About IDRC

- Created by Canadian Parliament in 1970
- Support research *in* developing countries to promote growth, development
- Result: innovative, lasting local solutions that aim to bring choice and change to those who need it most
- Mandate and institution unchanged over last years, as part of Canadian priorities
Supporting Inclusive Growth

Two pillars

1. Labour/jobs
   - Informality
   - Growth and demand jobs
   - Social protection

2. Enterprises, entrepreneurship
   - SME development
   - Regulatory and policy frameworks
   - Entrepreneurship and productivity

And cross-cutting ..... 
   - Gender/women’s economic empowerment
   - Youth
   - ICTs
Supporting Inclusive Growth

• Thus inclusive growth **not simply** a question of redistribution of growth

• Operational **emphasis** SIG: how to promote opportunities for gainful employment and livelihood

‘**more than safety nets**’
New Research Program ‘GrOW’

Women’s Economic Empowerment and Growth in Low-Income Countries
Examples of enterprise development projects, knowledge to:

- Foster entrepreneurship: 30 + developing countries now have GEM data
- Creating climate for business success, ICBE Trust Africa: local research helps improve business climate
- Why is there a ‘missing middle’?
- Making most of commodities (UCT, Mercosur)
New focus on youth employment

Analyses of youth unemployment (demography, demand)

Political demand to address issue: international conference in Dakar, inputs AU and La Fancophonie

Knowledge platform of local researchers to inform youth unemployment solutions