS**
- 33 Youth Entrepreneurship Projects (USD 500m)
- 6 Key Products: Adaptation Accelerator (USD 1m)
- 30% Adaptation Jobs (5,000 jobs)
- 86% of the mentors rated the mentorship satisfaction level as high (16% rated as below average as shown in the pie chart below). They also provided specific feedback such as mentor quality sessions as detailed below.

**Programmatic Highlights**
- 12 youth-adapt accelerator programs are in trainings for jobs creation and climate resilience.
- 33 youth-led adaptive projects supported across 16 countries in the African continent to scale their adaptive businesses to the tune of USD 4 million. The sponsored adaptation initiatives across the agriculture and water management sectors and as enterprises that are addressing on-ground climate challenges faced by vulnerable communities in Africa, and fostering the skills of 1 million African youth to prepare them for climate resilient jobs and green entrepreneurial opportunities.

**Training and mentorship sessions**
- A total of 60 mentorship sessions have been conducted in the 12 physical sessions and 18 virtual sessions. The average time per session has been 1 hour 14 minutes.

**Level of Mentee Satisfaction**
- 14% Average 
- 86% Average 
- 30% Entrepreneurs who have seen increase in turnover in their businesses 
- 20% Entrepreneurs who have seen increase in productivity 
- 50% Monitoring and evaluating youth-led businesses

**MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**
- How my award transformed my business — 2021 recipient Girijana Moteиде Nkemeyeg
- Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day: the African Development Bank’s YouthADAPT Challenge is accelerating climate adaptation and food security efforts
- Spotlight on a YouthADAPT Winner: How a Waste Management Company in Cameroon Tunes Drones to Reduce Flood Risk
- “As a microenterprise, winning the YouthADAPT Challenge means a lot to us”: Kindsgarde Caroline Wambui reveals how YouthADAPT helped her company grow

**CONTEXT**
- The goals of the YouthADAPT Flagship Program are to:
  - Work with African governments to support local, policy and regulatory reforms, and remove structural barriers to create an enabling environment for green and climate resilient youth entrepreneurship;
  - Directly strengthen the productivity and growth of youth-led and youth-owned enterprises to increase climate resilience and boost job opportunities.

**GOALS AND PILLARS**
- Unlock USD 500 million in credit for adaptation action for innovative youth-led and youth-owned enterprises (50% women-led) that will address on-the-ground climate challenges faced by vulnerable communities in Africa, and fostering the skills of 1 million African youth to prepare them for climate resilient jobs and green entrepreneurial opportunities.
- Enable 20% of active youth to enter new markets
- About 50% are women-owned businesses
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- Directly strengthen the productivity and growth of youth-led and youth-owned enterprises (50% women-led) that will address on-the-ground climate challenges faced by vulnerable communities in Africa, and fostering the skills of 1 million African youth to prepare them for climate resilient jobs and green entrepreneurial opportunities.

**FLAGSHIP EVENTS**
- Africa Youth Climate Assembly
- Africa Climate Summit
- Africa Climate Week
- World Circular Economy
- Adaptation Futures Conference
- Africa’s young entrepreneurs bag EUR 232,000 to help their climate adaptation
- Chris Apple, the winner of the pan-African #YouthADAPTChallenge prize who wants to change the lives of small producers