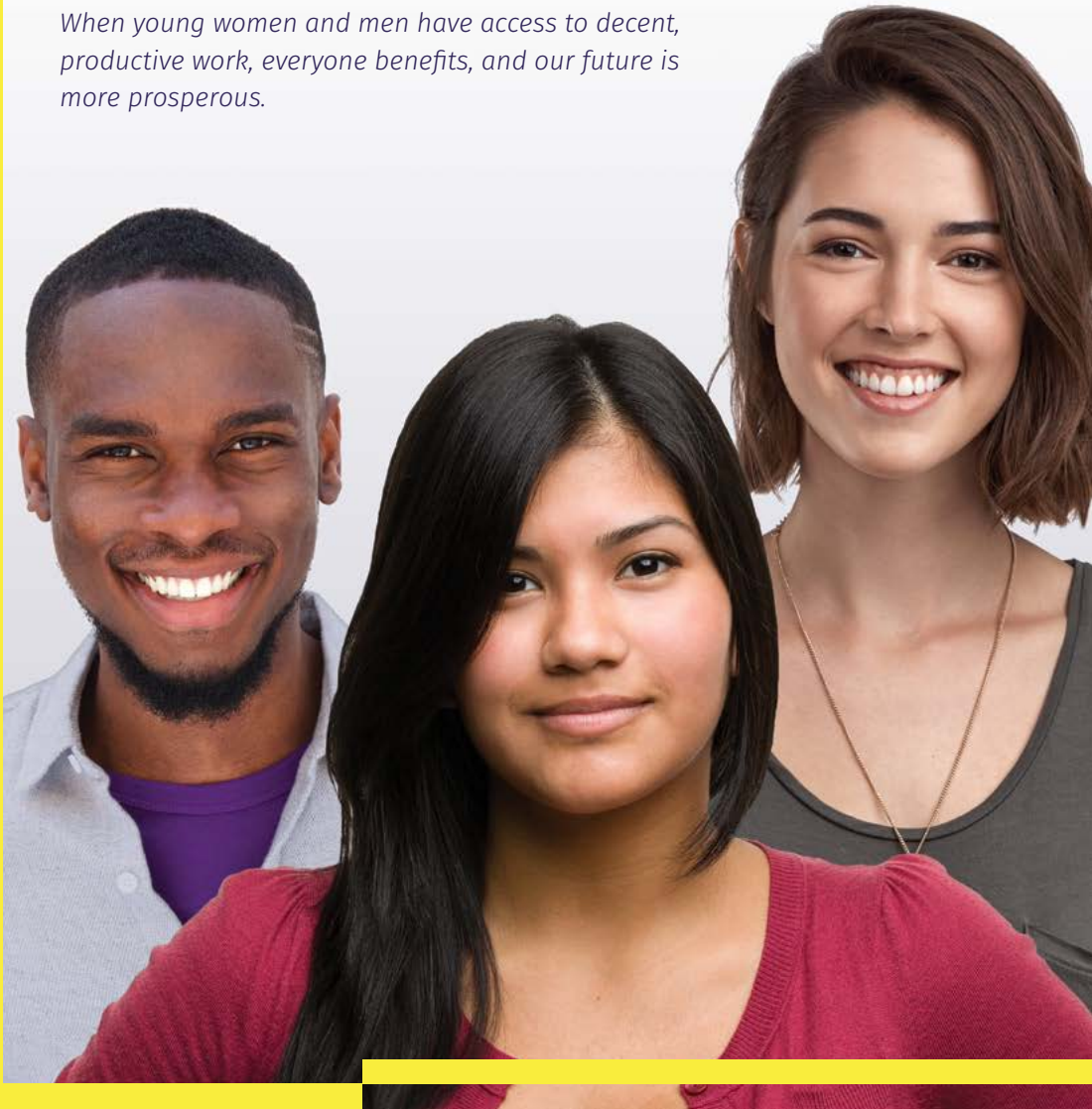




# DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH

## THE GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR ACTION

*When young women and men have access to decent, productive work, everyone benefits, and our future is more prosperous.*



# THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGE

GLOBALLY OVER

**70** MILLION

YOUNG WOMEN &  
MEN ARE LOOKING  
FOR A JOB

MORE THAN

**160** MILLION

YOUTH ARE  
WORKING, YET  
LIVING IN POVERTY

PUT IN PERSPECTIVE, YOUTH  
UNEMPLOYMENT IS AT LEAST

**3X**

HIGHER THAN THAT OF ADULTS

**2** IN EVERY **5**

ECONOMICALLY  
ACTIVE YOUTH ARE  
WITHOUT WORK OR  
WORKING BUT POOR

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INVESTMENTS REMAIN FRAGMENTED  
DESPITE INCREASED POLICY ATTENTION

# DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH is the global initiative to scale up **action** and **impact** on youth employment under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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Our vision is a world in which young women and men have greater access to decent jobs, everywhere.

## PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

To make a difference in the lives of young people, **Decent Jobs for Youth** focuses on eight thematic priorities that respond to today's most pressing challenges.



GREEN JOBS FOR YOUTH



DIGITAL SKILLS FOR YOUTH



QUALITY APPRENTICESHIPS



YOUTH IN FRAGILE SITUATIONS



YOUTH TRANSITIONING TO THE FORMAL ECONOMY



YOUTH IN THE RURAL ECONOMY



YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT



YOUNG WORKERS IN HAZARDOUS OCCUPATIONS

# WHAT WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS

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## BUILDING A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE



**Decent Jobs for Youth** brings together local, national, regional and international partners in a strategic and inclusive alliance to boost political will, ensure policy convergence, stimulate innovative thinking and mobilize resources for more and better investments in youth employment.

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## SCALING UP ACTION AND IMPACT



With the commitment of its partners, **Decent Jobs for Youth** helps to scale up action and impact across key thematic priorities, in response to national development goals and in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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## SHARING AND APPLYING KNOWLEDGE



As a global knowledge hub, **Decent Jobs for Youth** leverages the collective experience of its partners to connect, capture and share best practices. It aims to highlight innovative approaches and facilitate learning opportunities on how to make decent jobs a reality for young people across different contexts.

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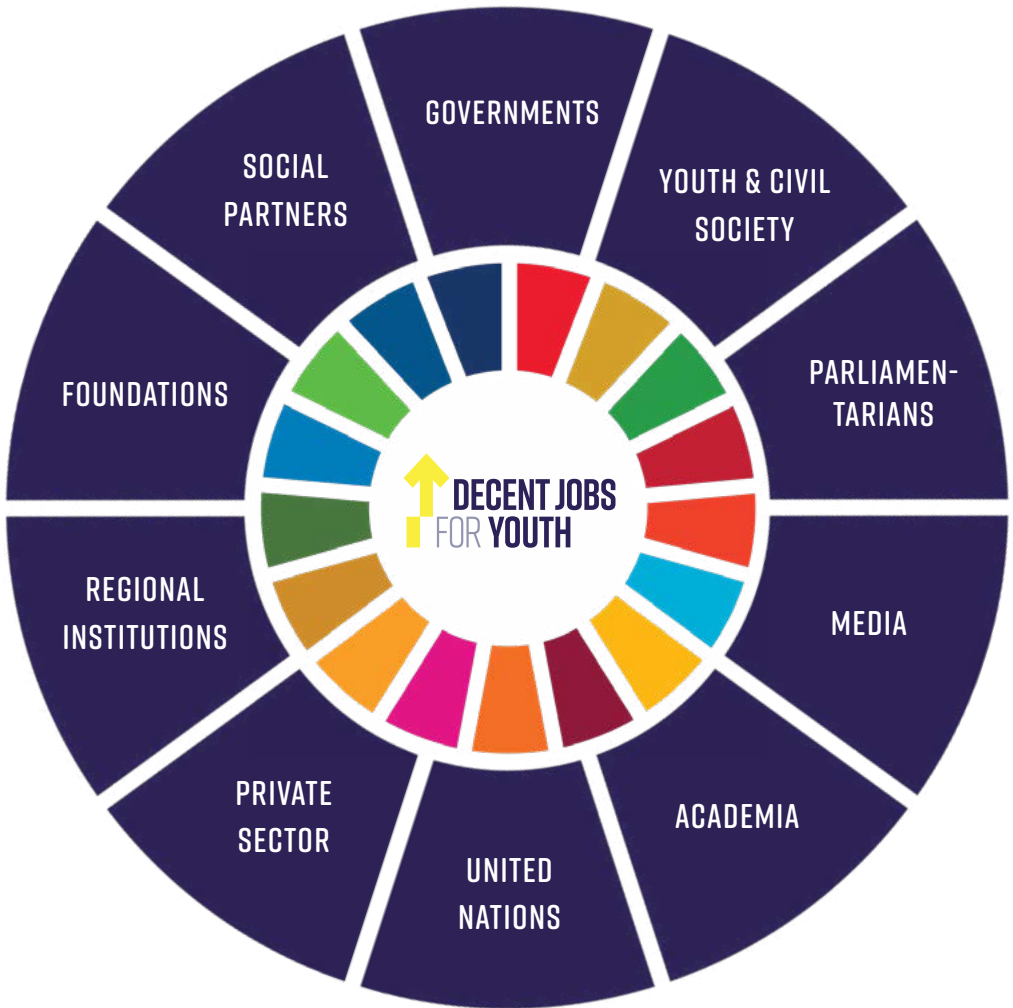
## MOBILIZING RESOURCES



**Decent Jobs for Youth** aims to mobilize domestic and international investments to scale up action on youth employment. It aims to explore innovative funding mechanisms, leveraging global facilities and financing for development in the most efficient and inclusive manner.

# AN INCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIP

Launched in 2016 as the first-ever United Nations' system-wide effort for the promotion of youth employment, **Decent Jobs for Youth** gathers the resources and in-depth expertise of multiple partners. It is a unique platform to address fragmentation and catalyze innovation at country and regional levels.



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The partners of **Decent Jobs for Youth** commit to 15 guiding principles, which steer their actions and investments on youth employment.

- Respect for youth's rights
- Multi-dimensional and multi-sectoral approach
- Impact quantity and quality of jobs
- Youth's access to productive assets
- Complementarity & coherence between public policies & private investment
- Gender equality
- Targeted approaches that acknowledge youths' diversity
- Immediate action plus long-term interventions
- Balance demand- and supply-side interventions
- Leverage existing platforms & lessons learned
- Promote labour market policies
- Focus on country and regional action
- Invest in quality education and skills development
- Encourage active youth engagement
- Expand multi-stakeholder partnerships

## JOIN DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH

Partners of **Decent Jobs for Youth** tap a vast network of resources and expertise to drive positive change for young women and men across the world.

To join, partners commit to action through ongoing and upcoming initiatives at country, regional and global level.

To maximize the impact of their commitments and to advance the Sustainable Development Goals, all partners align their work with the priorities and guiding principles.

**Visit our engagement platform to make a commitment and learn about the progress and contributions of our partners to **Decent Jobs for Youth**.**



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