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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