



Reach Marketing Ghana

African Policy Dialogues encourage the use of research evidence in policy making and implementation.

Youth employment interventions in Ghana

Despite relatively high rates of economic growth and numerous interventions initiated by the Government of Ghana to address employment challenges, unemployment remains high, especially among the youth. This is partly because the Government initiated interventions are often ascribed to incumbent political parties which has an adverse effect on the continuity of interventions. In addition, there is a weak congruency between the orientation of interventions and the demands of the labour market. This politicisation and weak market-driven approach characterize the current youth employment interventions in Ghana, which contributes to the inefficacy of the interventions. This African Policy Dialogue seeks to generate research evidence on what works and what does not in youth employment interventions by addressing the challenges across different sectors. This will contribute to the future design of youth interventions in Ghana.

Objectives

- Develop a coherent understanding of the root causes of youth unemployment
- Develop comprehensive knowledge of previous and existing youth interventions to determine the (non)efficacy of interventions
- Use research evidence from the two objectives above to inform policy dialogue on youth employment
- Establish a network of relevant private-public-civil sector stakeholders in Ghana and engage them in dialogue on youth employment
- Inform the formulation and implementation of new policies, and align existing policies and programmes

Lead organisation

Netherlands-African Business Council (NABC)

Country

Ghana

Partners

University of Ghana Legon, Economics Department
Ghana Netherlands Business and Culture Council (GNBCC)

Planned activities

- Stakeholder mapping
- Organise a stakeholder engagement session across sectors
- Comprehensive appraisal of youth interventions in Ghana
- Systematic review report on youth employment interventions in Ghana
- Background paper on youth employment interventions in Ghana
- Discussion paper on the future of youth employment in Ghana
- Stakeholders' perspective report
- Three work-group specific discussion papers
- Synthesis of emerging evidence from practitioners' report
- Policy briefs on youth employment: emerging insights into youth employment efficacy
- Audio-visual portraits: Ghanaian youth aspirations
- Interactive youth reports