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The purpose of the paper is to review and assess policy issues which may influence youth employment particularly in Africa. The views expressed in the paper are not necessarily those of the Commonwealth Secretariat or Commonwealth Governments. It is hoped however that the paper will be of interest to those concerned with reducing unemployment and alleviating its ill-effects.