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Youth involvement in the implementation and localization of the 2030 Agenda



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Structure

1. Thoughts on localization
2. The youth demographic
3. Levels of 'involvement'
4. Examples from the work of Policy Support Initiative



1. Thoughts on **localization**

On localizing 2030 Agenda

- NDP: Medium Term Strategic Framework
- Thematic Convergence
- Clarity of means and ends (in line with 'coherence' principle in 2019 VNR
 - For example, in achieving SDG8, what qualifies as success?

Ends should determine what we measure

- **Coherence as an output (end)** mistaken



2. The youth as a demographic

The youth demographic

- **SDG8:** Sustained, inclusive growth; Full and productive employment
- For SA, 35% of population (StatsSA, UN SWPR 2021)
 - Roughly 22.12 million aged 0-19
 - So creating employment for youth *is* doing SDG8 (at level of 'effective' involvement)



3. Levels of youth involvement

Levels of involvement

- Effective involvement: achieved through SDG-aligned efforts
- Procedural involvement: having youth at the policy table; consultative efforts
- Subjects vs Targets of sustainable development
 - As subjects, youth participate *in* SDG attainment
 - As targets, youth affected *by* SDG attainment
- YES initiative



4. Examples from PSI

Youth empowerment in PSI work

- Development candidate': selecting earlier career researchers to work with experienced academics
- Both procedural and effective; subject and target
- Whatever language used, urgent need to determine **ends of development.** i.e.

Why





Thank you!