

Engaging of Youth in Agriculture on the continent: Current Policies

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Africa rural youths at a glance



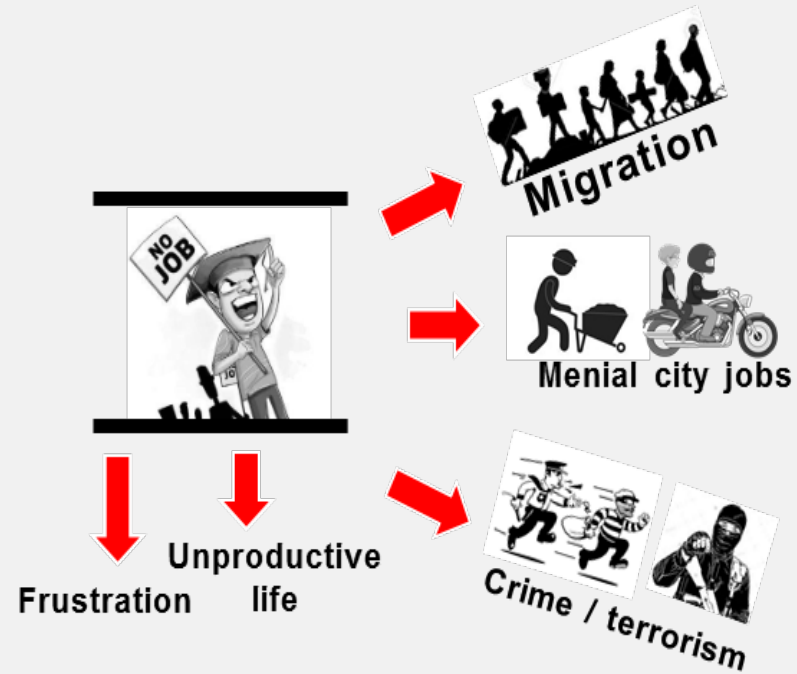
Youth Population

63% as at 2010

Why



- African population growth
- Graduates without jobs
- Dynamism of African economies does not follow the population growth



Continental Youth policies

A. Strategic Framework for A NEPAD Youth Program (2005-2015)

Strategic Objective 1:

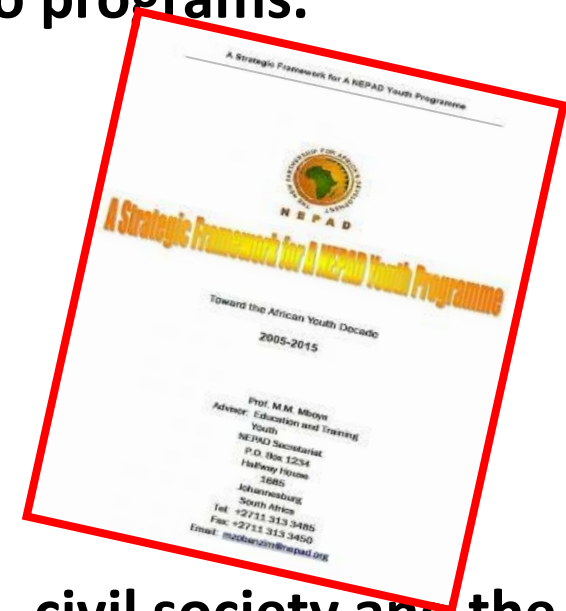
Establish and maintain mechanisms to ensure the voice of young people is heard and development issues are effectively mainstreamed into programs.

Strategic Objective 2:

Facilitating the creation of development partnerships with governments and relevant organizations and the mobilization of to support youth empowerment.

Strategic Objective 3:

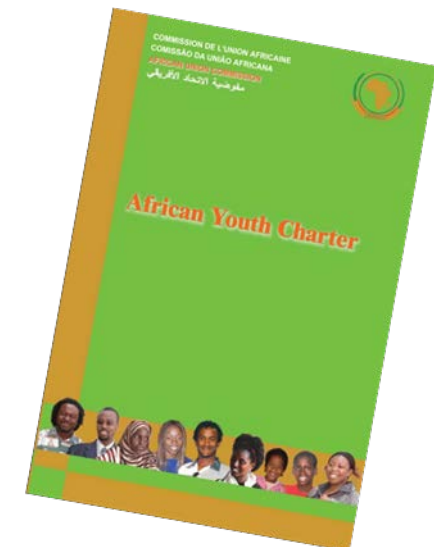
Support Regional Economic Communities, Member States, civil society and the private sector in their efforts to promote youth empowerment and development.



Continental Youth policies (2)

African Youth Charter (Adopted and endorsed by Heads of States in July 2006 in Banjul)

1. Development and implementation of National Youth Policies
2. Promotion of participation of Youth in decision making and development processes
3. Employability oriented Education (formal, informal and non-formal, vocational) in urban, and rural areas
4. Sustainable livelihood and youth employment
5. Healthcare
6. Engaging the contribution of Africa youths in the diaspora
7. Issues of girls and young women



National Youth policies

32 Countries with Youth policy

Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, DRC, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe)

14 Countries with no youth policy

(Algeria, Chad, Comoros, Congo Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Libya, Mali, Sao-Tome & Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia)

6 have unclear youth policy status

(Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea-Conakry, Lesotho, Mauritania, South-Sudan)

2 Countries with drafts (Central African Republic, and Cote d'Ivoire)

Popular/voluntary Agriculture Based Youth Engagement Programs



African Agribusiness Incubators Network

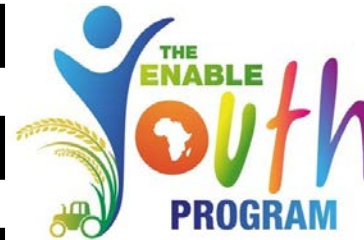
- Agribusiness
- Incubation
- Mentorship etc.



- Training
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- Harnessing opportunities in Agribusiness.
- Capacity building.
- Advocacy for youth in agriculture.



- Policy advocacy.
- Business training.
- Access to finance.



Holistic Empowerment Livelihood Program

- Capacity building.
- Leveraging South-South Collaboration.
- Technical and entrepreneurial
- Commodity Modular training

- Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
- Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development