

# Press Kit

As at 1st November 2018

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Aya Chebbi, an award winning Pan-African feminist. She is the first African Union Special Envoy on Youth and the youngest in the African Union Commission Chairperson's Cabinet.

She is the founder of multiple platforms such as **Youth Programme of Holistic Empowerment Mentoring (Y-PHEM)** coaching the next generation to be positive change agents, **Afrika Youth Movement (AYM)**, building one of Africa's largest Pan-African youth-led movements and **Afresist**, a youth leadership programme and a multimedia platform documenting youth work in Africa.

She served on the Board of Directors of CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation, the World Refugee Council and Oxfam Independent Commission on Sexual Misconduct.

Chebbi became a world renowned blogger during 2010/2011 Tunisia's Revolution running **Proudly Tunisian**. Her blogs were published at OpenDemocracy and Al-Jazeera among others. Since then, she has been traveling across the African continent to support and train thousands of social movement leaders and activists on mobilization, blogging, leadership and non-violence.

In 2012, Chebbi was a Fulbright scholar at Georgia Southern University and 2015 Mo Ibrahim Scholar for her Masters in African Studies at SOAS, University of London. She was recognized in 2016 and 2018 among 100 Under 40 Most Influential Africans in the World. She received 2016 Inspirational Woman of the Year by Women4Africa Awards, 2017 Pan-African Humanitarian Award by Pahawards and 2018 Young Talent of the year by UNLEASH Festival.

Chebbi's extensive experience over the past decade made her an influential political voice known for rebranding Africa and commitment to youth empowerment and Africa's integration.



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## Message

Mission " Radicalize youth into Pan-Africanism"

Legacy "Bridge the North- South Sahara Divide"

## Quotes

"The Africa I want is where we own our narratives because our struggle is a struggle for voice"

"The Africa I want is where we value our youth as divers not subjects of development"

"The Africa I want is where we value the contribution of women"

"The Africa I want is where transnational solidarity can liberate us"

"The Africa I want is where the Sahara is a place to bridge us not to divide us"

**Major Press:** The Guardian, National Public Radio, The Huffington Post, Al Jazeera, Foreign Policy, Vice news, South African Radio SABC News, Radio France International, Madison Magazine, ELLE Magazine, Afro Magazine and Deutsche Welle. **Full list here**

**Have spoken at:** The European Parliament, The United Nations, TEDx, Unleash Fest, SDG Global Festival of Action, DW Global Media Forum, World Social Forum, Mo Ibrahim Governance Weekend, Mandela 100, BOND, MEPI, Fulbright, **Universities** such as Stanford, Georgetown, Yale, Denver, Emory, Tufts, SOAS, and London School of Economics etc.

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