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## **AGM Ticker - Special Early Edition #1**

The Ticker is the newsletter format reserved for bringing you the latest, important and overall necessary information for preparing your participation in the upcoming GYA Annual General Meeting (AGM).



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It's Ticker time again. After three years of online AGMs and conferences, in June 2023 it will be time to meet in person. It will again be that one special occasion of the GYA year when Members, Alumni and Office staff come together and discuss the past year(s), sharing and developing ideas to plan the year to come. In-person AGMs are full of the inspiring experience of meeting like-minded peers, of sharing serendipitous chats over a cup of coffee and truly living what it is like to be a part of the Global Young Academy. Don't miss out - start preparing now!

The situation we are in, where three cohorts have not yet had an in-person AGM, is unprecedented. While reading this, you may wonder why you should look into funding already, into clearing your schedule and planning for the trip to Rwanda in June 2023. Rest assured; it'll be worth it!

And without further ado, welcome to the early run-up to the 2023 AGM!

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## Clear your schedule

You have received the Save The Date email already, but just to make sure: did you book the GYA AGM week into your schedule? We will convene in June 2023 in Kigali, Rwanda.

**5 – 9 June 2023**

See the preliminary programme and follow updates here: [Programme - 2023 Annual General Meeting and International Conference \(globalyoungacademy.net\)](https://globalyoungacademy.net/programme-2023-annual-general-meeting-and-international-conference)

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## Look into funding already: Approach your institution now

Involve your institution now. Do they know you are a member of the GYA (current or past), do they support you? If so, introduce them to the idea that the GYA exists for early career researchers like you. Like your institution, the GYA wants to support, strengthen and empower. Only attending in person allows you to use this opportunity to the fullest. Your institution will benefit from the opportunities provided by the GYA and thus the AGM.

We advise that you start looking into funding opportunities for your travel and participation now, through your institution or another source. Presenting your research to the GYA community in a Member Lightning Talk (see below) might be a good justification for your application. The GYA can provide you with a formal letter of invitation or texts that might be useful – please contact us for support: [info@globalyoungacademy.net](mailto:info@globalyoungacademy.net). Information on how to apply for GYA co-funding will be communicated by the end of February. As available GYA funding for the 2023 AGM is limited, one requirement of receiving GYA co-funding will be documentation of unsuccessful endeavours to find funding elsewhere.

Complete invitation letters – including registration information, co-funding conditions, travel and accommodation details, etc. - will be sent to you by the end of February 2023.

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## Call for Abstracts: Member Lightning Talks

In-person Lightning Talks are back! Provide insight into what you study and why to your fellow attendees in a three-minute lightning talk. Find all information and deadlines here: [Call for Abstracts for Lightning Talks - 2023 Annual General Meeting and International Conference \(globalyoungacademy.net\)](https://globalyoungacademy.net/call-for-abstracts-for-lightning-talks-2023-annual-general-meeting-and-international-conference)

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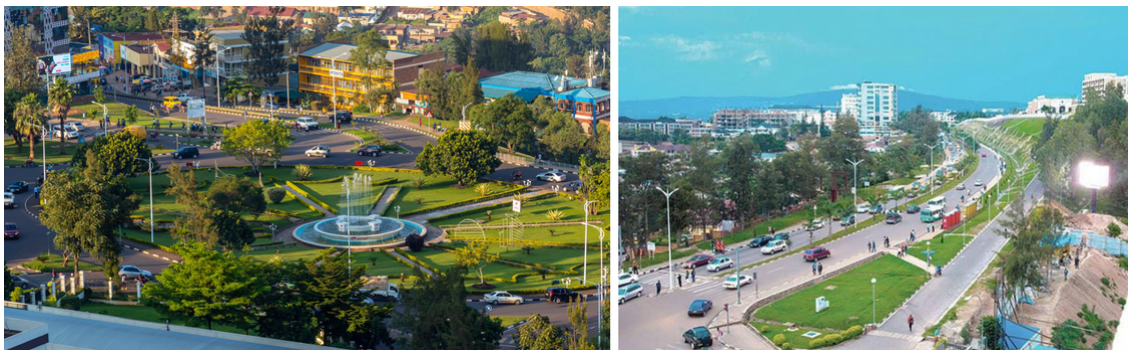
## Prepare for Rwanda: A country of a Thousand Hills

Rwanda is a landlocked country, located in central East Africa. It is often referred to as a “Country of a Thousand Hills” because of its undulating hilly and mountainous terrain. There one can find heavily-cultivated fields, as well as its famous mountain gorillas in the North.



Rwanda is known for its traumatic history, including the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi. From there, it underwent a courageous recovery to becoming a stable country again with a truly inspiring story. Rwanda, with a population of about 13 million, is mainland Africa’s most densely populated country. It is geographically small but comes with so much to offer to those who visit:

- Rwanda is extremely safe and clean: It has been regularly dubbed as the safest country in Africa for years. It was recently ranked as the 6th safest country in the world. *Read also: [Rwanda is the safest country in Africa for solo travellers, according to a survey](#) | [Business Insider Africa](#)*
- Rwanda is also clean and “spotless”. The capital of Rwanda, Kigali is often dubbed as the cleanest city on the continent. *Read also: [Top 10 cleanest cities in Africa to visit this year - FurtherAfrica](#)*



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Thank you for reading! Another Special Ticker will come your way in January 2023, before we then start the run-up to the AGM with the regular Ticker mailings beginning in February 2023.

Take good care and stay healthy.

All the best,  
Your GYA Office





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