



## Press Release

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Africa Youth Day 01st November 2019

Every year the 01<sup>st</sup> November is observed as Africa Youth Day. It is a day dedicated to the promotion of youth as key agents for social change, peace advocates, economic growth and sustainable development in all areas of African society. It is the celebration of the young generation on the continent. The commemoration also serves to recognize the contribution of young people and their energy and idealism to reinforce the efforts towards the achievement of sustainable development in Africa.

On the occasion of Africa Youth Day, the Eastern Africa Standby Force would like to pay tribute to the young women and men for their pivotal role in the promotion of peace and security on the continent. As we observe this day we have to recognize the potential of African youth caught up in conflict to forge peace and promote unity and harmony. We recognize the important role of the Commission of the African Union, through its Youth for Peace (Y4P) in the establishment of African Youth Ambassadors for Peace and other initiatives undertaken in engaging the youth of Africa.

EASF recognizes and celebrates the collective agency and activism of young people on the continent and the roles that they must take up as active and responsible citizens, leaders and pioneers of peace in Africa. Youth, keep a positive attitude, no matter what the issue, it is always easier to deal with it if your attitude is optimistic and positive. The future of Africa and the world is in your hands.

**Happy Africa Youth Day**