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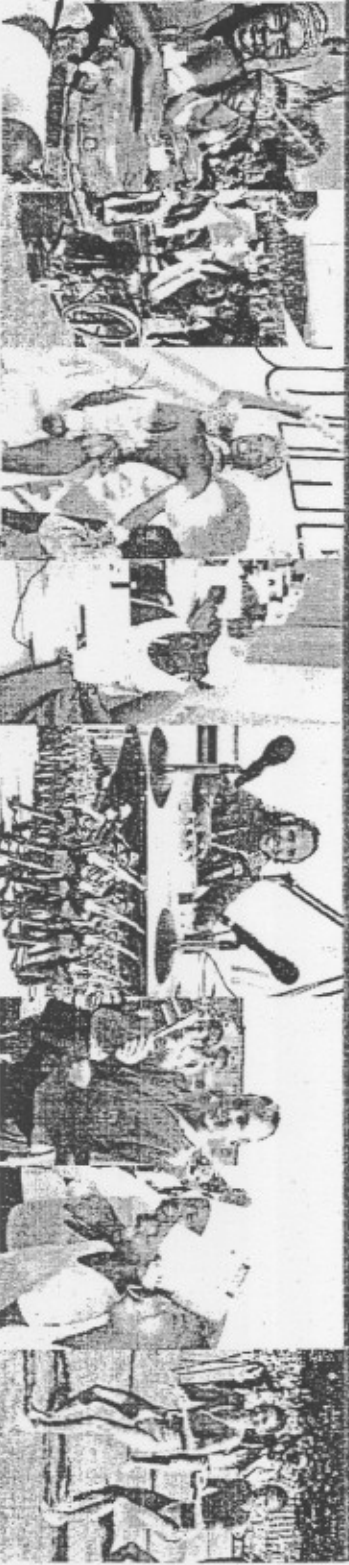
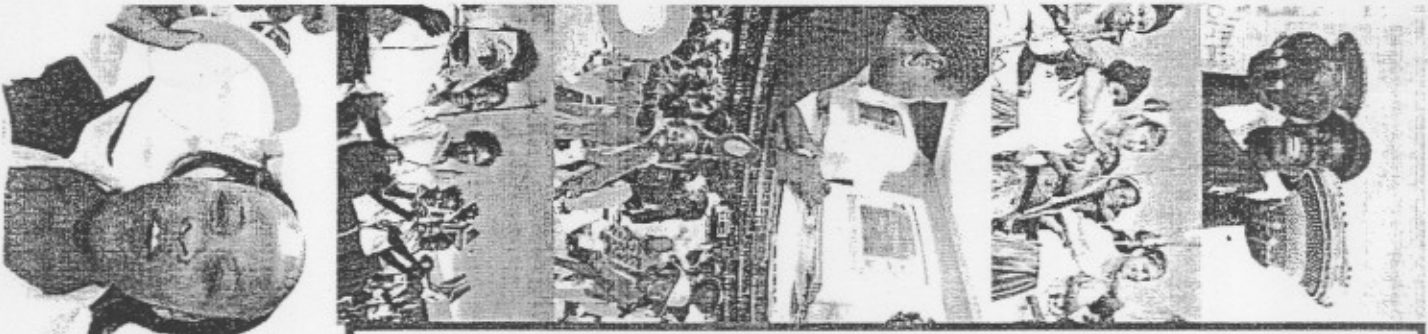


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YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Presentation to the Labour Portfolio Committee

30th May 2006





1. The NYC

The NYC is a statutory body created by an Act of Parliament (National Youth Commission Act No 19 Of 1996) to fulfill the following objectives:

- Coordinate and develop national youth policy
- Advocate for youth development in government
- Coordinate and monitor issues of youth development in govt
- To promote uniformity of approach by ALL organs of state, to matters relating to or involving the youth
- To coordinate the activities of various Provincial and Local govt institutions involved in youth matters and to link those activities to the integrated national youth policy
- To develop recommendations relating to any other matters which may affect the youth





2 Youth participation in the economic mainstream of the country

- ❑ Youth economic participation is characterised by 3 categories:
 - (I) Youth level of skills
 - (ii) Youth opportunities to create youth employment
 - (ii) Opportunities for funding youth driven ventures

- ❑ Youth constitutes 75% of the unemployed people in SA (Labour force market survey of March 2005 by Statistics South Africa). This against the increased student intake at institutions of higher learning and high numbers of unemployed graduates





3. Barriers to Youth Employment

- Lack of adequate and required skill (often higher institutions of learning do not adequately prepare young people for the demands of the labour market)
- Insufficient economic growth to absorb the labour market
- Lack of access to funding to start youth owned businesses
- Inability of young people to create sustainable businesses





5. Past Decade Achievements

- Setting up of appropriate institutional mechanisms (PYC's)
- Completion, adoption and approval of the National youth development policy framework
- Establishment of the UYF
- Establishment of NSFAS
- NYS policy framework and implementation plan





6. Current Programmes (Work in progress)

- National Youth Service Programme
- Youth Information Services
- Youth Economic Participation
- HIV & AIDS
- Local Government Programme (Capacity building, Advocacy & Research)
- Young Prisoners Programme
- Young Farmers Programme





7. Proposed Areas for Intervention

- Education and skills development (Learnerships)
- Public Private Partnerships
- Youth Business Development (Entrepreneurial development)
- Access to funding (business start-up) and support (mentoring)

