



## **Pre-Summit youth workshop and mentoring program**

[Young Professionals for Agricultural Development](#) (YPARD) is working with the MasterCard Foundation to deliver the Young Africa Works Summit youth program. This program will bring together the 50 youth delegates who are attending the Summit to equip youth with the skills and confidence to actively participate at the event, and to foster connections and networking opportunities to build relationships that will serve them beyond the event itself. YPARD is one of the only organizations methodically pioneering efforts to effectively engage youth at international agricultural summits. This will be done in several ways.

### **Pre-Summit youth workshop**

An online webinar series and a one-day workshop will build leadership and participation skills of the youth delegates to share considered perspectives at the Summit and beyond. Topics to be covered include:

- Clarifying your purpose and expressing your authentic self,
- Building and managing meaningful networks
- Using your voice
- Making the most of the summit
- Active listening
- Pitching an idea
- Community building

### **Mentoring**

Youth delegates will be paired with selected summit delegates who will assist with understanding key summit themes and networking. Conference mentoring fosters intergenerational understanding and new partnerships, creating a culture of mutual respect, responsibility, reciprocity, and resiliency between young and old, which is of increasing importance as the workforce ages.

A subset of mentees and mentors will co-design their mentoring relationship, which continues for 12 months beyond the Summit. Read more about mentoring on YPARD's website:

[www.ypard.net/mentoring](http://www.ypard.net/mentoring)

### **More about YPARD**

YPARD is a global youth network (currently 15,000 members strong) that supports young professionals in agricultural development. The rationale to create YPARD was motivated by the need for creating the next generation of agricultural leaders, thinkers, and entrepreneurs, address critical development issues and to create greater access to resources for young food system leaders. YPARD's vision is sustainably improved livelihoods worldwide where young professionals are proactively contributing to innovative agricultural development. Its mission is to serve as the collective global platform enabling young professionals to realize their full potential and contribute towards innovative agricultural development. Learn more at [www.ypard.net](http://www.ypard.net)