Technical Session 6
DIGITAL SKILLS FOR AFRICAN YOUTH
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ITU in brief

Specialized United Nations (UN) Agency for Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)

193 MEMBER STATES

698 SECTOR MEMBERS

133 ACADEMIA MEMBERS

Each sector has separate mandate, but all work cohesively towards connecting the world

3 SECTORS

Standardization

Radiocommunication

Development
Youth employment:
A challenge of both quality & quantity jobs

66.6 million young women and men are unemployed and
144.9 million young workers are employed but live in poverty
Youth Unemployment, Northern Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa (2009-2018) ages 15-24

The skills mismatch

Most young people don’t possess the skills needed to work in the digital economy.
The goal is to scale up action and impact on youth employment through effective, innovative and evidence-based interventions.
Thematic priorities for action

1. Digital Skills for Youth
2. Quality Apprenticeships
3. Youth in the Rural Economy
4. Green Jobs for Youth
5. Youth Entrepreneurs
6. Youth Transitioning to the Formal Economy
7. Youth in Fragile Situations
8. Young Workers in Hazardous Occupations
Equip 5 million youth with job-ready digital skills by 2030

Foster digital jobs for youth

Promote an enabling environment for youth entrepreneurship in the digital economy

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ITU DIGITAL SKILLS TOOLKIT

- Provides stakeholders with guidance on developing a digital skills strategy
- Intended for policymakers, partners in the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and academia
- To facilitate the development of a comprehensive digital skills strategy
- [https://www.itu.int/pub/D-PHCB](https://www.itu.int/pub/D-PHCB)

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#Digitalskills
How to support stakeholders to build their digital skills strategies?

• They are hungry for examples of effective practices
• Some are looking for a roadmap
• They welcome links to existing training resources
• They want options because it’s not “one size fits all”
Roadmap for building your digital skills development strategy

GETTING READY

Engage with stakeholders
Create a digital skills coalition, council, or task force

Set digital skills development goals
Define the main categories of digital skills the strategy will develop, recognizing that digital skills exist on a spectrum from basic, intermediate to advanced skill levels

Identify supporting policies
Inventory existing policies, programs, and initiatives that support digital skills development and analyze how they can be used to support the goals of the digital skills strategy

Prepare a draft
Set digital skills development goals and strategies for:
- Education:
  - Primary
  - Secondary
- Adult Reskilling
- Life in the Digital Economy
- Out of School Youth

Seek public comments
Seek comments on the draft strategy by the council or coalition and then publish the strategy for public comment before finalizing it

Improve and publish

LAUNCH
From draft to implementation
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www.decentjobsforyouth.org

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Two other ITU Publications related to Digital Skills

- Bridging the digital innovation divide
- Innovative ICT solutions for Youth Employment

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Thank you

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