



Policy Card: Y20 Synthesis Summit Policy Lab



Context

The Y20 Capsule sessions in Africa (South Africa) and Asia (Bangladesh) were convened under the G20 Entrepreneurship Learning Series, led by ANDE in partnership with local ecosystem builders. These dialogues spotlighted youth-led economic transformation with a deliberate focus on peri-urban and rural youth. The sessions aimed to identify systemic barriers, envision opportunities, and co-create actionable recommendations that place youth at the center of entrepreneurship policy.

By connecting African township realities and South Asian peri-urban challenges, the capsules demonstrated that strengthening local ecosystems is essential for building resilient global entrepreneurship systems. Insights from these sessions feed directly into the Y20 policy agenda and will shape recommendations at the Synthesis Summit.

Key Message for Policymakers:

Local ecosystems are the launchpads for global entrepreneurship. By embedding youth perspectives into policy, reducing systemic barriers, and aligning with sustainability agendas, the G20 can transform the potential of youth into inclusive global prosperity.

Partner Organizations

- ANDE (Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs): Convenor of the G20 Entrepreneurship Learning Series.
- Anzisha Prize (South Africa): Lead partner for the Africa Capsule session, bringing experience in supporting very young entrepreneurs.
- Anglo American Foundation: Sponsoring partner for the Africa Capsule session, supporting inclusive economic growth.
- BetterStories Limited (Bangladesh): Lead partner for the Asia Capsule session, focused on entrepreneurial storytelling and ecosystem development.





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Africa (South Africa)

1. Embed youth entrepreneurship in education and policy.
 - Integrate entrepreneurship into curricula.
 - Establish youth advisory councils.
 - Incorporate township and peri-urban realities into national strategies.
2. Expand financial access and reduce barriers.
 - Develop youth-tailored microfinance and guarantee schemes.
 - Simplify compliance frameworks with tiered approaches.
 - Create corporate procurement partnerships for youth enterprises.

South Asia (Bangladesh)

1. Promote global equity.
 - Advocate fair trade and consistent global standards.
 - Institutionalize youth representation in G20 processes.
2. Advance environmental sustainability & human rights.
 - Launch green youth enterprise facilities.
 - Improve climate finance accountability.
3. Enhance youth skills & job readiness.
 - Reform education to focus on practical, digital, and green skills.
 - Scale apprenticeships, internships, and skill vouchers.

Global Recommendations

1. Strengthen local ecosystems as the foundation of global entrepreneurship resilience.
 - Pilot township hubs in Africa and green/digital skills programs in Asia.
2. Integrate peri-urban and rural youth into policy design.
 - Ensure youth from the margins are systematically included in policy forums.
 - Align local innovation with global sustainability agendas.
3. Foster peer-learning across regions.
 - Position youth as co-authors of global entrepreneurship policies.