

Policy Options and Practical Measures to Expedite Implementation on Human Settlements

Based on the broad range of experiences and best practices that emerged from CSD-12, the policy options and practical measures highlighted below can advance progress toward internationally agreed objectives related to creating jobs and promoting local entrepreneurship. Although these options may find widespread applicability, not all of them are necessarily relevant to every circumstance.

Theme:

Creating jobs and promoting local entrepreneurship

- Promote programs which match skills, training and apprenticeships for urban youth to access jobs in the local labor market.
Case Study:* *Entra 21 Alliance*
<http://www.sdp.gov/sdp/initiative/31533.htm>
Case Study:* *Alliance for African Youth Employment*
<http://www.iyfnet.org/document.cfm/30/626>
- Mobilize domestic capital markets to invest in human settlements investments using appropriate risk sharing mechanisms to reduce the costs of lending in slum communities.
Case Study: *International Association of Local and Regional Development Funds (IADF)*
<http://www.sdp.gov/sdp/initiative/36595.htm>
Case Study: *Partnership to Develop Local Bond Markets to Support Infrastructure Development*
<http://www.sdp.gov/sdp/initiative/36087.htm>
- Prevent and combat exploitative child labor and provide children with education and rehabilitation and their families with viable economic alternatives.
Case Studies: *International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (IPEC): 15 Examples of Selected Successful Action Programmes:*
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/ipecc/about/factsheet/expls-98/index.htm>

* - See page 2 for case studies

APPENDIX: CASE STUDIES FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS POLICY OPTIONS

Entra 21 Alliance

The Entra 21 Alliance designed to bridge the gap between jobs and young people in Latin American and the Caribbean by providing training in information and communication technologies and employment skills. More than half the population of Latin America and the Caribbean is under the age of 25, and the demand for information and communication technology (ICT) skills in the workplace is surging. Entra 21 works to improve the employability of disadvantaged Latin American and Caribbean youth (ages 16-29) by helping them gain ICT skills through internships, job training, mentoring, and job placement. Partners include the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the Multilateral Investment Fund, an autonomous fund administered by the Inter-American Development Bank, International Youth Foundation, Counterpart International, Microsoft, Lucent Technologies, and Merrill Lynch.

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Alliance for African Youth Employment

The Alliance for African Youth Employment is a partnership between the International Youth Foundation and USAID, Nokia and the Lions Clubs International Foundation, and draws from the lessons learned from Entra 21. Over five years the Alliance will promote employability and employment for more than 35,000 young people (14-29) living in rapidly urbanizing areas in South Africa, Malawi, Mozambique and Rwanda. Participating youth will receive job training, career counseling, direct placement internships and jobs and the skills to create their own businesses.

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