



# YEN's Lead Country Network

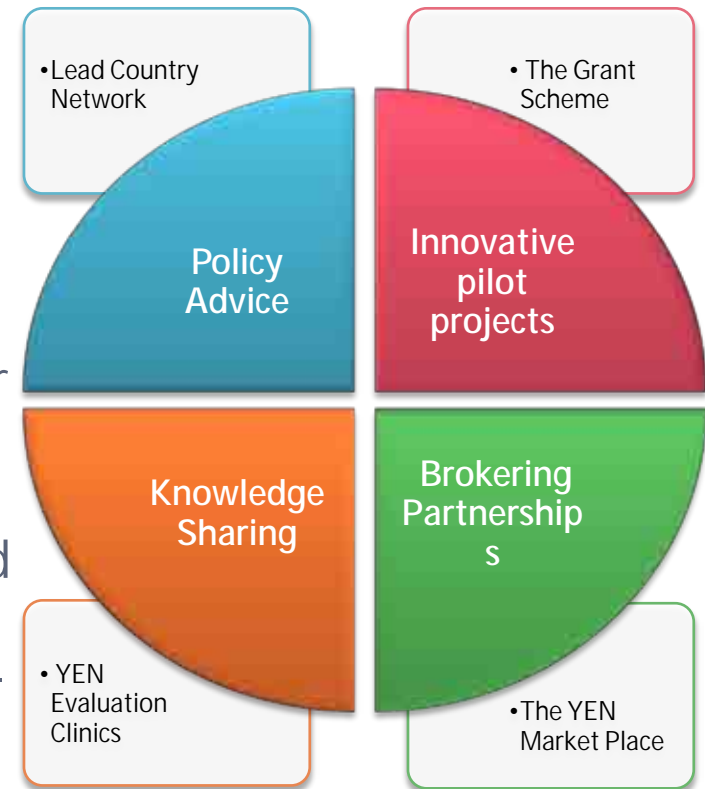
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# About YEN

- **Inter agency initiative**
  - ILO, World Bank and United Nations
- **Objective**
  - To engage, educate and motivate actors to provide improved employment opportunities for youth
- **YEN products and services**
  - YEN is a platform and service provider focusing on 4 core areas.
- **Structure**
  - YEN's headquarters are in Geneva and has a field office here in Dakar.
  - YEN's business model is that of a non-profit consulting firm



# The Lead Country Network

... YEN's flagship product to promote YE worldwide



# Lead Country Network

## Evaluating past performance

### Strengths

- \* Widely known and referred to
- \* Awareness rising
- \* Advocacy

### Weaknesses

- \* Unclear benefits for countries
- \* Lack of commitment from countries
- \* No implications of non-compliance
- \* Passive role of core partners

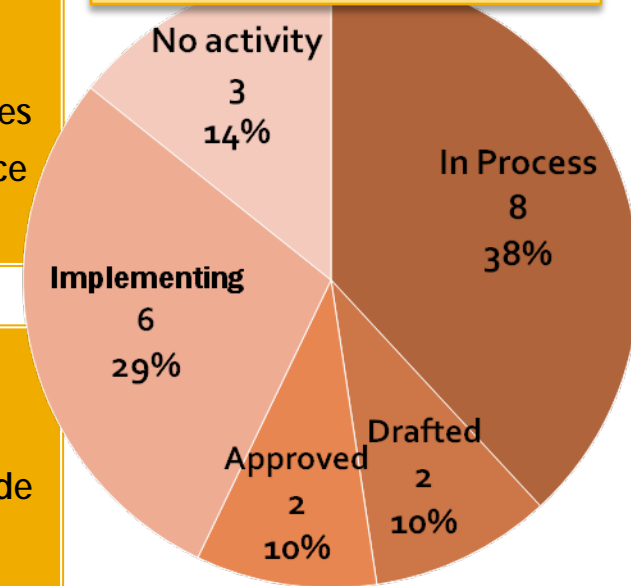
### Opportunities

- \* Peer review mechanism
- \* Continued interest
- \* Active role of core partners

### Threats

- \* Meaningless if no changes are made

### NAP Development in the 21 Lead Countries (by 2008)



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2005  
17 Lead Countries

2008  
21 Lead Countries

2009  
REVISION

# Revised Lead Country Network



# 17 countries have joined the Revised Lead Country Network

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# Lead Country Network

## New Framework of Benefits and Commitments

### Benefits

- Technical assistance in the development of youth employment initiatives
- Capacity-building on how to engage youth in national youth employment initiatives
- Support in devising fund-raising strategies for youth employment programs
- Access to experiences and good practices from other countries

### Commitments

- Reporting on youth LM indicators and policy and institutional achievements
- Sharing key youth employment documents with other Lead Countries and YEN
- Identifying responsible agency for national youth employment initiatives and focal person
- Developing action plans and other significant and strategic initiatives

# Countries' role in this new face

Obtain  
Lead  
Country  
status

Renew  
Lead  
Country  
status

Participate  
in training  
activities

Report on  
indicators  
and policy  
progress

*February 26,  
2010.*

*Report:  
April 2010*

Share  
experiences  
and learn  
from others

\* 5th Lead  
Country  
Meeting

Exploit the  
benefits of  
the LCP

\* Technical  
assistance at  
program level

\* Impact  
Evaluation Clinic  
(Damascus, July 09)

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