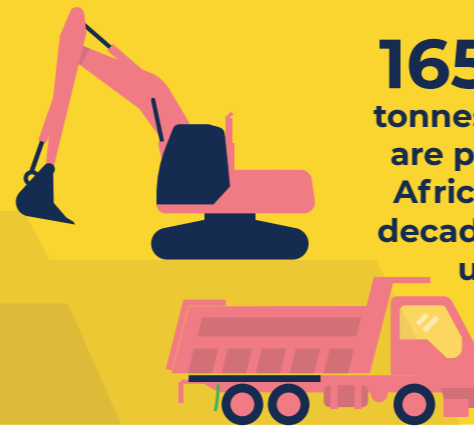


How to make plastic waste work

for Green & Decent Jobs for Youth in Africa



165 million tonnes of plastic waste are projected to reach Africa within the next decade, mostly ending up in landfills and dumpsites

90% of waste recycling is carried out by informal workers, often under indecent and insecure conditions, facing job insecurity, safety hazards, and health risks



Improvements for workers:

Protective gear

Stable income

Skills enhancement & career path

Recycling of plastic waste can boost decent jobs and benefit the environment.

How can stakeholders contribute to a conducive waste recycling ecosystem, unlocking its green jobs potential for Africa's youth?

Pathways:

Awareness

Innovation

Finance

Sector alignment

Ensure multi-stakeholder collaboration to develop tailored and supportive policies and practices for investment and innovation in specific country contexts

Raising awareness of waste recycling's potential and improving working conditions in the informal sector requires joint efforts from all stakeholders

Facilitate the meaningful participation of youth and informal workers in decision-making processes to ensure that policies are tailored to their needs

Stakeholders:



Recyclers



Government



Finance Institutions



Civil Society



International Donors



International Governmental Organizations



Knowledge Institutes



Ecosystem stakeholders should collaborate to unleash the potential for green jobs for youth in Africa's plastic waste recycling sector

CHALLENGE FUND FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

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