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Resilient



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The Centres for Urban Youth Development

...engaging youth in sustainable development



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Introduction



The One Stop Youth Centre is a project of the City Council of Nairobi and United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UN-Habitat), and Youth in Kenya formed through the concept of Centres for Urban Youth Development of the Global Partnership Initiative on Urban Youth Development in Africa

Through an intergrated *under one roof* approach, 'The Center' offers *Education, Employment and Empowerment* opportunities for young people.





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Background

YOUTH LED DEVELOPMENT

Young people everywhere ...

- ⊙ **Have aspirations and want to participate fully in the lives of their societies.**
- ⊙ **Are key agents for social change, economic development and technological innovation.**
- ⊙ **Should live under conditions that encourage their imagination, ideals, energy and vision to flourish to the benefit of their societies.**
- ⊙ **Are confronted by a paradox: to seek to be integrated into the existing society or to serve as a force to transform it.**
- ⊙ **Are also a social and demographic group vulnerable to an uncertain future, even though they represent society's greatest hope.**

ONE STOP





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The Centre has been designed to address the following basic components:

- To provide career and employment opportunities for the youth in the job markets
- To undertake activities geared toward crime prevention among the youth
- To encourage partnerships with relevant stakeholders in the delivery of youth development
- To increase knowledge, skills and change attitudes of young people.
- To respond to educational, socioeconomic, recreational, emotional and psychological needs of young people using an integrated style.
- To encourage young people to have greater ownership of development through meaningful and valued engagement
- To offer leadership and mentorship to young people





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The centre is organized under thematic areas that look into its education, educations and employment namely

- Youth, Employment and Entrepreneurship
- Youth, Governance and Advocacy
- Youth and Substance Use
- Youth and Reproductive Health
- Youth, Communication and Information
- Youth Environment and Resources





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Building the capacity of youth to enable them to participate effectively in urban poverty reduction through training and offering employment opportunities in self-employment, formal and informal sectors

- Provision of Entrepreneurship training, in areas like finance management, business plan writing, product marketing etc
- Participate in the design, collection, consolidation, implementation and evaluation of information and programs in the field of urban youth employment
- Liaise with the corporate sector and micro finance institutions.
- Facilitating income generating activities and resource mobilization.





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- Provide employment-counseling services particularly in job search and career exploration
- Coordination of attachment programs and in the formulation of job opportunities, which links employers with young job seekers
- Provide career and employment opportunities so as to have more access to job markets for the youths
- Undertake activities geared towards poverty reduction and wealth creation.
- Develop a platform to ingratiate youth employment opportunities to networks of youth, youth organizations, service providers, and employers.
- Provide up-to date information to the youth in the Employment sector.



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Services offered at *Centre* that make it enhance youth empowerment, education and employment

- ‡ Counseling services for young people with various needs on issues of reproductive health, substance abuse and employment interventions
- ‡ Referral services to young peoples cases that require in depth solutions to their needs.
- ‡ Trainings on various aspects of youth development based on the thematic areas.
- ‡ Consultancy interventions to various youth led organisations requiring expert advice on organisation, and project management
- ‡ Giving of timely and relevant information on up to date happening on the development world
- ‡ Promotion of aspect of youth participation in activities geared towards societal development



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Conclusion



Key areas of partnership with ILO on Youth and employment

- **Capacity building of young people and groups on:**
 - Training and skills generation on solid waste management, water supply, and local resource exploitation
 - Start up of business through the SEED program manuals
- **Advisory support on the establishment and institutionalization of a policy document to support and back up urban youth employment strategies**
- **In Cooperation with UN-habitat and other key player in Urban issues commission of a state of youth report on urban employment and local resource exploitation**
- **Establishment of a youth fund within UN-Habitat that will see resource mobilization implementation and more institutional support of strategies towards urban youth employment and development**

All this can be achieved if approached in the context of the Global Partnership Initiative on Urban Youth Development in Africa of UN-Habitat



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Road to Vancouver 2006

The World Urban Forum III

- The World Urban Forum in Vancouver in June 2006 will bring thousands of people together from around the world to debate issues relating to cities. One of the key goals of the WUF is to impact those people who attend, educating and inspiring them to take make their “ideas into actions”, and begin to come up with innovative solutions to solve the worlds most pressing urban issues.
- WUF III will reach out and include those young people who are illustrating the future we seek, today and give them prominence in the discussions.
- *The Centres for Urban Youth Development* will be showcased at this important global conference as a promising best practice that has proved to build the capacity of youth from the North and South.



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Supporting agencies

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- Africa Youth Parliament

