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Aya Chebbi, African Union Youth Ambassador

Recipient of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Goalkeepers Global Award Sept 2019. She was recognized in 2016 among 100 Under 40 Most Influential Africans in the World and received 2017 Pan-African Humanitarian Award (Tunisia). Referred to as the “Greta Thunberg” for Africa and will speak at the ARCC Forum on Mobilizing African Youth in addressing Climate Change and use of technology.

Aya Chebbi, an award-winning Pan-African feminist <https://ayachebbi.com/meet-aya/>. She is the first African Union Youth Envoy and the youngest diplomat at the African Union Commission Chairperson’s Cabinet. She is the founder of multiple platforms such as the Youth Program of Holistic Empowerment Mentoring (Y-PHEM) coaching the next generation to be positive change agents, Afrika Youth Movement (AYM), one of Africa’s largest Pan-African youth-led movements and Afresist <https://afresist.org/>, a youth leadership program and multimedia platform documenting youth work in Africa. Afresist’s unique multimedia platform is rooted in the values of Pan-Africanism, using technology for the co-creation of alternative leadership models as well as training and documenting youth work across the African continent and beyond. Aya has also served on the Board of Directors of CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation, the World Refugee Council and Oxfam Independent Commission on Sexual Misconduct.

Related videos and articles:

Video of Interview with Aya on her work and journey: <https://youtu.be/O3e-Yr6rQPs>

Aya introduces African Youth Month initiative: <https://youtu.be/n1NjGv41Uug>

Aya talks about the SGDs and importance of youth engagement: <https://youtu.be/vFqTffbKxvU>

Aya’s Growing with the Revolution Ted Talk, 2016:

Aya tells the story of the youth growing from the state of waithood to freedom and empowerment. She draws the victories of young people from Tunisia to Senegal, Burkina Faso and across Africa, a story that the mainstream media would not highlight unless it turns into a violent conflict or an armed coup. She explains her vision in building the African Youth Movement that aims to grow, from the shared marginalization and struggles of African youth, a common identity and political consciousness to challenge the established order. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=deg-oyux0zE>

Feature article in African Renewal Magazine: <https://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/april-2019-july-2019/young-people-can-capably-lead-africa-future>