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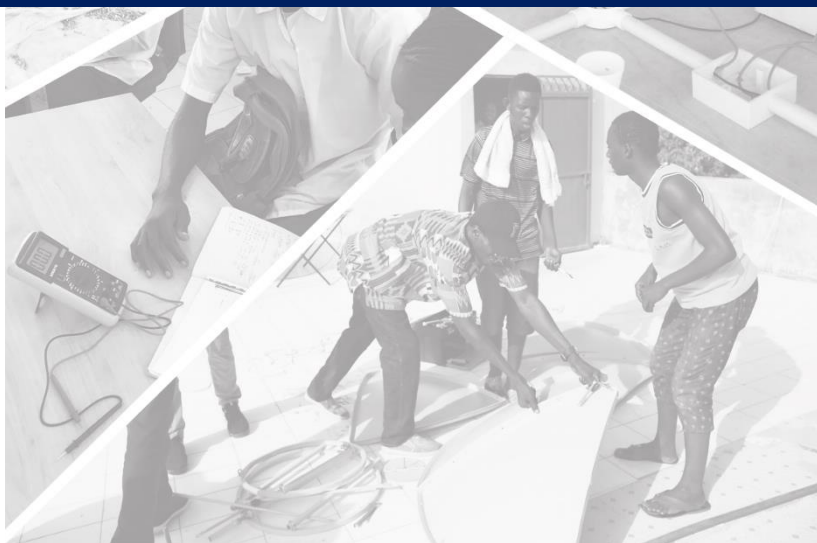


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TRAININGS





Association of Small Scale Enterprises in Responsible Tourism (ASSERT)

About the Institution

The Association of Small Scale Enterprises in Responsible Tourism (ASSERT) was established in 2000 to bring together, advocate for, and promote a large number of small enterprises that were active in the tourism industry in The Gambia.

These businesses include craft market vendors, tourist taxi drivers, official tourist guides, juice pressers and fruit sellers as well as a number of small hotels, guest houses and ground tour operators etc. Within five years ASSERT has attracted 80 members, has hosted an international conference on Fair Trade in Tourism, has been recognised by the Gambia Tourism Authority (GTA) as an important voice and has become a leading player in the Gambian Responsible Tourism Partnership.

Additionally, ASSERT is a member of the tourism core team of the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) and is actively engaged in providing special training and/or capacity building opportunities for employment.

Existing opportunities for youth at ASSERT

- The Good Market
- Studentship / Internship / volunteer programs with establish members business
- Business Development (product development, pricing, book keeping customer services)
- Marketing and promotion

Focus Areas

Responsible
Tourism
Management
Training, Arts &
Crafts and Cultural
Encounters

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The Food Safety and Quality Authority of The Gambia (FSQA) was established by the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2011 under the Office of The Vice President. It is the sole National Competent Authority with powers of delegation mandated to officially control the safety and quality of all foods (including water and beverages) and animal feed whether locally produced, imported or destined for export.

The work of the Authority is expected to contribute to consumer health and safety, the facilitation of trade and control of fraudulent and deceptive food marketing, labelling and advertising practices.

Existing opportunities for youth at FSQA

- Training Course on Food Safety
- Training on Food Safety Systems

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Export Procedures,
Quality, Improving
Food Safety, Risk
Analysis and Food
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National Centre for Arts and Culture The Gambia (NCAC)

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The NCAC is a semi-autonomous institution established by an Act of Parliament in December 1989 to preserve, promote and develop Gambian arts and culture. It is the highest official decision-making body on all matters relating to arts and culture in the country.

NCAC's main activities involve the promotion and development of Gambian arts and cultures; promoting artistic and cultural cooperation at regional and international levels and encouraging the emergence of groups and institutions interested in the promotion of art and culture at the local level.

Additionally, NCAC is a member of the tourism core team of the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) and is actively engaged in providing special training and/or capacity building opportunities for employment. Youth are encouraged to contact the institution for more information on any current opportunities available.

Existing opportunities for youth at NCAC

- Internships at the Office of the Director General, Creative and Performing Arts Department
- Ongoing arts and culture events
- Janjanbureh Kankurang Festival (annual)

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Arts & Crafts and
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About the Institution

Njawara Agricultural Training Centre (NATC) is a community initiated local NGO which works in partnership with both local and international institutions in training youth and adult farmers on sustainable farming systems to create self-reliance and employment, thereby reducing poverty and rural-urban migration. NATC is located in North bank Region of the Gambia.

Existing opportunities for youth at NATC

- Trainings on:
 - Agriculture (SMART Agricultural Techniques/Ecological Techniques, Production Planning and Horticulture)
 - Processing and Preservation (Value Addition)
 - Livestock production and management (small ruminants, poultry)
 - Bakery
 - Agro-forestry management techniques
 - Environmental management techniques (water, sanitation and hygiene)
 - Business Planning and Proposal development
 - Gender and Development
 - Metal work (fabrication and welding)

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Agriculture and
Livelihood Trainings

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Real Tech Gambia Ltd

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Real Tech Gambia Ltd is a private training provider responsible to deliver skills programmes related to the ICT sector. The institution operates in partnership with President's International Award. Real Tech Gambia Ltd aims to contribute to building a youth workforce equipped with the skills needed to repair smart devices and electronic equipment.

Existing opportunities for youth at Real Tech

- Certified training on:
 - Basic computer skills
 - Database management
 - Web design
 - Laptop repair and maintenance
 - Desktop repair
 - Flat panel television repair
 - Mobile phone hardware/software repair
 - Tablet hardware/software repair
 - Photocopier/Printer repair and maintenance
 - Database and records management
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Technical and
Vocational Skills
Training

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Rural Development Institute (RDI)

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The Rural Development Institute (RDI) was established in 1979 to be the training wing of the Department of Community Development, under the Ministry of Lands and Regional Government. The institute provides both pre-service and in-service training in professional training in Integrated Rural and Community Development. The institute has three main programmes. The integrated rural development certificate and the higher national diploma programme are designed to train participants in becoming professional change agents who upon completion serve in various fields both in public and private sectors. The Home Craft Assistant programme on the other hand is designed to provide participants with requisite skills and knowledge on relevant skills areas considered important in community development process as far as sustainable livelihood issues are concerned.

Existing opportunities for youth at RDI

- Integrated Rural Development Certificate
- Higher National Diploma in Development Studies
- Home Craft Assistant programme
- Entrepreneurship training and business development support in partnership with NEDI

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Agriculture Training

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Sterling Consortium is a registered private training provider. The programmes conducted by Sterling are intensive and hands-on in order to equip youth with market-relevant skills. The current portfolio include skills related to ICT and engineering sectors from satellite installation and web programming to auto-mechanic. Hands-on practical training programmes are complemented with short-term placements with industry partners to ensure youth gain on-the-job learning.

Existing opportunities for youth at Sterling

- Certified training on:
 - Information technology
 - Solar panel installation
 - Satellite equipment installation
 - CCTV equipment installation
 - Cyber security
 - Networking
 - Plumbing
 - Fibrous Plastering
 - Alarm System
 - Vehicle Diagnostics technique
 - Database Management
 - Graphic Design

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Technical and
Vocational Skills
Training

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About the Institution

The National Agricultural Research Institute was established in 1993, by an act of parliament of the republic of The Gambia. Today, NARI is a major component of The Gambian Agricultural Research System (NARS).

NARI maintains two main research stations, one in the eastern half of the country at Sapu in Central River Region (CRR) and the other in the western half at Yundum. In addition to these main stations, NARI operates in several satellite research stations countrywide. At the institute's headquarters in Brikama, three laboratories for pest management, soil analysis, and food quality analysis are operational. NARI collaborates with International Agricultural Research Centers (IARCs) that include the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Ibadan, Nigeria, The Africa Rice Center / West Africa Rice Development Association (ARC/WARDA) in Cotonou, Benin, and the International Center for Research in the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in Niamey, Niger.

Existing opportunities for youth at NARI

- Enhancing Agricultural Entrepreneurial Skills of Gambian Youths
- Training Courses on Agricultural Skills Development

Focus Areas

Agricultural
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Cropping Systems,
Resource
Management

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About the Institution

The Gambia Songhai Initiative (GSI) aims at eradicating the logic of poverty and unleashing sustainable broad-based and inclusive growth and development in The Gambia. It promotes access to appropriate agribusiness, entrepreneurial, leadership and management skills for the creation of economically viable agribusiness enterprises in every community in The Gambia.

Existing opportunities for youth at GSI

- Green technology park
- Integrated production center
- Incubation development center
- Services in marketing, input procurement, hospitality, networking, and financial advisory

Focus Areas

Agriculture
trainings, business
support

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The Gambia Standards Bureau (TGSB)

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The Gambia Standards Bureau (TGSB) was established by the Government of the Gambia to promulgate standards for imported and locally produced goods.

The Bureau provides Conformity Assessment services in Inspection, Testing and Certification. Thus, it is empowered to grant, renew, suspend, or cancel a licence for the use of its Standard Mark. It is also responsible for the upkeep of the national primary reference measurement standards and provides calibration services of measurement instruments for enterprises and industry.

The Bureau conducts trainings in Standardization, Quality Management Systems and Metrology. For auditing services, the Bureau has eight IRCA-certified Lead Auditors in ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System and ISO 22001:2005 Food Safety Management System. It hosts the WTO TBT Enquiry Point and provides information services at its Standards Information Centre.

Existing opportunities for youth at TGSB

- Employment and Internships
- Course on Quality Management and Food Safety Management
- Quality Video and Poster Design Competition
- Quality award for youth enterprises/organizations
- Calibration of measurement devices of Youth enterprises
- Training opportunities

Focus Areas

Development of Standards,
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The Gambia Technical Training Institute (GTti)

About the Institution

The Gambia Technical Training Institute (GTti) was constituted by an Act of Parliament in 1980. It began operations in 1983 offering non-degree programs in various technical fields.

It is committed in offering required lifelong skills to young people for employability or self-employment.

Student enrolment is over 2,000 per annum. GTti operates outreach centres in Banjul, Mansakonko (LRR) and Julangel (URR).

Plans are on the way to transform into a higher education institution.

Existing opportunities for youth at GTti

- Over sixty training courses in:
 - Business Studies
 - Computer Science & IT
 - Construction
 - Engineering
 - Professional Development
 - West African Rural Development
 - Community Building & Design

Focus Areas

Technical and
Vocational Skills
Training

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The Gambia Telecommunications and Multimedia Institute (GTMI)

About the Institution

GTMI is a tertiary education institute providing professional and employability skills for youth. The Institute specifically focuses on technical skills training in the ICT sector. Additionally, GTMI is an affiliate of The Gambia Telecommunications Company Limited (GAMTEL) and acts as the training arm to provide telecommunication engineering training to aspiring telecom engineers for the company.

Existing opportunities for youth at GTMI

- Certified training on:
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 - Mobile phone repairs
 - Laptop repairs
 - CCNA routing and switching
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Focus Areas

Technical and Vocational Skills Training

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The Gambia Tourism and Hospitality Institute (GTHI)

About the Institution

The Gambia Tourism and Hospitality Institute (GTHI) is a government-established centre that offers training in Tourism and Hospitality with four main disciplines: bar and restaurant service, housekeeping and laundry, front office and reception, and cookery and pastry.

Additionally, GTHI is a member of the tourism core team of the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) and is actively engaged in providing special training and/or capacity building opportunities for employment. Youth are encouraged to contact the institution for more information on any current opportunities available.

Existing opportunities for youth at GTHI

- Advanced Diploma in:
 - Hospitality Management
 - Professional Cookery
- Diploma and Certificates in:
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 - Food and Beverage Supervision
 - Professional Cookery

Focus Areas

Tourism and
Hospitality Training

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The Gambia Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

About the Institution

The Gambia YMCA since its creation in 1979 has been involved in youth related and development activities. It has branches in every region of the country. The overall aim of the Gambia YMCA is to continue to help develop the potential of Gambian youths so that they will be empowered with the necessary skills to be able to live and operate in a global context.

Existing opportunities for youth at YMCA

- Courses in the Computer Training Centre and Digital Studio:
 - ICT For Development
 - Internet Governance
 - Communication as a Catalyst for Development
 - Youth Entrepreneurship and ICT
 - Digital Media for Advocacy
- Sports Activities:
 - Aerobics
 - Judo
 - Basketball & Volleyball
- International Exchange Study Abroad program
- Jokkolab Collaborative Hub

Focus Areas

Youth
Empowerment,
Advocacy, Social
Entrepreneurship
and Community
Development

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The Institute of Travel and Tourism of The Gambia (ITTOG)

About the Institution

The Institute of Travel and Tourism of The Gambia is a specialist tourism college that offers a wide range of courses, including travel and tourism level 1–4, cabin crew, business studies and teacher training. ITTOG specializes in general travel and tourism, management, languages, cabin crew, airport operation and the Amadeus booking system. ITTOG provides courses between three months and two years.

Additionally, ITTOG is a member of the tourism core team of the Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) and is actively engaged in providing special training and/or capacity building opportunities for employment. Youth are encouraged to contact the institution for more information on any current opportunities available.

Existing opportunities for youth at ITTOG

- Training include:
 - Cabin crew and airport operation
 - Business studies
 - Amadeus booking system
 - Management
 - Tour operations and Tour Guiding
 - Community Base Tourism Management
 - Eco-tourism Management
 - Customer Service
 - Front Office Operations
 - Food and Hygiene
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Tailor made courses for the service industry
 - Consultancy Services

Focus Areas

Tourism Training,
ICT, and Airport
Operations

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About the Institution

The National Accreditation & Quality Assurance Authority (NAQAA), has the mandate to regulate, supervise and monitor all public and private skills training providers and higher education institutions, which is non-degree and degree awarding institutions.

NAQAA is entrusted with the responsibilities to determine the eligibility criteria for the establishment of tertiary and higher education institutions; harmonise and streamline all tertiary and higher education programmes to reflect human resource development needs; monitor and oversee the quality assurance practices of tertiary and higher education institutions for continuous quality improvement; revoke registration and accreditation licenses; provide educational pathways to enhance the credit transfer system; and determine the validity and equivalence of certificates, diplomas and other qualifications awarded by institutions within and outside the Gambia

Existing opportunities for youth at NAQAA

- Improvement of opportunities for attachment of TVET trainees
- Facilitate the process of the Recognition of Prior Learning Programmes
- Facilitate and coordinate apprenticeship programmes

Focus Areas

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About the Institution

The National Youth Service Scheme (NYSS) was established by the Government as a commitment to youth development and in response to the acute problem of unemployment among youths in the country. NYSS targets youth who fall within the age bracket of 17-30 years and are susceptible to some form of societal woes such as unemployment, indiscipline, frustration, and drug abuse. NYSS aims to inculcate discipline, develop positive attitudes and provide market-relevant skills to youth.

Existing opportunities for youth at NYSS

- Certificate training courses in:
 - Agriculture (horticulture, livestock, aquaculture, rice production, poultry keeping and bee keeping)
 - Auto mechanics
 - Carpentry
 - Computer/PC Repairs and maintenance
 - Electrical/Electronic engineering
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Hairdressing
 - Masonry
 - Painting and Decoration
 - Plumbing
 - Refrigeration and Air-conditioning
 - Tailoring
 - Welding and Fabrication

Focus Areas

Skills acquisition,
apprenticeship
training
programmes and
volunteerism

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About the Institution

The President's International Award (PIA) is a satellite agency of the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The organization is affiliated with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme in UK. PIA focuses on two key areas: the awards, which incorporate behavioural and attitudinal guidance, and the training programmes. PIA is further operating a regional skills training centre in Kerewan, North Bank Region.

Existing opportunities for youth at PIA

- Certificate training courses in:
 - Auto-mechanic
 - Tailoring and Fashion Design
 - Hair Dressing and Beauty Therapy
 - Metal work and Fabrications
 - Home and Hospitality Sciences
 - Electrical Installation
 - Carpentry and Joinery
 - Personal Assistantship
 - Plumbing

Focus Areas

Youth
empowerment,
skills training
programmes,
leadership

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The University of The Gambia (UTG)

About the Institution

The University of The Gambia (UTG) is an institution of higher education established in 1999. It offers certificate, undergraduate and graduate courses.

Prospective students must first be admitted to the University of The Gambia. The admission session is from June to August. Upon admission, students must go to the Accounts Office in the Administration Building to receive the pertinent paperwork, which must be subsequently filled out and returned to the Senior Assistant Registrar's office.

Existing opportunities for youth at UTG

- Courses at the following schools:
 - Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
 - Arts and Sciences
 - Business and Public Administration
 - Education
 - Law
 - Engineering and Architecture
 - Medicine and Allied Health Sciences
 - Information Technology and Communications
 - Graduate Studies and Research

Focus Areas

Higher education

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SETTING UP A BUSINESS





Bridging Gaps Advisory (BGA)

About the Institution

Bridging Gaps Advisory (BGA) helps businesses, particularly women-owned, to clarify their goals and objectives, and assists them to develop skills and acquire the resources needed to operate a successful and sustainable business. BGA organizes Women's Leadership Forums, leadership training for women, business and executive coaching and mentoring for young women, and advocates for more representation of women at decision-making levels. Bridging Gaps also produce an annual publication, profiling the journeys of leading women engaged in diverse sectors in The Gambia.

Existing opportunities for youth at BGA

- Mentoring scheme for young women
- Business Coaching
- Training on Strategy, Leadership and Teambuilding
- Women's Leadership Forum
- Education Expo

Focus Areas

Business and
Executive
Coaching, Women's
Leadership,
Training, Consulting

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Global Youth Innovation Network (GYIN) Gambia Chapter

About the Institution

GYIN Gambia chapter is a fully youth-inspired and youth-led network for young entrepreneurs and rural micro-enterprises who are committed to act as hunger fighters, change agents, and innovators, driven by the passion to see generational transformations and changes from the grassroots to the global level. The network focuses on rural developments by shaping young peoples in rural areas to become change agents.

In rural areas, the network contributes to the reduction of poverty among poor rural youth in The Gambia through exposure to opportunities and business prospects, innovation, and knowledge. A good number of our youth empowerment initiatives are based on best practices of income generation models, which enables youth people to create and engage in sustainable small scale agri-businesses and entrepreneurship.

Existing opportunities for youth at GYIN

- I am a GYINer campaign
- Rural Entrepreneurial Venture Creation and Experimental Learning (REVCEL) Training programme
- Annual National Youth Summer Camp on Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Information Technology (ELIT)
- Annual Rural Youth Award
- Youth Mentorship Programme
- International Youth Day – “Tesitoo” – Self Help Farming
- Promoting Interactive Platforms for Sustainable Agricultural Value Chain (AVIP) (AVIP) Project

Focus Areas

Entrepreneurship,
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Leadership,
Information
Technology, and
Community Outreach
Programmes

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Management Development Institute (MDI)

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The Management Development Institute (MDI) is a tertiary education institution. It was established by an act of Parliament, and tasked with the main responsibility of training and development of necessary human capital needed for effective service delivery in both Public, Private and NGO sectors in The Gambia.

Since inception in 1982, the institution has rapidly grown in both size and capacity and has successfully hosted internationally and nationally-funded training programs through its constituent departments: Research and Consulting, Financial Management, Business Studies, Gender and Development, Banking and Finance, Information Technology (IT), and General Management Studies.

Given its pool of diverse expertise, innovativeness and excellent service delivery, the MDI has a formidable client base which includes the World Bank, UNDP, UNECA, World Bank through CBEMP, IFAD, FAO through AAITG, EU through AAITG, IDB, MRC, AfDB, National Assembly Service Commission of Nigeria, LHDP, Government of the Gambia and a host of private sector institutions.

Existing opportunities for youth at MDI

- Courses in:
 - Accountancy
 - General Management
 - Research and Consultancy
 - Policy Analysis
 - Project Management
 - Financial Management
 - Banking and Finance
 - Business Studies
 - Gender and Development Studies
 - Information Technology,
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Focus Areas

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training,
Public sector
training,
Research

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Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration & Employment (MOTIE)

About the Institution

The Ministry of Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment (MOTIE) is mandated to formulate and implement trade, investment and industrial policies that promote investment in the productive sector for increased production and export. It also formulates and implements employment, competition and labour policies, laws and regulations, promulgates national standards and takes a lead role in trade negotiations in collaboration with other stakeholders for enhance competitiveness. MOTIE also plays a mediation role in labour disputes.

In addition MOTIE is mandated to coordinate regional integration issues as well as with multilateral organizations. MOTIE further provides employment services support to jobseekers through the Department of Labour and administers the implementation of the Expatriate Quota.

Existing opportunities for youth at MOTIE

- The Youth Empowerment Project (YEP)
- The Enhanced Integrated Framework Trade Facilitation Project (TFP)
- Entrepreneurship and Private Sector Development Project (UNDP)

Focus Areas

Facilitating trade, investment, employment and industrial development

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National Enterprise Development Initiative (NEDI)

About the Institution

The National Enterprise Development Initiative (NEDI) was established by the Gambian Government in 2004 as part of its strategic endeavors to empower youth and women in the Gambia. As one of the satellite institutions of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, NEDI is established to provide support to the youth and women through enterprise development as a means to sustainable employment creation and better livelihood.

Existing opportunities for youth at NEDI

- Youth Entrepreneurship Hub (computers and internet connection, as well as staff support)
- Link youth to relevant partners/projects
- Training opportunities in food processing and preservation, horticulture, crop production and nursery, business plan development and entrepreneurship
- Pilot Poultry for Prosperity project
- Support youth participation in both local and international trade fairs/exhibitions
- Business development advisory services and mentoring
- Loans to youth and women entrepreneurs
- Support to the establishment of enterprises
- Youth Agricultural Service Centers for the creation of agro enterprise and employment generation
- Youth and Women Renewable Energy Entrepreneurship Fund

Focus Areas

Entrepreneurship,
institutional capacity
strengthening,
access to finance

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Startup Incubator Gambia (SIG)

About the Institution

The first ever business incubation center in The Gambia, Startup Incubator Gambia (SIG) is a co-working space for young entrepreneurs, innovators, techies, and startups to share ideas, connect and collaborate with each other. It offers mentorship, advisory and resources to entrepreneurs and startups. The facilities available at the Centre include cubicles, computers, high-speed internet, printing and a fully equipped training room with a capacity to accommodate up to 25 clients.

SIG is designed to support the successful development of young Gambian entrepreneurs through an array of business support services and resources that are developed and orchestrated by the incubator management team. These services are offered both in the SIG space and through its network of contacts. Successful completion of the program equips the participants with the appropriate mindset, skills and connections necessary to succeed in their entrepreneurial journeys.

Existing opportunities for youth at SIG

- Business Development and advisory services
- Co-working Space
- Idea generation, incubation, skill and knowledge transfer
- Mentorship
- Access to resources (finance and networking)

Focus Areas

Entrepreneurial hub,
business support,
access to networks
and co-working
space

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The Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI)

About the Institution

Founded in 1967, the Gambia Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Agriculture and Employers' Association (GCCCI) is a non-profit member driven organization, which represents the Private Sector of The Gambia. The GCCCI facilitates business development, promotes trade, and advances the interests of Gambian businesses nationally, regionally and internationally. GCCCI provides a variety of services ranging from business development support, trade enquiry services to companies with trade and investment interests in The Gambia.

GCCCI is recognized as the voice of business and an investment promotion body by the Government of The Gambia and regional and international bodies. The GCCCI currently has over 700 member companies and is a member of the Federation of West African Employers Association (FWAEA/FOPAO), Federation of West African Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI), Pan-African Chambers of Commerce and Industry (PACCI), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) amongst many others.

Existing opportunities for youth at GCCCI

- Assistance in marketing and branding
- Support participation in International Trade Fairs
- Business Development Services
- Networking opportunities with local and outside businesses

Focus Areas

Business advocacy, business development, entrepreneurship and management trainings and trade facilitation

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The Gambia Investment & Export Promotion Agency (GIEPA)

About the Institution

The Gambia Investment & Export Promotion Agency (GIEPA) is the national agency responsible for the promotion and facilitation of private sector investments into The Gambia.

GIEPA acts as investors' first point of contact, provides information on relevant procedures for setting up a business and helps form the necessary network of contacts in The Gambia for successful business operations.

GIEPA advises and collaborates with the Government of The Gambia, the private sector and civil society towards developing a globally competitive business environment.

Existing opportunities for youth at GIEPA

- EMPRETEC entrepreneurship training
- Entrepreneurship Trainings (Micro Entrepreneurship Training, Farming as a business training and Entrepreneurship driven by innovation)
- Export advancement program
- Market linkage and market opportunities
- Business Planning For Start-Ups
- Enterprise Support
- Business Development Services Network

Focus Areas

Investments, business development services, export development, image building and branding, policy advocacy

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The Gambia Youth Chamber of Commerce (GYCC)

About the Institution

The Gambia Youth Chamber of Commerce was established in 2016 through the leadership of National Youth Council and National Enterprise development initiative. GYCC is the umbrella body and voice of youth entrepreneurs in The Gambia. It serves as a policy advocate for Young Entrepreneurs and committed to the creation of the enabling environment that facilitates an organized, vibrant, robust, functional and sustainable youth sector business administration.

Existing opportunities for youth at GYCC

- Entrepreneurship Training
- Training on Business Plan writing and business management
- Business mentorship & Coaching services
- Online advertising of products and services
- Networking and partnership
- Support and guidance for Registration and access to startup capital
- Trade promotion (Trade fairs/Exhibitions)

Focus Areas

Entrepreneurship,
capacity building,
fundraising,
networking events

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International Organization for Migration (IOM)

About the Institution

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration. IOM has implemented an extensive range of migration management programming, from direct assistance provision for vulnerable migrants and support to victims of trafficking, to technical assistance provision to the Government of The Gambia in developing its first national migration policy.

IOM works closely with the Government of The Gambia as well as with local and international partners to support the strengthening of migration governance and to provide assistance to migrants and affected communities.

Current projects are:

1. EU-IOM Joint Initiative for Migrant Protection and Reintegration: The Gambia (EUTF)
2. Safety, Support and Solutions for Migrants in the Central Mediterranean Route (DFID)
3. Protecting Vulnerable Migrants in West and Central Africa (PRM)
4. Enhancing collective capacity to managing borders and for protecting border communities: The Gambia and Senegal (IBM)
5. Bridging together youth, diaspora and local authorities for an integrated approach to promote employment and address irregular migration in The Gambia, Guinea Conakry and Guinea Bissau.

Existing opportunities for youth at IOM

- Migration management and reintegration assistance to irregular migrant returnees

Focus Areas

Migration and
development

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Ministry of Youth and Sports (MOYS)

About the Institution

The Ministry of Youth and Sports (MOYS) has the responsibility for development, promotion and regulation of Youth and Sports sectors in the Gambia.

MOYS is responsible for the overall administration, development, promotion and regulation of youth and sports policies such as The Gambia Youth Policy (2009 – 2018) and the National Sports Policy (2010 – 2019). The satellite institutions / implementation agencies of the MOYS include the Department of Youth and Sports, National Youth Council (NYC), National Sports Council (NSC), National Youth Service Scheme (NYSS), President's International Award (PIA), Independence Stadium, National Enterprise Development Initiative (NEDI) and Department of Planning and Programmes (DOPP).

Its mission is to deliver excellence in youth and sports development through entrepreneurship, employability leadership and participation in sports.

Existing opportunities for youth at MOYS

- May Day Sports
- Sports for Health
- National and International Summer Youth Camps
- National Youth Conference and Festival (NAYCONF)

Focus Areas

Policy evolution, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of youth and sports programmes and projects

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National Association of Co-operative Credit Unions (NACCUG)

About the Institution

The National Association of Cooperative Credit Unions of The Gambia (NACCUG) was formed and legally registered in August 1991 as the apex body for Cooperative Credit Unions in The Gambia and has the mandate to promote and support the development of credit unions across the country. It is licensed by the Central Bank of The Gambia as a Non-Bank Financial Institution. NACCUG is also a bona fide affiliate of the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) based in Madison, United States.

NACCUG's mission of sustainable development through credit unions complements The Gambia Government's efforts in fighting poverty and socio-economic exclusion especially among the rural poor and marginalized groups in the country.

Existing opportunities for youth at NACCUG

- Facilitate access to finance for youth groups
- YEP Mini-grant scheme
- Provision of financial literacy targeting women in rural areas
- Providing Graduation Micro Finance

Focus Areas

Microfinancing

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National Sports Council (NSC)

About the Institution

The National Sports Council (NSC) acts as the main promotional and coordinating agency of sports in the country and develops, promotes and co-ordinates amateur and professional sports at the national and international levels. Its mandate includes promoting the diversification of sports to all parts and at all levels in the country.

Existing opportunities for youth at NSC

- May Day Sports
- Sports for Health
- National and International Summer Youth Camps
- National Youth Conference and Festival (NAYCONF)
- U19 National Games
- National Sports Conference
- Training programs

Focus Areas

Sports and recreational activities

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National Youth Council (NYC)

About the Institution

The Gambia National Youth Council (NYC) was established by an Act of Parliament to coordinate all youth programmes in The Gambia. The agency holds an advocacy role, advising the Government on matters affecting young people. Besides its 120 registered member organisations, NYC also maintains functioning youth committees in all the 7 regions and 48 district of the Gambia.

The council has rolled out advocacy programmes including sensitization and awareness creation activities on youth irregular migration. Since 2017, NYC also offers counselling and reintegration services to returning migrants. Youth Centres are available in Bansang (CRR), Pakalinding (LRR), and Basse (URR).

Existing opportunities for youth at NYC

- Registration of youth groups
- Capacity building of registered groups
- Mobilization of youth across the country
- Platform for youth engagement through our regional and district committees
- Job referrals, internships and holiday jobs
- Youth Centres in the regions
- Counselling for returnees
- Training on leadership / mentoring
- Awareness creations

Focus Areas

Advocacy,
Migration
management,
Information,
Communication and
Technology,
Youth in Agriculture

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About the Institution

The Gambia Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) sets out to strengthen existing youth support structures and entrepreneurship support programmes, skills development institutions, and the private sector to enhance employability and create (self-)employment opportunities for young people aged 15-35 years. YEP focuses on vocational training and support for micro and small-sized enterprises and creates new jobs in selected sectors through value addition and internationalization.

The four-year project started in January 2017 and is funded by the European Union (EU) Emergency Trust Fund for Stability and implemented by the International Trade Centre (ITC).

Existing opportunities for youth at YEP

- Trainings
- Job Offers
- Finance and Equipment
- Competitions
- Exhibitions and Fairs
- Market analysis tools
- Online Learning – SME Trade Academy

Focus Areas

Youth
Empowerment,
Development,
Trainings

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