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Youth involvement in the implementation and localization of the 2030 Agenda





Structure

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



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
- <u>Subjects</u> vs <u>Targets</u> of sustainable development
 - As subjects, youth participate *in* SDG attainment
 - As targets, youth affected by SDG attainment
- YES initiative

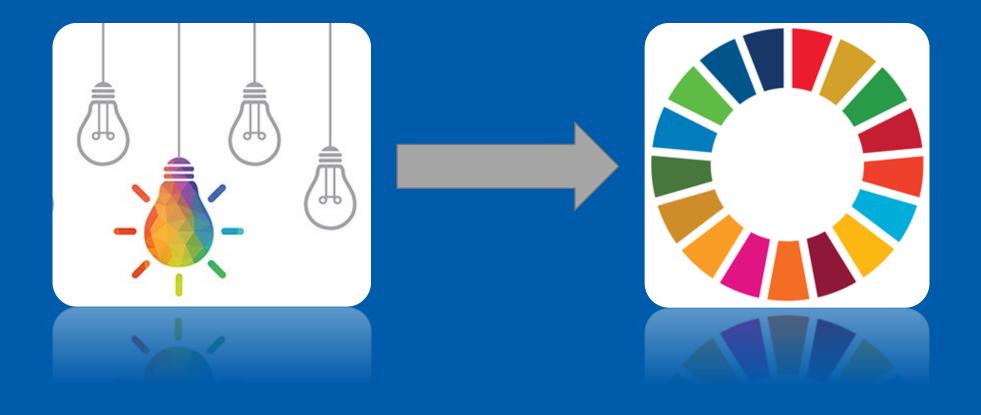


4. Examples from PSI

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!