

AGENDA

MEETING INFORMATION		
SUBJECT/TITLE	Youth Skills Development and Employment Creation workshop	
DATE/TIME:	23 – 24 August 2016	LOCATION: Conference Centre, East London Industrial Development Zone
OBJECTIVE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To highlight the challenges of the youth skills and employment challenge for regional economic stakeholders; To showcase positive examples of regional partnership action; To inspire regional stakeholders to develop innovative regional collaborations to address the challenge of youth skills development and employment; To identify the support cities and region require from national government and from research agencies to engage more effectively around youth skills and employment. 	

Time	Activity
DAY 1: 23 AUGUST 2016	
08:30	REGISTRATION
09:00	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introductory comments (Honourable Phumulo Masualle, Premier of the Eastern Cape) Event purpose and programme Introductory exercise
09:30-11:00	The Youth Unemployment Challenge: Policy and Reality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input: Framing the youth skills and unemployment challenge Input: A critical assessment of policy responses to youth unemployment (Dr Cecil Mlatsheni of SALDRU, UCT) Short inputs from cities outlining the practical challenges of policy implementation at city and regional level and its implications for policy and practice going forward (5 x city presentations).
11:00	TEA
11:30-13:00	What is working and what is not working? Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons of the Job Fund (Najwah Edries, Head of the Jobs Fund) Lessons of EPWP and Community Works programmes (Dr Kate Philip) What the REDI3x3 research is showing (Professor Murray Leibbrandt of UCT) Lessons from Harambee (Maryana Iskander, CEO of Harambee)
13:00	LUNCH
14:00-15:30	Site visit

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to EL Mercedes Benz Learning Academy or EL IDZ Renewable Energy Skills Development programme.
16:00-17:30	Case studies of regional partnerships to address youth skills and employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johannesburg-Harambee partnership (City of Johannesburg) and Maryana Iskander (Harambee) Umziwethu youth skills and employment intermediation partnership (Wilderness Foundation)
18:00	Reception and networking

Time	Activity
DAY 2: 24 AUGUST 2016	
09:00-09:15	Recap and Reframing
09:15-09:30	Launch of youth portal
09:30-11:00	Youth Voices on Opportunity and Paths to Employment. Inspirational inputs by a range of young people from the Eastern Cape who have been able to secure jobs or create work - highlighting what factors enabled their success.
11:00	TEA
11:30-13:00	Developing the city and regional agenda on youth skills and employment World Café structured around following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth support programmes Vocational training and internships Public employment programmes Entrepreneurship development Job placement and intermediation programmes.
13:00	LUNCH
14:00 -15:00	Conclusions and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of conclusions of World Café' themes; Summary of key conclusions and outcomes; Closing comments (Dhires Ramklass of GTAC) Next steps Evaluation.