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Office for South-South Cooperation

YOUTH SOUTH4

10,000 Youth Entrepreneurs for the South

ABOUT:

Youth Entrepreneurship for the South (YES) programme will provide One Stop Shop support through South-South and triangular cooperation to emerging and established youth entrepreneurs from developing countries. YES is designed in response to the demands expressed by partners in providing young entrepreneurs from the global South with access to entrepreneurship and skills development trainings, technologies, incubation and seed funding support, with an aim to equip them with entrepreneurial and self-employment skills, and to foster the growth of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in developing countries.

GOALS



10,000 youth entrepreneurs trained and connected with increased knowledge and enhanced skills on entrepreneurship, finance, innovation and digital technologies.



100 innovative development solutions and business ideas incubated and funded



Direct accesses provided to YES participants to markets, investors and financiers



Increased engagement and exchange for youth entrepreneurs with knowledge networks and investors from the global South for mentoring support



Wider participation from youth entrepreneurs on global and regional platforms such as summits and expos to receive access to opportunities as well as share knowledge

PLAN OF ACTION:

- 1. Provide support to young entrepreneurs to enhance entrepreneurship education and skills development** training through capacity development training and mentoring programmes to help them navigate the world of business creation and development.
- 2. Improve access to finance and markets** for project incubation and scaleup Under the YES programme, **a)** financial literacy trainings would be provided to youth entrepreneurs for them to be able to build sound business plans; **b)** seed funding for incubation support may also be supported by UNOSSC and partner institutions; **c)** UNOSSC will broker right partnerships to provide them access to market and investments from.
- 3. Facilitate technology exchange and innovation** for entrepreneurs from the global South. Entrepreneurship, technology, and innovation are mutually supportive. To promote all three in the new digital era, training on ICT and access to digital technologies will be provided to youth entrepreneurs in partnership with sectoral partners.
- 4. Promote awareness and networking opportunities for youth entrepreneur's** participation in global and regional dialogue forums, summits and expos to give them access to networks and opportunities.

UPCOMING GLOBAL ACTIVITIES:

1) Building Capacity in Entrepreneurship and Leadership for Youth and Women Empowerment

(During the AUC Private Investment Forum)

Date: 3-5 November 2019

Location: Antananarivo, Madagascar

Co-organizers: UNOSSC, Shenzhen Youth Federation, African Union Commission.

2) 2019 International Youth Innovation Conference and Youth4South Entrepreneurship Training

Date: 14-16 November 2019

Location: Shenzhen, China

Co-organizers: UNOSSC, Shenzhen Youth Federation, UNDP, UNFPA, and Office of Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.

3) Digital Payment and Fintech for Entrepreneurs in West Africa

Date: December 2019

Location: Freetown, Sierra Leone

Co-organizers: UNOSSC, ECOWAS, Shenzhen Youth Federation.

4) Youth4South Community of Practice and Online Training

UNOSSC plans to form a Community of Practice for the "Youth4South" participants and partners to encourage follow-ups through the UNOSSC's knowledge sharing and partnership brokering platform: "South-South Galaxy". In addition, for efficient and easy access to capacity development and knowledge sharing, online training platform will be set-up in 2020.

5) Empowering smallholder entrepreneurs and fostering resilience in rural areas (Pipeline)

Date: 2020

Location: China

Co-organizers: UNOSSC, WFP China Center of Excellence, CISSCA.

6) World Expo 2020- Global Reunion of Youth4South Alumni and Fellows (Pipeline)

Date: 4th Q of 2020

Location: Dubai, UAE

Co-organizers: All Youth4South partners.

SUPPORTING PARTNERS:



World Food Programme

