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Balancing Market Approaches to Better Youth Employment Outcomes Webinar
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EVENT CHAT

[2021-09-28 09:19:02] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Greetings All! Zachary Baquet with USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security in DC
[2021-09-28 09:19:49] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Please take a moment to introduce yourself, who you work for, and where you are joining us from!
[2021-09-28 09:20:22] [Teshale Endalamaw Beyene] Greetings all, I am Teshale Endalamaw from Ethiopia
[2021-09-28 09:21:11] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Welcome Teshale! Thank you for joining us!
[2021-09-28 09:21:15] [David O] David Ochiengh - VSO Uganda
[2021-09-28 09:21:17] [Amin Ahmed Hassan] Greetings all, I am Amin Ahmed from Ethiopia
[2021-09-28 09:21:43] [Lauro Tito C. Ilagan] Hello! Lauro Tito Ilagan from USAID and Plan International's Marawi Response Project. From the Philippines
[2021-09-28 09:21:55] [Hideraldo Salom√£o Duarte] Greetings all, I am Hideraldo Duarte from Mozambique
[2021-09-28 09:22:14] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Thanks for joining us today David and Amin!
[2021-09-28 09:22:26] [Adebabay] Hi All, I am Adebabay working for SNV in Ethiopia.
[2021-09-28 09:23:21] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Greetings Lauro, Hideraldo, and Adebabay! Welcome to the webinar!
[2021-09-28 09:23:37] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] We appreciate you taking the time to join us today
[2021-09-28 09:24:05] [Dick Tinsley] Dick Tinsley in Colorado
[2021-09-28 09:25:11] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Hi Dick! Thanks for joining us!
[2021-09-28 09:25:27] [Abelardo Rodriguez] Abelardo Rodriguez, Yucatan, Mexico
[2021-09-28 09:25:28] [Mshindi Ole Isaya] Hi all, I am MSHINDI OLE ISAYA working for SNV in Tanzania under the Opportunities for Youth Employment project
[2021-09-28 09:26:25] [Abraham Tura] Hi, This is Abraham Tura, PADet, Ethiopia, working as Livelihoods, Gender and Development Programs Manager
[2021-09-28 09:27:18] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Welcome Abelardo, Mshindi, and Abraham! Great to have you with us today
[2021-09-28 09:28:05] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Hi Jordan and Larry! Welcome!
[2021-09-28 09:29:13] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Thanks for joining us Gemunu!
Hi all, Flavia da Silva - Project Management Specialist - Economic Growth - USAID/Timor-Leste

Great to have you with us Flavia!

Hi all, excited to be joining this.
My name is Stephen, Senior Advisor for Mercy Corps, based in UK.

Hi! Kristin O'Planick with USAID/RFS in DC.

Hi all this is Desmond Asamoah from Grameen Foundation USA

Hi Stephen! Excited to have you with us!

Hi Dean Muungani, Product Manager IITA Nigeria

Hi, this is Treena Bishop, COP SAPLING with HKI in Bangladesh.

Hey Kristin!

Hi, Ben Lentz here in Bukavu DR/Congo

Hello. My name is Mitelo Subakanya from the Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute in Zambia

Hello all, Eyisan from Releaf marketplace (Nigeria)

Hi - my name is Mark Harper with Concern Worldwide in Dublin

hello my name is Julia and I work for IRC in Jordan Country Program

Good morning everyone! My name is Derreck Ekanem, International Program Manager with USDA Foreign Agricultural Service in Washington, DC

Welcome Dean, Treena, and Benjamin!

Hi, Mamadou Dabo, Value chain Expert Winrock International/USAID-Dekkal Geej -Senegal

Morning all! Amadou Bakayoko with USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security/Office of Country Support in DC

Hello my name is Piet Vroeg and I'm a youth employment coordinator for SNV in Benin

Hi, My name is Gabriel, i work at Tetra Tech Ard in DRC

What do folks want to learn from today's session?

Hello, this is Jean-Michel Voisard from RTI International in Washington DC - Bonjour Dabo!

Hi, here is Matt from Helevtas in Switzerland. I'm Regional Director for Eastern Europe in my organisation

Hi all, Denis here from Young Africa Works Market for Youth program in Uganda. Working for GOAL Uganda

Hello, Dan Barthmaier with CRS in Washington, DC
Hi. My name is Bertin BISIMWA KABOMBORO from the DRCongo. I work for TETRATECH within a USAID project. I am the Gender, Youth and Social Inclusion

Hi! My name is Susan Oranye from USAID Nigeria. Private Sector Engagement

Bonjour JMV, comment tu vas? Cela fait un bail

Day just beginning here in W Montana

Hi All - Annie Shoemaker from TechnoServe Strategic Initiatives team

Hello, I'm Nora Sohnen, Technical Advisor in Workforce Development with FHI 360 in Washington, DC!

Hello everyone, my name is Sarah Nandudu for DAI Feed the Future Inclusive Agriculture Markets activity in Uganda

Hi Jose Angel Cruz from Catholic Relief Services

Hello! Elisa Riquelme from Catholic Relief Services/Mexico

Hallo, My Name is Rogers Banyenzaki. I work with Welthungerhilfe in the Uganda Country Office

Hello it Mathe Patrick Mphale from sunny Johannesburg, South Africa

Hello Everyone. I am Cute Mudzana. Catholic Relief Services/Zimbabwe

Greetings from Uganda to all of you distinguished participants. I am Robert Jjuuko, passionate researcher - youth education and work


David Barth here with World Accord in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. Good morning everyone.

Hi Dominique BASSOLE - CNFA Burkina Faso - projet Yidgiri

Hello everyone, I am Roger from the African Leadership University in Rwanda

Greetings all. I am Yewubdar Hailu Kassa Greetings all. I am

working Sida funded Market system Development program - LI-WAY

Hello! I'm Nathalie Cirimwami from Tetra Tech DRC with a USAID project.

Hello. Brian Hunter with Save the Children

Hello everyone. This is Robertson Khataza from LUANAR-BUNDA COLLEGE in Lilongwe, Malawi

John Meyer, USAID/RSF Center for Resilience in Washington

Hi everyone, I'm Tom Brownlee, independent consultant in DC
Hi Everyone, I am Mesay Yami, socio-economics researcher from the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research Center (EIAR).

Hello Everyone, Jane Namadi - USAID South Sudan

Hello! Rapha’le Ng Tock Mine, Self Help Africa (selfhelpafrica.org), Western and Southern Africa Desk

Greetings all, Idzai Murimba - Munyeche with Tearfund in Zimbabwe

Greetings all, I am Amelework Deribu from Ethiopia

Hi, my name is Louis BUTARE, Crop breeder, working for the Alliance Bioversity International and CIAT, Coordinating PABRA work in West and Central Africa Countries. I am based in Cotonou - Benin.

Hi, I am Kenneth Abulu from Uganda working with Feed the Future Inclusive Agricultural Markets implemented by DAI Global

Thank you All for joining us!

Greetings, Brian Ssebunya, Senior Advisor - Livelihoods International Rescue Committee/IRC based in Nairobi, Kenya

Hello

Welcome Kenneth, Louis, and Amelework! Thank you for spending time with us today

Hello, Harris Ayuk with CNFA's Nigeria Agribusiness Investment Activity, based in Abuja, Nigeria.

Hi! My name is Dr. Charles Iyangbe, Regional Director for Business Development, West Africa -- Heifer International.

I'm Samer Saad, Project Management Specialist at the USAID West Bank & Gaza Mission.

I am Mpulu Makayi, an independent consultant from Zambia.

Hello everyone. Am Mark Wanjagi working as an agripreneur and helping youths get into agribusiness. Glad to be here

Hi, Odel Isaac is my name ,working as the Agronomist Goal Uganda

Welcome Odel, Mark, and Mpulu! Good to have you with us today

Thank you zachary

Working for SNV-Ethiopia.

Chris Prior, independent consultant based in the Philippines

Mugume Roy working with private sector foundation uganda - monitoring and evaluation
[2021-09-28 09:45:12] [Isa Ainemagara] Isa Ainemagara with Heifer Project International Uganda. Happy to connect.
[2021-09-28 09:45:17] [Lyliane BAHATI] I'm Lyliane Bahati. working as Assistant Gender Youth and inclusion social in TETRA TECH DRC USAID VALUE CHAIN ACTIVITY IN DRC.
[2021-09-28 09:45:22] [Gebru Tadesse Janka] This is Gebru from WVE.
[2021-09-28 09:46:05] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Welcome Gebru, Spencer, and Lyliane! Thanks for joining us.
[2021-09-28 09:46:20] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Bernd Mueller speaking now.
[2021-09-28 09:47:17] [Charles Iyangbe] How do we accelerate labour demand to bridge the supply?
[2021-09-28 09:47:35] [Michael Saltz] We will be sharing the slides with everyone after the event so you can read this over at your convenience.
[2021-09-28 09:48:03] [Michael Saltz] Hi Charles! If you have a question for the speakers, please use the Q&A button on the bottom of the tool bar on the right.
[2021-09-28 09:48:07] [mpulu] Are you going to share a recording of the presentations as well?
[2021-09-28 09:48:15] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Check out the Youth Employment Theme Month kick off post which includes numerous resources: "Creating Better, Decent and Greener Jobs for Youth in Sustainable Agrifood and Other Sectors".
[2021-09-28 09:48:19] [Charles Iyangbe] @Michael: Thanks for sharing the slides.
[2021-09-28 09:48:29] [Salome Asena] Hello everyone, my name is Salome Asena, Senior Research Officer in charge of the Global Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship Centre at USIU-Africa.
[2021-09-28 09:48:33] [Michael Saltz] Yes, we will be sharing a recording of the webinar after the event.
[2021-09-28 09:53:37] [Casey L Harrison] Casey Harrison, Nuru International, Livelihoods and Agribusiness Director.
[2021-09-28 09:53:48] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] If you have questions, please post them in the Q&A section.
[2021-09-28 09:54:38] [Zachary Baquet (USAID/RFS)] Remember you can upvote questions in the Q&A section.
[2021-09-28 09:55:55] [Robert Jjuuko] I seem to agree almost entirely with the slide on 'first things first....' thank you.
[2021-09-28 09:55:58] [Flavia da Silva] I am having problem with my internet connection - I can't hear anything. Can I log out and then in again?
How good are governments at picking winners, I wonder? You talk of planning identifying key sectors; in my experience this has been very hit and miss in most economies.

@Flavia Yes, you can leave and rejoin. Perhaps try to restart your web browser.

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Coming in from Uganda.

Greetings to you everyone. I am Francis Chomba from Northern Province, Zambia. I am the Food Security and Livelihoods Officer for Caritas Kasama. Currently, working on Zambia Food Security Program funded by NORAD through Caritas Norway. I am happy to be here as we share interact and share our best ideas and practices.

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Where are the opportunities for young people?

Given the fact that tourism was badly hit by the covid 19 pandemic

Hi @MUGUME! If you have a question for the speakers, please use the Q&A button on the bottom of the toolbar on the right.

Hello, Kristin Davis from International Food Policy Research Institute in South Africa. Sorry to come late!

Welcome Kristin! Tracy Kimathi speaking currently

@Abraham Tura. I cannot reply in Q&A, but it might be best to develop local industry to draw youth out of agriculture, or develop the private service provider largely assisting with mechanization of agriculture.

Hi all, Kristina Morzan Kaplia, Technical Officer for Youth and Workforce Development at FHI 360. I my name is Evelyn Mvalo from Malawi. I work on a Sustainable Landscapes project implemented by Tetra Tech ARD.

As we discuss SME growth to drive increased employment, this continues to be a valuable resource - https://www.marketlinks.org/events/growing-small-and-medium-enterprises-what-works

As a young professional, this is an incredibly accurate and relatable presentation!!

in fact we start informal businesses as a last resort.

Great presentations! I have to drop for another call. Thank you for organizing
Access to finance to start a business is a major bottleneck as banks and MFIs require collateral? How it shall be solved? any suggestion on this. For Tracy

Youth employment: a goal or a lens! Very interesting thinking. I think it can be 'both' depending on the purpose and context.

many of the MFIs are supportive of youth start-ups

I think the issue of low skills in Africa is not an issue as the presenters have often emphasized because skill is proportional to what is required. In Africa the focus should be aligned to the basic needs other than higher advanced technologies like building rockets, robots and of the like. So Africa has skilled population of its kind, only that it hindered by unfavorable job creation policies at times.

I'am Gabriel from DRC, what strategy to apply for collaboration between large companies and small companies operating in the same sector so as not to generate conflicts of interest?

Africa is creating solutions to help start up projects access small loans without collaterals... example are FundKiss in Mauritius and more will come over time but Tracy said the best way is to compete for grants and various initiatives that governments provide

Thanks all. There is practice to access loan from grants and government allocated revolving fund and some amount of loan from MFIs. This is very limited compared to the current demand of youth to start their own enterprises.

How do you think is the best way to create synergy between private and public institutions to facilitate Youth inclusion in entrepreneurship?


I have worked in the MFI sector for many years and two strategies that have had positive results for start-ups have been: (1) providing financial assistance in collaboration with other organizations that are supporting business incubators (how to manage the business and funding to make it happen); and

(2) microloan programs to business/entrepreneur clubs at schools/universities.

Another positive result has been funding schemes to coops/community banks to fund secondary agri-businesses (how people earn money in addition to their agri work w/the coop) (e.g., 5 women taking some of the peanuts to make peanut butter and peanut powder, 3 youths setting up a bicycle transport company to move products from the farm to the market, etc.)

Please share resources and experiences. What do you think?

what skillining opportunities exist for the youth who do not have pre qualifications to be enrolled into tertiary institutions for skilling.

When we say agriculture, it shall be more of outside production. There is shortage of land. This is to create
business at various stages of the value chains-value addition parts of agriculture

[2021-09-28 10:49:39] [Dr. Kourtney Hollingsworth] This why we need to make sure to introduce students to STEM in agriculture.

[2021-09-28 10:50:23] [Adebabay] What is STEM?

[2021-09-28 10:50:40] [Dr. Kourtney Hollingsworth] I am the national youth coordinator for USDA. Marketing to attract students to agriculture today is a challenge.


[2021-09-28 10:51:33] [Jean-Michel Voisard] @adebabay STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics and refers to any subjects that fall under these four disciplines

[2021-09-28 10:51:41] [Kristin OPlanick] I thought Lulama's point about needing to invest in ag R&D beyond the farm gate was really compelling. Seems that would be important to help drive demand and associated business growth throughout the food system.


[2021-09-28 10:52:45] [Nancy Chervin] I was reading this new Coursera report on skills osf the future. It is excellent and breaks down tech and ag sector by region (it's global). Everything said today about ag/enterprise is echoed in the report, especially for agriculture. (Nancy Chervin, EDC). https://www.coursera.org/skills-reports/global?utm_cta_location_source=homepage-hero&utm_cta_text=get-report

[2021-09-28 10:53:14] [Markendy Desormeau] Thank you

[2021-09-28 10:53:56] [Kristin OPlanick] Great to hear the latest thoughts from Bernd after a few years. I always like his challenges to our thinking. And really enjoyed hearing from Tracy and Lulama. Thanks everyone!

[2021-09-28 10:55:26] [Gebru Tadesse Janka] Thanks for your presentation and keep it up


[2021-09-28 10:58:16] [Michael Saltz] Post-event survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf27pamUqpblFHySZcNLbGw2d_gT_L93GFMFTyOu10_PvRn1g/viewform?usp=pp_url

[2021-09-28 10:58:20] [Markendy Desormeau] Thank you

[2021-09-28 10:58:48] [Jane Lowicki-Zucca] Thanks to the amazing speakers, the wonderful audience and excellent moderation! This has been an extremely important discussion.

[2021-09-28 10:59:04] [Adebabay] Thanks all !

[2021-09-28 10:59:04] [Jane Lowicki-Zucca] The focus on Youth Employment this month is much appreciated!

[2021-09-28 10:59:17] [Iain Morrell] Many thanks, very encouraging conversations

[2021-09-28 10:59:33] [Flavia da Silva] Thanks all

[2021-09-28 10:59:36] [Evan Lege] There is an error accessing the post-event survey

[2021-09-28 10:59:40] [Devi Ramkissoon] Thanks for the wonderful event. And thanks to Agrilinks for co-hosting this month's theme with Marketlinks.

[2021-09-28 10:59:52] [Odel isaac] thanks for all the presentation it was really informative

[2021-09-28 10:59:59] [Stephen hUNT] Thanks all!
Thanks for your organization.

it seems that we need a permit to access to the survey.

Thank you too.

Thx.

Thanks all for an excellent discussion.

Fantastic and information presentation! Thanks to all the presenters!

Thanks all.

Teshale Endalamaw Beyene thanks all.

The survey link need to be made public. It's behind a permissions wall.

Thank you so much. Very interesting presentation and discussion.

Thanks for the very good insight into the problem and ways to think.

the link needs a permission, can you help please?

Interesting experience sharing keep in touch, please provide all the presentation pp. Thanks again.

The link doesn't work.

Dr. Muller, I like very much your argument of demand and supply.. thanks.

I think the greatest challenge us the youths face in my region is that most companies or organizations demand for job experience leaving the fresh graduates in an awkward situation as there are limited internship and apprenticeship.

Working to fix the link! Thanks for letting us know.