



# African Policy Dialogues

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### Inclusive national youth policy in Niger

This document is about INCLUDE's African Policy Dialogue (APD) in Niger which is hosted by Oxfam in Niger in collaboration with Oxfam Novib. The aim of this APD was to generate evidence on the hindrances to youth inclusion in the national youth policy (Politique Nationale de la Jeunesse, PNJ 16-20) and to recommend inclusive approaches to enhance its implementation.

### Impediments to decent wage work and hindrances to youth inclusion

- Limited access to education and training opportunities across the country and by gender which leads to inadequate knowledge, skills, competences and low employability.
- Low labour demand evident in limited job offers while the labour supply remains high.
- Obstacles to successful entrepreneurship such as lack of institutional synergy, lack of information of the administrative procedures, lack of access to credit, high costs of doing business, taxation burden etc.
- Social exclusion and lack of intergenerational dialogue due to the politicisation of public administration, nepotism and social injustice.
- Few opportunities for youth involvement and access to policy formulation processes.
- Limited knowledge, awareness and understanding of the PNJ 16-20 among young Nigeriens which hinders effective participation.
- Non-participatory design of the national policy PNJ 16-20 meant that the needs and aspirations of the Nigerien youth were either not included in the policy or were not captured with enough detail.

### Recommendations for enhancing youth inclusion in policy processes

- Popularizing future National Youth Policy through media, forum theaters, regional and national tours not only in French but also in local languages.
- Establish structures to ensure youth involvement in policy processes so that the priorities and aspirations are incorporated.
- Enhance inclusion by removing all discrimination based on gender, geographical location and age, and enforce all laws which favour young people.
- Intensify and monitor awareness-raising in urban and rural areas by youth associations.
- Strengthen linkages between youth associations, the private sector organizations and other non-state actors working on behalf of young people.
- Depoliticize the National Youth Council to promote meritocracy, fairness and justice.
- Facilitate access to civil and administrative status documents through mobile campaigns.
- Strengthen measures to secure young people against the integration of terrorist networks, drug abuse, irregular migration etc.
- Institute measures to increase school enrolment and completion, improve school infrastructure and education quality to meet the changing needs of the labour markets.
- Take measures to promote entrepreneurship especially among the youth in urban and the rural areas through technical and material support, capacity development, mentorship etc.
- Enhance the status of women by promotion of equal opportunities in the labor market, redefine or review strategies to address child and/or forced marriage, adopt measures to keep young girls in school, involve young women in decision-making bodies, promote affirmative action for young women and strengthen measures to protect young women from Gender Based Violence.



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## Our publications from the APD Niger:

- [Critical Analysis of Niger's National Youth Policy \(PNJ 16-20\) by Young People and for Young People](#)
- [Youth Manifesto-Niger](#)
- [Inclusive national youth policy in Niger](#)

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