Skills Development, Youth Employability, Entrepreneurship and Decent work for all

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“Skills have become the global currency of the 21st century”

(OECD 2012)
Skills shortage or skills mismatch?
12 MILLION YOUTH ENTER LABOR MARKET ANNUALLY WITHOUT REQUISITE SKILLS
Demand side constraints:  
not enough jobs to absorb the growing working age population
Priority at the Bank

Support to skills development, youth employability and entrepreneurship especially in TVET and Higher Education
Higher Education

Support to higher education, TVET and scientific research is offered through one AfDB strategic priority related to “improve quality of life for the people of Africa”.

HARNESS THE POTENTIAL OF
1 BILLION AFRICANS

US$1.6 BILLION
AND BENEFITING
6 MILLION YOUTHS
Higher Education and scientific research: 39%

to other levels of Education: 27%
AfDB support to education has been catalytic for reforms

- Increasing access to education and higher education;
- Reducing skills mismatch and improving quality and governance;
- Fostering regional integration; and
- Revitalizing scientific research
JOBS FOR YOUTH IN AFRICA (JfYA)

Flagship at the Bank!
JfYA aims to accelerate job creation in all Bank projects and create durable market linkages.

Increasing jobs lenses in project design:
- **Jobs expected from Approvals**
  - 2013-2015: 153,626

Breaking away from just integration of analysis to focus on results:
- Aligned: 84%
- Non Aligned: 16%
Methodology on jobs measurement under development  

Over 6000 expected youth apprenticeship opportunities  

Internal capacity strengthening programme with ITC/ILO  

JfYA Implementation - Status and opportunities for collaboration
Pipeline projects accompanying the JfYA Strategy

- 16 countries
- 61 projects
- Estimated budget of UA 2 Billion,
- Potential to create about 7 million jobs.
- Steps taken for continent-wide expansion
Identification missions:

Côte d’Ivoire
Identification missions:

Ethiopia
Identification missions:

Tanzania
Looking Ahead

Reverse the structural weaknesses in the education systems

2 key flagship programs to improve access to, quality and relevance of education systems in Africa
Flagship 1:
Rethinking Education and Learning for Africa’s Transformation (ELAT Programme)

- AIM: Help African countries rethink their education systems holistically and improve value for money in education expenditures in order to produce skilled graduates to meet national development needs.
- The Bank stand ready to engage in policy dialogue with its Regional Member Countries, provide fit for purpose technical assistance along with the required knowledge work and financial support.
Flagship 2:

Boosting Science, Technology, and Innovation In Africa (STI Programme)

- Support African countries’ efforts to develop national STI policies, scientific research, TVET programs, and research to find solutions to national and regional development challenges.

- The aim is for Africa not to be left behind by the fourth industrial revolution. This programme will be anchored in priority sectors such as Agriculture, Energy, ICT, Infrastructure, Pharmaceuticals, Nutrition, Green and Blue economies, etc.
Thank you