

## **FOREWORD**

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This report is the culmination of a process started in 2002 during the NEDLAC ICT Sector Summit. At the end of the ICT Sector Summit an agreement was reached between all delegates to analyse the status of job creation within the ICT sector.

ForgeAhead had been commissioned by NEDLAC through FRIDGE in 2004 to do research on job creation and to identify strategies that could be implemented within the ICT sector. The objectives aims of the research project were to:

- Understand the current status of research and information relating to the development of the ICT sector;
- Identify current initiatives, strategies and models that are is currently being used for job creation within the ICT sector;
- Analyse International and South African examples of job creation strategies within the ICT sector; and.
- Suggest possible strategies and models that could enable job creation within the South African ICT sector.

The results of this report must be read as guidelines for streamlining and developing job creation strategies within the ICT sector. We aimed not to duplicate past research or recommendations or to re-create current structures but rather to build on these past developments and to optimally use existing structures in an integrated and holistic way.

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