

## How to contribute to investing in Africa's youth

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia - Young people in Africa are an enormous resource for the continent's developments. It is in this regard that African Union Heads of State and Government declared the theme for 2017 as 'Harnessing the Demographic Dividend through Investments in Youth'.



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