

TASK 8 ABSTRACT

1. English Abstract

This presentation investigates the critical challenge of structural youth unemployment in Africa, specifically examining the phenomenon of the "Paper Promise"—the fractured societal covenant that a university degree guarantees formal employment. Through a photographic essay case study of three Kenyan graduates, the presentation explores how the youth are pivoting from the "tarmac" of job seeking to the "hustle" of the gig economy. We analyze the stories of Maina, a Supply Chain graduate managing vintage clothing logistics; Brian, a Civil Engineer working as a motorbike rider; and Sarah, an educator finding refuge in the digital "hidden workforce." The presentation argues that the solution to this crisis involves three steps: reforming education to include practical survival skills, formally recognizing and protecting the gig economy through policy, and destigmatizing the "pivot" by redefining success beyond corporate job titles. Ultimately, we demonstrate that while the economic promise has broken, the human promise of adaptation remains intact.

2. Kiswahili Abstract (Muhtasari)

Wasilisho hili linachunguza changamoto kuu ya ukosefu wa ajira kwa vijana barani Afrika, likiangazia hasa dhana ya "Ahadi ya Karatasi" — imani iliyovunjika kwamba shahada ya chuo kikuu inahakikisha ajira rasmi. Kupitia insha ya picha inayowasilisha maisha ya wahitimu watatu wa Kenya, tunachunguza jinsi vijana wanavyohama kutoka kutafuta kazi ofisini na kujiunga na "nguvukazi isiyoonekana" ya uchumi wa gig. Tunachambua hadithi za Maina, msomi wa Ununuzi na Ugavi anayeuzua nguo za mitumba; Brian, Mhandisi wa Ujenzi anayefanya kazi ya boda boda; na Sarah, mwalimu anayefanya kazi mtandaoni. Wasilisho hili linatoa hoja kwamba suluhisho la tatizo hili ni: kuboresha mitaala ili kutilia mkazo ujuzi wa vitendo, kutambua kisheria sekta ya juakali, na kubadili mtazamo wa jamii kuhusu maana halisi ya mafanikio. Tunahitimisha kuwa, ingawa ahadi ya uchumi imevunjika, ustahimilivu wa vijana bado uko imara.

3. Kikuyu Abstract (Ūhoro Mūnene)

Ūhoro ūyū ūgītūma kūmenyereria mathina makū ma andū a itūra a Africa, makamūre na maūndū ma kūgūtūkīra kwa thirikari ya wīra, makamūhūthītio nī kīrīra kīa "Ahadi ya Karatasi" — wendo ūrīa ūgītua atī ūndū wa gūciarwo na degree ya kīnūgīro nī ūgatūmīra wīra mūnene wa thirikari.

Kūrīa tūgītumia insha ya ūhoro wa mafoto ya andū atatu a Kenya marīa mathomete, tūgīonania ūrīa ūrūrū wa andū a itūra ūkūcooka kuuma gūtūma wīra wa ofisi na gūthīī gūcooka kūhūthīrīria

ũhoro wa gig economy. Tũgĩhoya ũhoro wa Maina, mũthomete wa Supply Chain ũrĩa ũkũheana magũrũ ma nguo cia kũhura (mitumba); Brian, mũhandĩsi wa mũtambo ũrĩa ũkũtwara pikipiki; na Sarah, mwarimu ũrĩa ũkũhota ũhoro wake kũrĩa itanda.

Ũhoro ũyũ ũgĩhoya atĩ ũndũ wa kũtua wendo nĩ: kũgũtithia thomoni ĩrĩa ĩheana ujuzi wa kũhota ũtongi wa ũmũthĩ, kũheana ũtongi wa gig economy kũrĩa mũtugo ya thirikari, na kũgũtithia wendo wa ũrĩa andũ maonaga “mafanikio” kũgĩa handũ ha kũrĩa ũtugi wa wendo wa thirikari.

Tũgĩtua na ũhoro ũgĩa atĩ na kwagĩrĩa atĩ ahadi ya wĩra ũrĩa wathĩrĩrwo nĩ ũgacoka, no ũhoro wa mũndũ kũhota gũcokania na kũgũtũkĩra ũrĩa ũmenyerere nĩ ũrĩa ũhota mũno.