Information compendium on rural youth initiatives

Swiss Development Cooperation on rural youth:

Switzerland (SDC) gives a lot of emphasis to the dual TVET system giving private sector an important role in shaping curricula for young people – here the links for more information: 

In Tanzania, FeminaHip (supported by other donors than SDC), produces Ruka Juu, an entrepreneurship competition for TV radio and print. In fact, Femina just launched its third TV series 1 October. Ruka Juu – an entrepreneurship competition with focus on agriculture value addition. They are showcasing 6 young entrepreneurs (male and female) from across the country. The series has 13 one-hour shows that will run every Sunday with two repeats in the following week. The grand finale is 17 December when the winner will be announces, a surprise as the decisions is finally made by audience voting using sms texts. The show will also be featured on YouTube. The social media engagement is incentivised. Viewers can win solar lamps and Femina T-shirts. Feminahip worked with Small Industries Development Organisation of Tanzania (SIDO), SNV, ILO and others and it is all about the challenges and opportunities of small-scale production and processing, manufacturing, exploring registration, processing packaging branding, marketing, financing and life planning. 

Here a link to the Facebook group. USAID on rural youth:

The Global Youth Economic Opportunity Summit took place Sept. 27-29 in Washington, D.C. The secretariat will follow up on the discussions and the media coverage and will present the main outcomes on the website.

Three sessions organized by USAID at CFS that the secretariat will follow closely:

- USAID’ Feed the Future will be presenting on two breakout sessions on Thursday morning. The first, "The Evidence is In: What’s Working & Not for Youth Employment Programs in Low-Income Countries" will be a presentation on findings by Louise Fox, USAID's Chief Economist. Her new paper on youth employment in low-income countries can be found attached.
- The second is "Integrating Youth into Agriculture: Engaging Young People as Actors" will cover some of the design guide for incorporating youth effectively into programs.
- USAID will host a plenary on "Young Women's Livelihoods."

- USAID also shared with us an interesting website Youthpower where you can find a lot of resources on engaging youth through different sectors.

BMZ’s work on rural youth and rural youth employment:

BMZ also released the Berlin Charter, in preparation for the G20 summit in Hamburg. The outcomes of the G20, you can find in the InfoNote.
European Commission’s event on rural transformation in Mozambique:

The European Commission is organising an event in Mozambique. Patrick Herlant shared with us the Agenda of the event.

Finally yet importantly, here is the link to the online discussion on rural migration that will feed into the “State of Food and Agriculture”-report: http://www.fao.org/fsnforum/activities/discussions/SOFA_migration