INTER-SECTORAL WORKSHOP ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT:

COORDINATION BETWEEN EDUCATION AND LABOUR

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COLLABORATION

Labour Market
Information
System/Electronic
Labour Exchange

Youth
Development/
Youth Cohort

Labour Market Information System/Electronic Labour exchange

- The Labour Market Information System (LMIS) is an internet-based system that permits increased access to labour market intelligence that is offered through the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS).
 - three (3) major components,
 - Electronic Labour Exchange (ELE),
 - Skills Bank
 - Labour Market Intelligence (LMI).

Youth Development / Youth Cohort

- Youth and Adolescents Policy Division (YAPD)
 - Youth Development: "...linked to sociological insights, focuses on young people's
 experiences and the ways in which these experiences provide opportunities for life
 management and distinct, culturally-shaped, perspectives on the world and their place
 within it." (Commonwealth Secretariat, 2016)
 - Youth Cohort 15 29 years
 - Has the responsibility to coordinate, plan, develop, implement, monitor and evaluate the National Youth Policy.
 - Priority areas
 - 1. Education and Training;
 - 2. Employment and Entrepreneurship;
 - 3. Health and Wellbeing;
 - 4. Social Inclusion and Re-integration
 - 5. Participation and Mainstreaming.

STRATEGIES BEING EMPLOYED BY THE MINISTRIES OF LABOUR & EDUCATION

Strategies

Collaboration with High Schools and Vocational Institutions

• prepare students to effectively transition into the labour market

Partnership with Ministries, Department and Agencies

- Inter-American Development Bank
 - Funding On-the-job training Programme
- Youth & Adolescents Policy Division
 - LMIS link through YouthJamaica.com platform
- National Youth Services
 - Refers for training and placements
- Conducts Career and Job Fairs
 - Young jobseekers are given the opportunity to experience mock and actual interviews and possible selection for vacant positions
 - Access to labour market intelligence and career development information
- Satellite Stations
 - Public and Private Sector entities

Inclusion of Vulnerable/Unattached Youth

Population

- Over 140,000 Unattached Youth - "Not in school and not employed (over 6 months)"
 - Teenage Parents
 - Youth with Varied Ability
 - LGBTQ
 - Street Youth (homeless)

Challenges

- Difficult to reach
- Attitudinal Problems Low Self –esteem, self-efficacy, behavioural/maladaptive issues
- Economic Condition (Socioeconomic Status)
- Ability to get employment after reintegration
- Lack mechanism within institution to facilitate those with disabilities
- Integration into the wider society (ostracize
 Disability)
- LGBT discrimination

Strategies for Addressing Challenges

- Community Outreach
- Workshops
- Job Fairs/Career Fairs
- Empowerment/Personal Development Sessions
- Employability Skills Sessions

- New Employment Opportunities (NEO) Programme
- Jamaica Emergency Employment Programme (JEEP)
- Social Intervention Programme (SIP)
- National Unattached Programme

New Technologies & 4th Industrial Revolution



Workshops/Training on Access to Global Work



Social Media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram...)



Animation (Kingstoon, Competitions to enhance graphics and artistic skills)

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

Institutional Structures

National Youth Policy

- Provides the framework for multi-sectoral collaboration
- Provides policy priorities
 - Social Inclusion and Reintegration;
 - Education and Training;
 - Employment and Entrepreneurship;
 - Health and Wellbeing;
 - Participation and Mainstreaming.
- Inter-agency Strategic Plan
 - Indicate the roles and actions to be executed by each entity responsible for youth related programmes

Institutional Structures

HEART Trust/NTA (Training)

 National Unattached Programme used for training and certification in Vocational & Technical skills

Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

• Degrees and certification for specialized areas

National Youth Services (Work Experience, Internship, Training)

- Provide summer work experience
- Internship for youth after advancing to a degree
- Job Placement

Institutional Structures

Inter-ministerial Committee

- Establish to ensure collaboration among Ministries, Departments & Agencies, NGO, Private Sector bodies
- Monitor and Evaluate Policy Outputs/Outcomes

Youth Information Centre (Hub)

- Operate as a HUB for Entrepreneurship programmes
 & Training
- Facilitate Community Outreach and engagement

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

THANK YOU!