

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

1. The **Overall Objective (Impact)** of this action is to preserve social stability in Nigeria and sustain economic development
2. The **Specific Objectives (Outcomes)** of this action are to:
Pursue the creation of new green and smart jobs for the youth through enhancement of employability, entrepreneurship and improvement of innovation and digitalisation.

The expected outcomes are:

- 1) Increase employment among youth
 - 2) Improve the innovation/digitalisation ecosystem
 - 3) Improve the effectiveness of the Office of the Vice President in coordinating and ensuring coherence of the innovation and decent job creation for youth, women and groups living in vulnerable situations
3. The **Outputs** to be delivered by this action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objectives (Outcomes) are as follows:

SO1 - Increase employment among youth

Expected Results

- 1.1 New green and smart job opportunities are created for women and men in all their diversity
- 1.2 New decent and sustainable entrepreneurship opportunities are created
- 1.3 Strategic partnership between the public and private sector to address issues underpinning decent job creation, entrepreneurship, employability and youth empowerment is established

This will primarily be achieved through the NJF by placing 20,000 graduates annually into paid internships in companies across Nigeria during a period of five years; the EU contribution of up to EUR 15 000 000 a year (for the initial three years) may provide for some 6 000 interns to be placed in green and smart sector jobs (such as the following sectors: tech and innovation, research and development, social, telecom, agriculture, green economy) in the EU priority geographic locations.

SO2 - Improve innovation /digitalisation ecosystems

Expected Results

- 2.1 New skills, gender-responsive, digital solutions and business opportunities are produced in Nigeria's innovation ecosystem.
- 2.2 Improved innovation-friendly conditions for the inclusive digital economy are promoted
- 2.3 Digital and entrepreneurial skills are developed among youth and women

This will be achieved through the partnership with Germany (BMZ, EUR 5 500 000). The EU will contribute EUR 9 500 000 to a project implemented by GIZ that complements and contributes to the Nigeria Innovation Programme being promoted by the office of the Vice President and driven by the AFDB. The project will promote innovation-friendly ecosystem for the digital economy and innovative digital solutions, as well as provide stakeholders' capacity development for youth and women digital and entrepreneurial skills development; the EU contribution will allow significant scaling up of support to innovation/digital hubs/accelerators, etc., as well as of the trainings.

SO - 3 Improve the effectiveness of the Office of the Vice President in coordinating and ensuring coherence of the innovation and decent job creation for youth, women and groups living in vulnerable situations

Expected Results

- 3.1 Efficient programme and policy coordination is established in the office of the VP