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BASED SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO DEMOGRAPHIC
CHALLENGES IN SOUTH WESTERN UGANDA**



**P5: Increased Youth Employability Through
Skilling, Innovation, Experiential Learning &
Technology Transfer**

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Introduction to current situation:

Tackling Uganda's escalating youth unemployment at 83% challenge

- 24.36% live in urban settings (UBOS, 2019)
- 87% from tertiary institutions cannot find jobs
- only 27% of students are in sciences
- 30% students are girls - a great gender imbalance
- High Rural-urban migration rate at 16% (UNHS, 2017)
- Innovations, soft skills & ICT initiatives not targeted the youth



Objectives

The overall goal is to contribute to the elimination of youth unemployment in SWU

Specific Objectives:

- Develop a multidisciplinary ecosystem of various internal and external stakeholders in support of youth innovation and entrepreneurship
- Strengthen business incubation, experiential learning & technology transfer
- Develop short training courses for the youth that strengthens their entrepreneurial and innovation skills
- Support youth entrepreneurs through experiential learning and technology transfer



Expected Outcomes

- A multidisciplinary ecosystem to inspire, nurture and promote the conversion of innovative ideas into commercially products and businesses; established
- Strengthened business incubation centre at MUST
- Strengthened centre for innovation and technology transfer at MUST
- Produce graduates with firm-specific entrepreneurial and innovation skills that have immediate market value



MUST team	FLEMISH team
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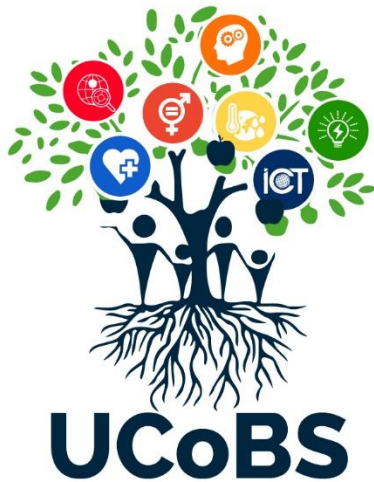
Expertise gaps

- Talent development experts
- Sustainable value chain in e.g. agriculture, tourism, ecosystem, industry,...
- SME development and accelerator:
 - Go-to-market of innovations and management
 - Incubator: linking the industry and MUST
 - Skilling & Business process outsourcing (BPO)
 - Youth entrepreneurship

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