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Governments in Africa and their stakeholders have been disappointed with the number of wage and salary jobs that have been created over the last decade or more. Even in countries that experienced both strong economic growth and rapid poverty reduction during this period, job creation has lagged behind expectations. Faced with a rapidly growing labor force, Africa has to find new ways to create better paying jobs. Working Out of Poverty reviews the literature and presents original research by the authors analyzing job creation in Sub-Saharan Africa in light of economic performance over the deca