Labor Markets in Western Africa: Evidence and Policy Lesson
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Jobs for Youth in Africa

Key Achievements and Milestones
The Jobs for Youth in Africa strategy aims to create 25 million jobs and positively impact 50 million youths by 2025.

In order to achieve these ambitious goals workable, solutions and flagship models have been designed using 3 strategic pillars namely: integration, innovation, and investment.

**Integration**
The AfDB incorporates a youth employment focus in its projects, investments, and work with Regional Member Countries.

**Innovation**
The AfDB works with external private and public partners to incubate, implement, assess, and scale promising ideas for creating youth employment.

**Investment**
The AfDB catalyzes private sector capital to stimulate the youth employment and entrepreneurship ecosystem.
Integration – Business Opportunities

Potential of increasing the jobs’ lens in AfDB supported projects while delivering on the Hi 5s: from 50,000 j/y before to over 600,000 after

- Value chain programs
- Infrastructure operations
- Private sector operations, etc.
- YAP already applied in 7 countries including ST

Conducive environment (Budget Support)
- Economic reforms
- Institutional support and capacity building (10 countries in 2017)

Coordination (coalition) for higher impact
- Around the national strategies
- 4 countries are planned: Sierra Leone, Niger, CAR and Chad
### Innovation – Business Opportunities

**Description of flagship areas:**

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Innovation – portfolio and Pipeline

**ENABLE YOUTH FLAGSHIP**

**TOTAL INVESTMENT:** ~(USD) 764 MILLION

**CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED SINCE 2016:** DRC, CAMEROON, GABON, MALAWI, NIGERIA, SUDAN, ZAMBIA

**COUNTRIES IN PIPELINE:** BENIN, BURKINA FASO, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, COTE D’IVOIRE, GUINEA, BISSAU, LIBERIA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MOZAMBIQUE, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, ZAMBIA

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**RURAL MICRO ENTERPRISE**

**TOTAL INVESTMENT:** ~(USD) 54 MILLION

**CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED SINCE 2016:** MALAWI, NIGERIA

**COUNTRY IN PIPELINE:** BURKINA FASO

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**ICT FLAGSHIP**

**TOTAL INVESTMENT:** ~(USD) 206 MILLION

**CURRENTLY IMPLEMENTED SINCE 2016:** CAPE VERDE, ETHIOPIA, SENEGAL

**COUNTRIES IN PIPELINE 2017:** COTE D’IVOIRE, KENYA, NIGERIA, RWANDA

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Ongoing implementations, and countries in pipeline:
The Africa-wide Enabling Youth Employment Index is an index that has been developed to measure youth employment outcomes and enabling policies at country levels.

Official launching of the first index will happen at the sidelines of the EU-Africa Summit on November 29, 2017.

The bank has put in place the YEI multi-donor trust fund as a financial and operational instrument to enable successful reach to youth. The trust fund will serve as a channel to mobilizing resources and promote investments which will catalyze the creation of a sustainable ecosystem for youth entrepreneurs.
The aim of the lab is to strengthen entrepreneurship ecosystem in Africa, by incubating promising and innovative businesses enterprises and providing them the necessary support to scale.

- The JfYA Innovation Lab will be launched in the 1st quarter of 2018.
- Focus on migration hotspots
**Areas of Partnerships**

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<td>Programmatic Design and Implementation with Governments: Partners can support implementation of programs in various countries and help refine design of future programs</td>
<td>Knowledge Generation and Dissemination: The Innovation and Information Lab will work with partners to collect, analyze, and disseminate data – building a strong evidence base on best practices to address youth unemployment</td>
<td>Financing: The Bank will pool resources with other public, private, and philanthropic institutions to support projects that drive youth employment and information collection and dissemination</td>
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