

# Build Better Futures: Experiences of Youth Employment

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# The Youth Opportunity

- More than 1.5 billion young people under the age of 24.
- Growing trend in the green economy, digitalization and
- The fight to end climate change and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
- Social Media and internet

# Challenges in Enabling Youth Employment and Decent Work

- Policies not corresponding to the dynamic demands of today's youth population
- Harnessing the informal economy to support young people
- Addressing the youth skills mismatch

# What was done or needs to be done to overcome these challenges

- Ensuring accountability and transparency in policies addressing decent work for youth.
- Investment in infrastructure, digital transformation, green economy and services
- Ensuring work safety nets for youth
- Addressing issues of inequalities

# What are the lessons to be learned for Nigeria and for other countries

- Government alone cannot create jobs
- Investment in digital transformation to create jobs
- Social entrepreneurship as a tool to build back better
- Ensuring young people at the centre of policy formulation and implementation

# Thank You

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