



8. Challenges to Current Interventions

- Learnerships (Enacted through the Skills development Act, aimed at integrating theoretical learning and obtaining sufficient work experience
 - Currently large numbers of young people are enrolled in learnership programmes through various SETA's but there aren't clearly identified exit opportunities strategies

- NYS (promotes the involvement of young people in activities which provide benefits to the community while developing the abilities of young people through service and learning)
 - Exit strategies where young people gain employment or go for further training





Challenges to current interventions continued

- ❑ Expanded Public Works Programme (Labour intensive Programme aimed at the creation of short to medium term employment and cultivation of entrepreneurs
 - Employment is short term and not sustainable

- ❑ Youth business development (UYF established to promote and finance youth entrepreneurial development and skills development)
 - Large numbers of young people have not gained access to funding





Challenges to current interventions continued

❑ ASGISA

- consists of a limited set of interventions intended to serve as catalysts to accelerates growth and development
- is an interventionist plan aimed at bolstering economic growth
- Ensuring the reduction of unemployment and poverty by 50% by the year 2014
- Achieving and sustaining average economic growth rates of 4.5% between 2005 and 2009, and 6% between 2010 and 2014
- ASGISA comprised a set of limited interventions to unblock binding constraints on achieving the targeted 6% growth rate by 2014
- It is neither a new economic strategy nor a replacement of GEAR





9. Recommendations

- Development of a comprehensive economic empowerment strategy for young people
- Access to funding to start youth owned businesses
- Appropriate and relevant training to prepare young people for the demands of the labour market through various higher institutions of learning, FET colleges and SETA's
- Development of coordinated internship programmes to address lack of skills through the involvement of government, parastatals, development finance institutions and NGO's

