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## 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

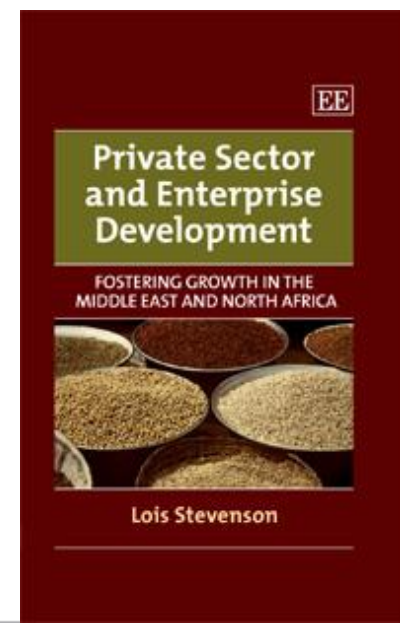
- Informality
- Growth and demand jobs
- Social protection

### 2. Enterprises, entrepreneurship

- SME development
- Regulatory and policy frameworks
- Entrepreneurship and productivity

### And cross-cutting .....

- Gender/women's economic empowerment
- Youth
- ICTs



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- 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



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## 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 Francophonie

Knowledge platform of local researchers to inform youth unemployment solutions