

SPEAK up

Giving Voice to younger generations for the prevention of FGM



6 FEBRUARY 2025

from 14.30 to 20.00
European Parliament - room 1G3,
Brussels

Event hosted by MEP
Cristina Guarda
(Gruppo Verdi/ALE – Europa Verde)

14.30 - 15.00 Registration & Welcome

15.00 - 15.45 Institutional greetings MEP Cristina Guarda (Verdi Italia)
& Paola Crestani, President Amref Health Africa Italy

Y-ACT Project Presentation

Laura Gentile - Y-ACT Project Coordinator, Amref Italy

Mehret Tewolde - Vice President Le Réseau and life&business coach

Noura Ghazoui - President CoNNGI

Patrizia Farina - Professor in Demography, University of Milan Bicocca

2025 Annual Campaign End FGM EU Network

Marianne Nguena Kana - Interim Director End FGM European Network

15.45 - 16.00 Video Hero Y-ACT Campaign Giving Silence a voice
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16.00 - 17.15

Five pathways to a future without FGM. Dialogues between Y-ACT Youth leaders and European and African activists around FGM

◦ TRADITION

Community: between identity and opportunities. The role of Youth in leading the change

Jasmina El Shouraky - Y-ACT Youth Leader, Italy

Bitania Lulu Berhanu - Director Y-ACT, Amref Health Africa Headquarters, Kenya

Queralt Perarnau - Senior Project Officer, End FGM EU Network

◦ TABOO

Intergenerational dialogue and practices to raise and promote the voices of youth belonging to FGM affected communities

Esraa Newir - Y-ACT Youth Leader, Italy

Aminata Sidibé - END FGM EU Co President, Brussels and COP FGM Coordinator Gams Belgium

Paola Magni - Head of Strategic Partnerships, Amref Italy

◦ UNAWARENESS

Women's and youth empowerment pathways to raise awareness and promote change

David Agbonifo - Y-ACT Youth Leader, Italy

Khady Koita - Co-founder of Euronet FGM, Member of GAMS, France

Sharon Maitha - Communication and Social Media Officer Y-ACT, Amref Health Africa Headquarters, Kenya

◦ TRAUMA

Healing wounds to promote wellbeing and the importance of an inclusive, non-stigmatising approach to support survivors

Perfection Oyelola Oke - Y-ACT Youth Leader, Italy

Valerie Lolomari - Mental health practitioner/ CEO/ Founder Women of Grace Uk Anti-FGM organisation, UK

Mariama Bah - Brussels and Wallonia Community Voices Coordinator, SC_MGF Coordinator, GAMS Belgium

◦ HEALTH

Rights to health, safety, physical integrity, sexual and reproductive health and self-determination for girls

Marwa Adam Soliman - Y-ACT Youth Leader, Italy

Comfort Momoh - M.B.E FGM/Public Health Specialist, UK

Edell Otieno-Okoth - FGM/C Specialist Plan International, Germany

17.15 - 17.45

Presentation of the communities' Manifesto for the abandonment of FGM - Youth and Adults from Y-ACT Project Communities

Jasmina El Shouraky, Esraa Newir, Perfection Oyelola Oke, David Agbonifo, Marwa Adam Soliman - Youth Leaders Y-ACT Project

Mona Naem, Anab Mohamed, Evelyn Nwabiani Nwaokenie,

Innocent Otuomasirichi Uzochukwu, Mona Khalil - Members of CoPs Y-ACT Project

Q&A

Closing remarks - Amref Health Africa Italia

Veronica Lattuada - Global Citizenship and Awareness Programme Coordinator, Amref Italy

Event Moderator: *Mehret Tewolde*

Join us for the networking aperitif at 18.00

