

# GOOD YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SYMPOSIUM



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# The Responsibility of local Business Associations to Support Youth Employment

## A Missing Link?



“Its more likely that communities will achieve their visions when local people with passion, commitment, and expertise are enabled to build relationships, convene stakeholders, engage with diverse people and groups, navigate difficult relationships and systems.”



Local youth employment “ecosystem” –  
collective expertise.

Business Association engagement

What can be added to the ecosystem

Career development and retention  
opportunities



## Responsibility of the business association as a contributor:

Involvement

Knowledge sharing

Develop workplace capability and capacity

Cooperate and collaborate

Respond to the needs of the community

Fulfill contractual obligations

Community engagement

Sustainable community development

Be a good corporate citizen



Possible outcomes by involving the local business association:

Advocacy of youth friendly policies

Skill development programs

Mentorship & networking

Job placement

Internships and apprenticeships

Education provider collaboration

Research and data collection

Entrepreneurship promotion

Diversity and inclusion

Fair working conditions advocacy

Education and upskilling



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