



# Introducing:



## What is the initiative?



Driven by the realization that guided investment in Africa's teeming youth population will transform the continent, the main objective of the initiative is to:

Provide **One million African Youth** with **opportunities** in  
**Education, Entrepreneurship, Employment and**  
**Engagement by 2021**

# Why the Initiative? Evidence suggests that progress is not keeping up with need



## Unemployment

In most African countries, unemployment is especially high among young people. A lot of interventions around jobs are often not co-designed with employers of labour in the private sector.

## Skills mismatch

Access, quality, relevant education as well as options to build skills are lacking for young people. There is often reported mismatch between education and labour market needs.

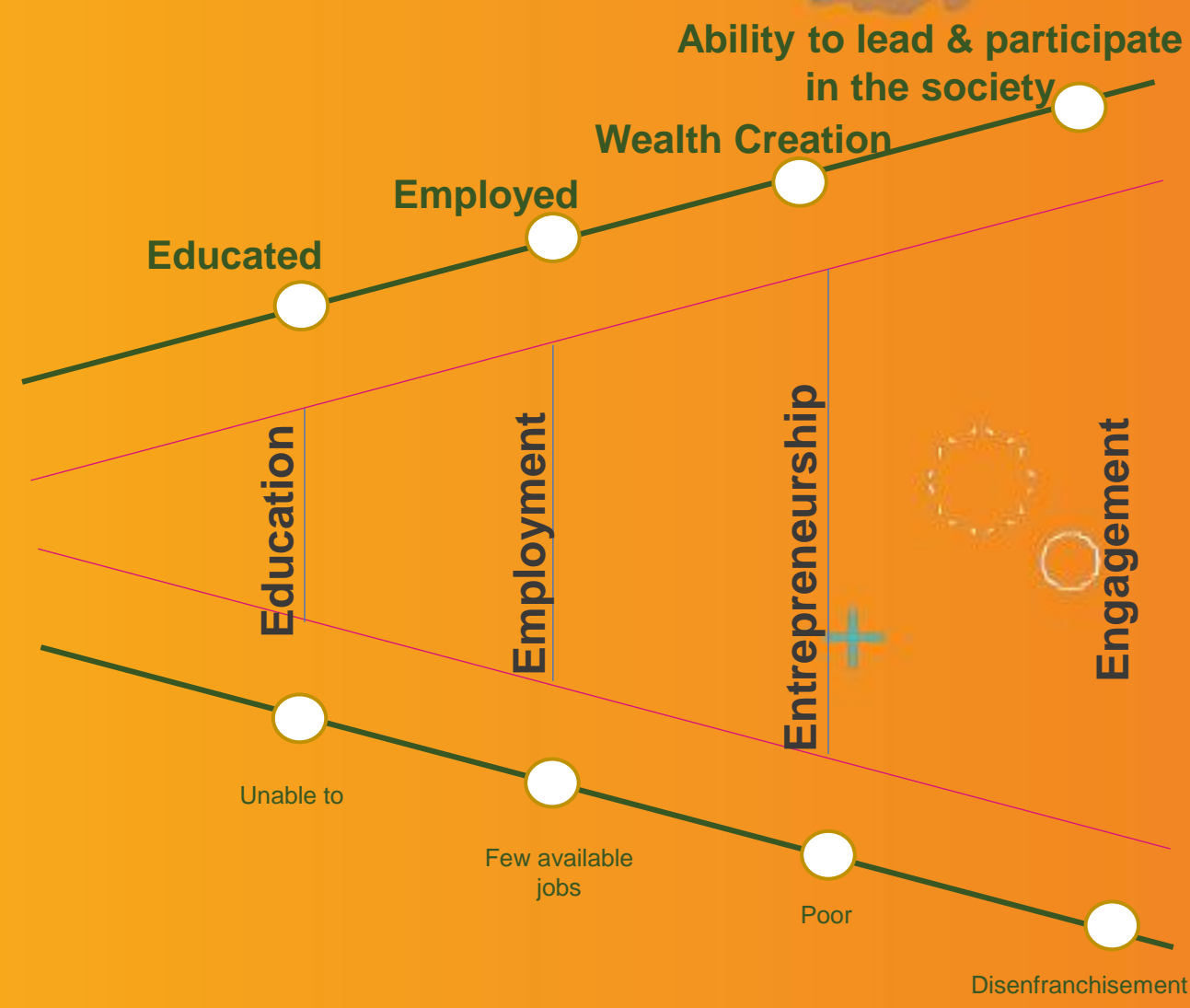
## Health & Wellbeing

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## Inequality & Disempowerment

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Two different pathways for Aisha



# Why the Initiative? Evidence points to the need for acceleration – scale and speed



## Mandate

AUC is mandated through Agenda 2063, and other frameworks to act on youth issues



## A lot is happening

A lot is happening within the AUC and on the continent that are not always connected.



## Comparative Advantage

AUC's leadership is required to mobilize and synergize for continental action



# Launch of the Initiative – 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2019



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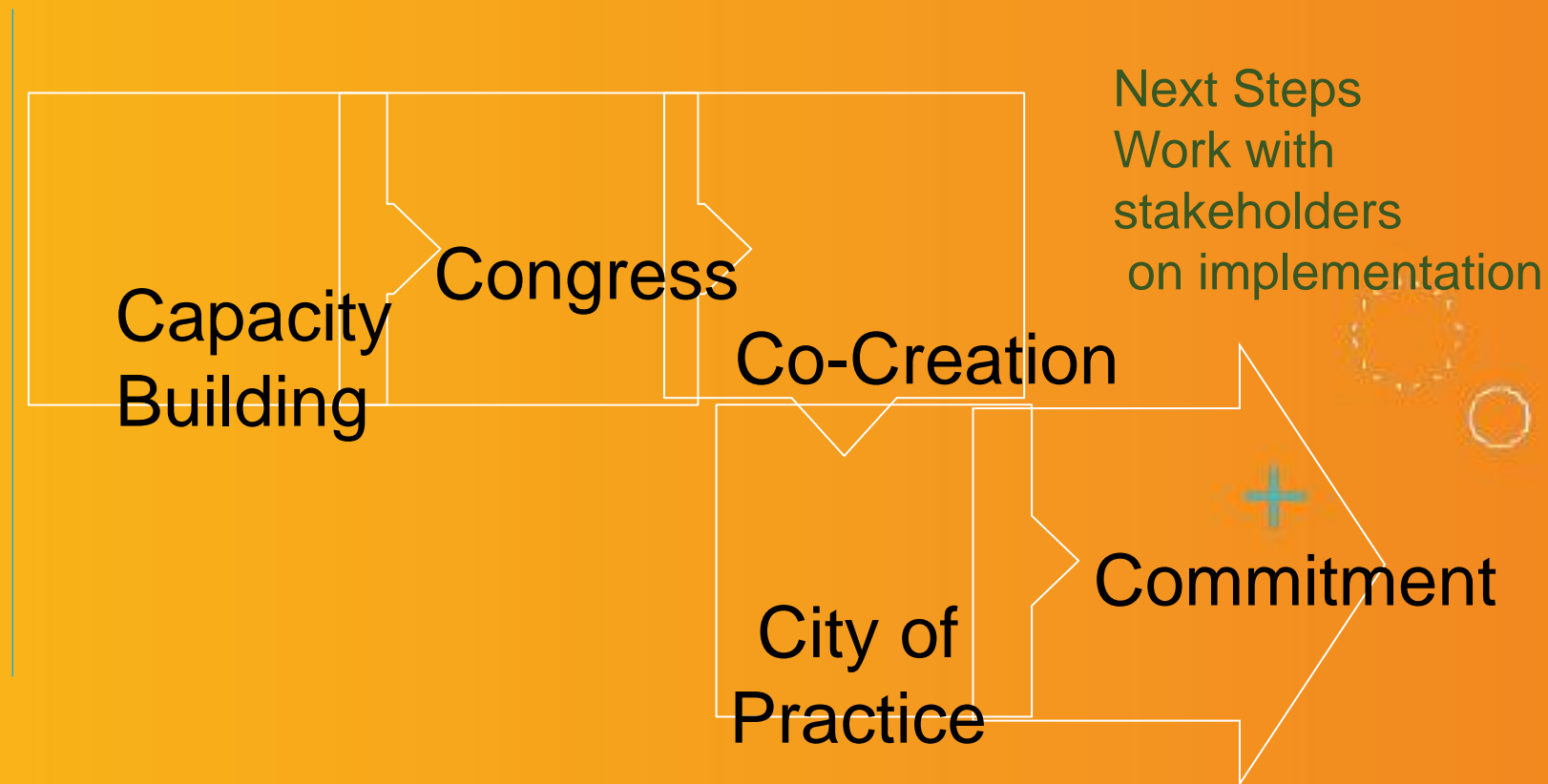
4 Days of  
conversation and

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40 Partners  
involved

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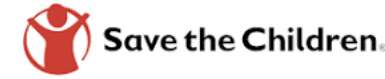
Over 400 plus  
young African  
participants



# Some of the Commitments



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**How?** Ensuring young people are empowered, educated and have opportunities for their advancement towards the attainment of their full potentials



## Education

- Scholarships
- Alternative pathways
- Models for Teacher Development

## Employment

- Skills Transfer
- Hubs
- Digital Skills
- Job Centres
- Internships & Apprenticeships

## Entrepreneurship

- Providing Growth Capital to SMEs
- Nurturing Startups

## Engagement

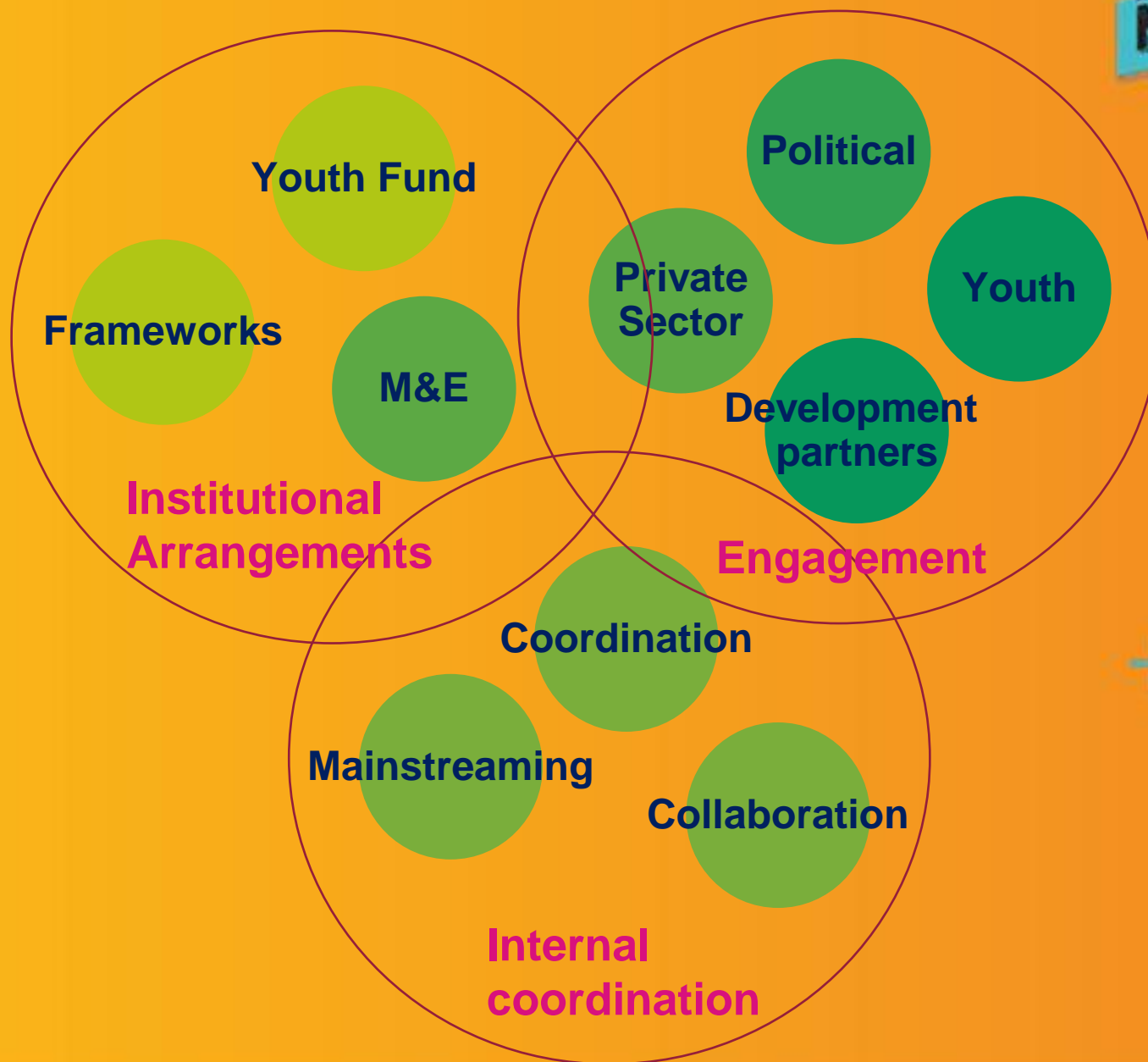
- Leadership Programmes
- Exchange and Volunteer Programmes
- Youth Engagement Platforms

# How? Partnerships and Coordination



## Country Acceleration

Country Acceleration will focus on localizing partnership coordination to respond to national priorities and context.



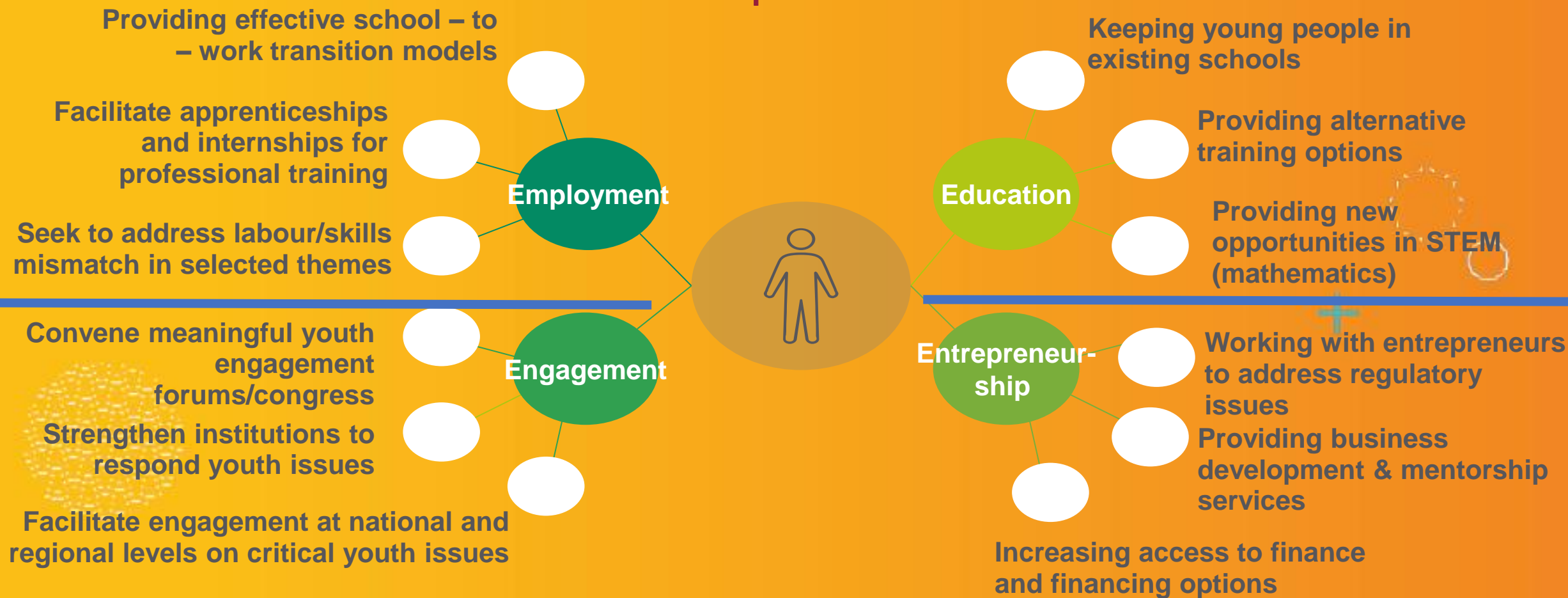


# How? Country Acceleration Strategy



Choose Scalable solutions/ideas

Enable at scale implementation



## Key Principles

- Building on what exists
- Focus on delivery of results
- Leverage on existing capabilities and infrastructure
- Agility

## Key actions

- Identification of Priorities informed by 4E's and Country Context
- Define solution / idea to be scaled up;
- Mobilize key national partners (public, private and development partners, financial institutions, youth) around the ideas / solutions;
- Put in place a coordination, accountability and reporting mechanism

## Some countries have initiated action



- Provide tools and guidance and technical support
- Link Member States to continental level partners
- Monitor progress at the continental level
- Share good practices and facilitate inter country learning and collaboration



# How? Next steps



## Strategy

Implementing the Country Acceleration Strategy

## Action

Support Member State level actions



## Inform

Disseminating Initiative to the Assembly

## Compacts

Establishing compacts with partners



Strategy

Inform

Validate

Action

Compact  
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# Thank you

