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CENTRE OF
PRACTICAL
SKILLS



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“Provide sustainable livelihoods for Nigerian youth through creation of educational and employment opportunities, keeping the added value in the country and preventing irregular migration.”

- ESME's Vision



In partnership with Godfrey Okoye University and European private sector partners ICMPD is implementing a vocational training facility - the Centre of Practical Skills (CoPS) - in Enugu, Nigeria.

CopS is part of the broader public-private initiative „Eco-Social Market Economy“ (ESME), which also includes a European Business Park, to provide investors with quality infrastructure, and a Start-up Centre to facilitate entrepreneurship.



The ESME Initiative

The ESME initiative consists of three integrated components, located at the second campus of Godfrey Okoye University in Enugu, Nigeria.



Business Park Infrastructure

The Business Park provides eco-friendly infrastructure (electricity, fresh water, sanitation, security and internet) to European and Nigerian companies.

It is private sector driven and is supported by the Austrian Development Bank and the European Investment Bank



Education University & Centre of Practical Skills

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The partnership is embedded in the Skills Development for Youth Employment (SKYE) project which is implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and funded by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



Start-Up Centre Entrepreneurship/SME Support

The Start-up Centre aims to support the development of sustainable Nigerian youth-led businesses through advisory and funding via a venture capital fund and the existing partnership with a micro finance bank.

The Centre is private-sector driven.

The approach ensures that Nigerian youth benefits from training and employment/self-employment opportunities and European investors have the necessary infrastructure and qualified labour force.

Objectives

„Youth unemployment and underemployment constitute central challenges to Africa’s development. If youth unemployment rates remain unchanged in Africa, nearly 50% of youth – excluding students – will be unemployed, discouraged, or economically inactive by 2025 [..]

The problem is expected be most severe in Africa’s resource rich countries, such as Nigeria and South Africa, where low commodity prices and the threat of recession make a solution to the youth unemployment challenge all the more urgent. The likely consequences include increased poverty, social and economic exclusion, migration out of the continent, and increased risk of political tensions.”

Source: Jobs for Youth in Africa, Strategy 2016-2025, AFDB



Support the creation of training and employment opportunities for Nigerian youth, thereby tackling some of the root causes of irregular migration.



Promote educational and employment opportunities for young women and returnees.



Develop and implement a modern practice-oriented vocational training facility, based on high standards and partnership with European companies.



Develop a legal/circular migration pilot in cooperation with European partner companies.





Training approach

-  Implementation of a certified vocational training programme to address the needs of the private sector
-  Curricula developed in cooperation with European training institutions and companies
-  Capacitated Nigerian teachers working in partnership with European teachers
-  Implementation of a dual education concept, combining theoretical classroom sessions with practical traineeships at partner companies' facilities
-  Majority of graduates will get a job with partner companies operating in the Business Park.
-  Graduates will also be referred to the Start-Up Centre and encouraged to start their own business or create joint ventures with European investors

Success factors



Reliable Partners

A Nigerian private university and innovative European companies



Public-Private initiative

Brings together diverse stakeholders and closely aligns their interests



Sustainability

The Centre of Practical Skills is intended to become a self-sustaining facility in the medium term



Government support

Approval of the initiative by the Federal Government



Location

The Centre will be based in the European Business Park, next to the partner companies



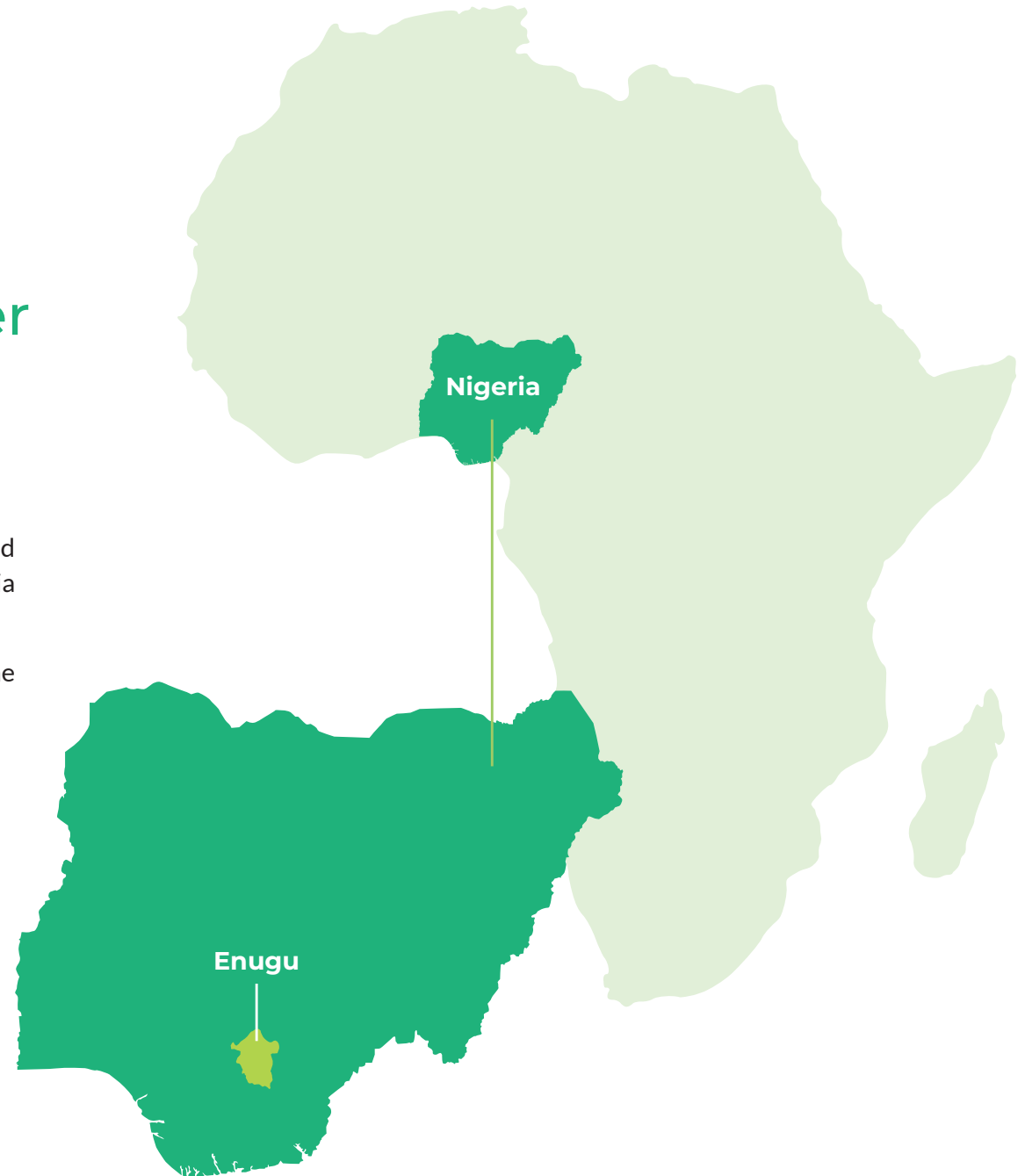
Cooperation

With existing training facilities and institutions in Europe and Nigeria



Godfrey Okoye University as a main Nigerian partner

- ✎ Is one of the fastest growing private universities in Nigeria
- ✎ Is fully licensed to ensure certification of trainees and provides necessary infrastructure and network in Nigeria and Europe
- ✎ Has an easily reachable location in Southern Nigeria in the vicinity of the Enugu International Airport
- ✎ Offers secure and friendly environment for companies and students from around the world
- ✎ Hosts the components of the initiative on its second campus



Objectives for the first 3 years

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2020



Develop a Business Plan, Operating Procedures and a Sustainability Model



Set-up the training Centre in Enugu (procure facilities, equipment, tools, etc.)



Develop curricula for five job profiles in cooperation with European companies and training institutes. Build capacity of Nigerian teachers



Select and train up to 120 Nigerian youth in 5 technical job profiles that are in high-demand by European investors focusing on the construction sector



Facilitate employment/ self-employment of the graduating trainees with the companies or through the Start-up Centre



Ensure inclusion of returnees and young women in training; develop a legal migration concept to provide opportunities in Europe



Increase the training capacity of the centre after the first phase to 200-250 persons year, including through alliliate centres in other regions. Include additional job profiles for agriculture, food processing, textiles, IT and other sectors.

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