REDUCING GRADUATE UNEMPLOYMENT THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT: THE NIGERIAN EXPERIENCE

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ABSTRACT

Guided by Creativity and Technological Innovation Theory as well as Behavioural-Elastic Model, this research sought to investigate and analyze ways of Reducing Graduate Unemployment through Entrepreneurship Development. Through proportionate stratified random sampling 75 individuals were selected from among unemployed graduates, lecturers from various institutions, workers from the Ministry of labour and productivity, as well as some entrepreneurs. The data obtained were presented in tables and appropriate comments made where necessary. The findings reveal that (i) Graduate turn out from various institutions of higher learning is far greater than the available jobs; (ii) there is a lack of linkage between theory and practice among the graduates; (iii) and that Government should appeal to entrepreneurs so as to render mentoring role to graduates thereby assisting them to become self-employed. It is recommended that government should make appropriate policies that will enhance entrepreneurial skills in our youths.

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