

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-31
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Page 1099, beginning line 3, strike section 30274
and insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SUPPORT FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS INITIA-**
2 **TIVE.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) the Young African Leaders Initiative,
6 launched in 2010, is a signature effort to invest in
7 the next generation of African leaders;

8 (2) Africa is a continent of strategic importance
9 and it is vital for the United States to support
10 strong and enduring partnerships with the next gen-
11 eration of African leaders;

12 (3) the United States Government should
13 prioritize investments to build the capacity of emerg-
14 ing young African leaders in sub-Saharan Africa, in-
15 cluding through efforts to—

16 (A) enhance leadership skills;

17 (B) encourage entrepreneurship;

18 (C) strengthen public administration and
19 the role of civil society;

1 (D) enhance peace and security in their re-
2 spective countries of origin and across Africa;
3 and

4 (E) connect young African leaders con-
5 tinently and globally across the private, civic,
6 and public sectors;

7 (4) youth in Africa have a positive impact on
8 efforts to foster economic growth, improve public
9 sector transparency and governance, and counter ex-
10 tremism, and should be an area of focus for United
11 States outreach on the African continent; and

12 (5) the Secretary of State should—

13 (A) increase the number of fellows from
14 Africa participating in the Mandela Washington
15 Fellowship above the estimated 700 fellows who
16 participated during fiscal year 2021; and

17 (B) identify additional ways to connect
18 YALI alumni to United States public and pri-
19 vate resources and institutions.

20 (b) YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS INITIATIVE PRO-
21 GRAM.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established the
23 Young African Leaders Initiative (“YALI”), which
24 shall be carried out by the Secretary of State.

1 (2) PURPOSE.—YALI shall seek to build the ca-
2 pacity of young African leaders in sub-Saharan Afri-
3 ca in the areas of business, civic engagement, or
4 public administration, including through efforts to—

5 (A) support young African leaders by of-
6 fering professional development, training, and
7 networking opportunities, particularly in the
8 areas of leadership, innovation, civic engage-
9 ment, elections, human rights, entrepreneur-
10 ship, good governance, peace and security, and
11 public administration; and

12 (B) provide increased economic and tech-
13 nical assistance to young African leaders to pro-
14 mote economic growth, strengthen ties between
15 United States and African businesses, build re-
16 silience to predatory lending practices, and im-
17 prove capacity in key economic areas such as
18 tendering, bidding, and contract negotiations,
19 budget management and oversight, anti-corrup-
20 tion, and establishment of clear policy and reg-
21 ulatory practices.

22 (3) FELLOWSHIPS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—YALI shall support the
24 participation in the United States in the

1 Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young Af-
2 rican Leaders of fellows from Africa who—

3 (i) are between 25 and 35 years of age;

4 (ii) have demonstrated strong capa-
5 bilities in entrepreneurship, innovation,
6 public service, and leadership; and

7 (iii) have had a positive impact in
8 their communities, organizations, or insti-
9 tutions.

10 (B) OVERSIGHT.—The fellowships de-
11 scribed in paragraph (1) shall be overseen by
12 the Secretary of State through the Bureau of
13 Education and Cultural Affairs.

14 (C) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of State
15 shall establish and publish—

16 (i) eligibility criteria for participation
17 as a fellow under paragraph (1); and

18 (ii) criteria for determining which eli-
19 gible applicants will be selected.

20 (4) RECIPROCAL EXCHANGES.—Subject to the
21 approval of the Secretary of State, United States
22 citizens may—

23 (A) engage in reciprocal exchanges in con-
24 nection with alumni of the fellowship described
25 in subsection (c); and

1 (B) collaborate on projects with such fel-
2 lowship alumni.

3 (5) REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTERS AND NET-
4 WORKS.—The Administrator of the United States
5 Agency for International Development shall estab-
6 lish—

7 (A) not fewer than 4 regional leadership
8 centers in sub-Saharan Africa to offer in-person
9 and online training throughout the year on
10 business and entrepreneurship, civic leadership,
11 and public management to young African lead-
12 ers between 18 and 35 years of age who have
13 demonstrated strong capabilities in entrepre-
14 neurship, innovation, public service and leader-
15 ship, and peace-building and conflict resolution,
16 and who have had a positive impact in their
17 communities, organizations, or institutions; and

18 (B) an online network that provides infor-
19 mation and courses on, and connections with
20 leaders in, the private and public sectors of Af-
21 rica.

22 (6) ACTIVITIES.—

23 (A) UNITED STATES-BASED ACTIVITIES.—
24 The Secretary of State, in coordination with the
25 heads of relevant Federal departments and

1 agencies, shall oversee all United States-based
2 activities carried out under YALI, including—

3 (i) the participation of Mandela
4 Washington Fellows in a six-week Leader-
5 ship Institute at a United States edu-
6 cational institution in business, civic en-
7 gagement, or public management, includ-
8 ing academic sessions, site visits, profes-
9 sional networking opportunities, leadership
10 training, community service, and organized
11 cultural activities; and

12 (ii) the participation by Mandela
13 Washington fellows in an annual Mandela
14 Washington Fellowship Summit, to provide
15 such Fellows the opportunity to meet with
16 United States leaders from the private,
17 public, and non-profit sectors.

18 (B) AFRICA-BASED ACTIVITIES.—The Sec-
19 retary of State, in coordination with the Admin-
20 istrator for the United States Agency for Inter-
21 national Development and the heads of other
22 relevant Federal departments and agencies,
23 should continue to support YALI activities in
24 sub-Saharan Africa, including—

1 (i) continued leadership training and
2 other professional development opportuni-
3 ties for Mandela Washington Fellowship
4 for Young African Leaders alumni upon
5 their return to their home countries, in-
6 cluding online courses, technical assistance,
7 and access to funding;

8 (ii) training for young African leaders
9 at regional leadership centers established
10 in accordance with subsection (e), and
11 through online and in-person courses of-
12 fered by such centers; and

13 (iii) opportunities for networking and
14 engagement with—

15 (I) alumni of the Mandela Wash-
16 ington Fellowship for Young African
17 Leaders;

18 (II) alumni of programs at re-
19 gional leadership centers established
20 in accordance with subsection (e);

21 (III) United States and like-
22 minded diplomatic missions, business
23 leaders, and others as appropriate;
24 and

1 (IV) where practicable and ap-
2 propriate, other United States-funded
3 regional leadership programs, includ-
4 ing the Young Southeast Asian Lead-
5 ers Initiative (YSEALI), the Young
6 Leaders of the Americas Initiative
7 (YLAI), the Young Pacific Leaders
8 (YPL), and the Young Transatlantic
9 Innovation Leaders Initiative
10 (YTILI), and through Department of
11 State programs such as the Commu-
12 nity Engagement Exchange Program
13 and other initiatives.

14 (C) IMPLEMENTATION.—To carry out this
15 subsection, the Secretary of State, in coordina-
16 tion with the Administrator of the United
17 States Agency for International Development
18 and the heads of other relevant Federal depart-
19 ments and agencies shall seek to partner with
20 the private sector to pursue public-private part-
21 nerships, leverage private sector expertise, ex-
22 pand networking opportunities, and identify
23 funding opportunities as well as fellowship and
24 employment opportunities for YALI.

1 (7) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than
2 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Ad-
4 ministrators of the United States Agency for Inter-
5 national Development and the heads of other rel-
6 evant Federal departments and agencies, shall sub-
7 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
8 plan for implementing YALI, including—

9 (A) a description of clearly defined pro-
10 gram goals, targets, and planned outcomes for
11 each year and for the duration of implementa-
12 tion of the program;

13 (B) a strategy to monitor and evaluate the
14 program and progress made toward achieving
15 such goals, targets, and planned outcomes; and

16 (C) a strategy to ensure the program is
17 promoting United States foreign policy goals in
18 Africa, including ensuring that the program is
19 clearly branded, paired with robust public diplo-
20 macy efforts, and incorporates diversity among
21 participants as practicable, including countries
22 and communities in Africa facing economic dis-
23 tress, civil conflict, marginalization, and other
24 challenges.

1 (8) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
3 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, in co-
4 ordination with the Administrator of the United
5 States Agency for International Development, shall
6 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
7 and publish in a publicly accessible, internet-based
8 form, a report that includes—

9 (A) a description of the progress made to-
10 ward achieving the goals, targets, and planned
11 outcomes described in subsection (g)(1), includ-
12 ing an overview of the program implemented in
13 the previous year and an estimated number of
14 beneficiaries;

15 (B) an assessment of how YALI is contrib-
16 uting to and promoting United States-Africa re-
17 lations, particularly in areas of increased pri-
18 vate sector investment, trade promotion, sup-
19 port to civil society, improved public adminis-
20 tration, promoting peace and security, and fos-
21 tering entrepreneurship and youth empower-
22 ment;

23 (C) recommendations for improvements or
24 changes to YALI and the implementation plan,
25 if any, that would improve their effectiveness

1 during subsequent years of YALI’s implementa-
2 tion; and

3 (D) for the first report submitted under
4 this subsection, an assessment of the feasibility
5 of expanding YALI to Morocco, Algeria, Tuni-
6 sia, Libya, and Egypt.

7 (9) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
8 TEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appro-
9 priate congressional committees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
11 the Senate;

12 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
13 the Senate;

14 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
15 the House of Representatives; and

16 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
17 the House of Representatives.

18 (10) SUNSET.—The requirements of this sec-
19 tion shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

