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Present in more than twenty African countries and in France via Ipsos Africap, its representative office, Ipsos wishes to shed light on the aspirations of African youths.

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These young people possess incredible potential for consuming new products, forming new habits and adopting new lifestyles. They have also demonstrated a remarkable entrepreneurial spirit and openness to new technologies, factors that are expected to boost economic activity and innovation.

Whether they are young managers, students, business owners, workers in the informal sector or farmers, they are better educated, more demanding and more aware than their elders. In an Africa caught between modernity

and tradition, they are helping to change the continent and determine its future.

One of the biggest challenges is employment. Each year more than 11 million young people enter the job market in Sub-Saharan Africa. In the coming decade, the OECD estimates that 50 million jobs will need to be created to ensure a positive outcome. With difficult daily lives that often disrupt their plans, these young Africans embody all of the opportunities and challenges Africa will face in the next ten years.

Why should we believe in Africa's young people? Precisely because their ambition, energy and confidence in the future have reached a level that is hard to find elsewhere.

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Africa has the highest concentration of young people on the planet.

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Source: Data Unesco 2013





of the 15-24 year-olds report being influenced by social networks in purchase decisions



from 15 to 24 have at least 2 euros per day

The 15-24 year-olds represent

of the African population

of the working population

Source: Data Unesco 2013





The main concerns of young Africans are:

Unemployment 69%

The cost **63%** of living increase

Corruption 59%



The first African Youth expenditure items are

Food & Beverage 43%

Clothing 38%

Communication 33%



81% of young Africans are optimistic about their personal future

63%

about the future of their country





of urban young people regularly go to trade centers and supermarkets



French brands are preferred by

of young

of young Ivorians Senegalese

of young Nigerians and South Africans









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