

**Youth views**

▸ **Alternatives to  
Development**

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# In this Presentation

- What is development?
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# Development

- “improvement in country’s economic and social conditions”. More specially, it refers to improvements in way of managing an area’s natural and human resources. In order to create wealth and improve people’s lives.



# Alternatives to development

- Other means to ensure, two or more possibilities to a particular situation



# Ubuntu in Development

- Ubuntu "*I am because we are*"
- Ubuntu should reign supreme in all developmental processes that are taking place.
- Once its taken stronghold development will be inclusive and for the people by the people, without other nefarious agendas



# Youth perspectives

- Development models sideline participation of youths in terms of civic spaces (who sits in which office and makes which decision)
  - Consultations should be done involving young people if there are investors that want to come and develop a certain area
  - High unemployment rates especially to young people leaving them vulnerable to extremism and other societal vices
  - Exploitation of communities resources without showing passion to attend immediate problems facing the locals and sustainable lasting solutions
  - Encourage local investment and job creation in mining areas
  - Teach, encourage and promote sustainable agriculture in rural areas
  - Lack of inclusive development that has the participation of all who benefit from it
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- Community engagements and dialogues in mining areas
  - Prioritization and agenda setting
  - Enforcement and alignment of existing laws especially under various treaty bodies which our state a signatories to.
  - Accountability
  - Youths running for public office is very key
  - Comprehensive laws and policies which support sustainability and preservation of the environment
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