

## NEW EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES (NEO)



The [New Employment and Opportunities \(NEO\)](#) project intends to expand employment opportunities for youth, with particular emphasis on those who are economically disadvantaged and/or at-risk. While employers struggle to find qualified workers, youth unemployment stands at nearly 3 times that of adults. Many youth lack critical skills to make them attractive job candidates – both technical skills and, most importantly, “life skills” such as communication, reliability and teamwork – long-term skills that are needed in any kind of job or career. To this end, the NEO alliance brings together key private, public, and civil society partners to provide high-impact, market-relevant youth training and job placement services on a large scale.

### SIXTH SUMMIT MANDATE:

*To foster greater international exchange of students, in order to provide them with the greatest possible learning opportunities. (Poverty, Inequality and Inequity)*

### 10-YEAR GOALS:

- Train one million disadvantaged youth, ages 16-29, using models that incorporate best practices of job training programs.
- Achieve job placement rates of at least 50 percent for graduates of the new program.
- Ensure that 50 percent or more of the youth trained are girls and young women.
- Promote the adoption of high-impact training models in at least 10 countries in the region.
- Mobilize 1,000 companies to offer internships and employment opportunities for youth.
- Strengthen the capacity of 200 job-training providers.

### PARTNERS:



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