

### NEWS ON SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY

[Empowering women in Asia](#). This news piece is on the empowerment of women in the region, although there are few women "at the top" and social norms undervalue girls and women, women have benefited from Asia's economic development. According to the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2011, rising prosperity has narrowed gender inequality in many countries.

According to the [Times of India](#), the state government has decided to convert employment exchange offices into career guidance centres in a bid to meet the target of creating one million skilled manpower in the state in the next five years.

[Temporary employment boosts early recovery from Fiji floods](#). The cash-for-work initiative, funded by the UNDP with support from UN Women and the ILO) is being implemented with the Government of Fiji to focus initially on market vendors in Rakiraki, one of the country's worst affected districts.

READ MORE NEWS ON THE [SKILLS AND EMPLOYABILITY NETWORK](#)

### NETWORK INFORMATION

We have now passed 500 members and our network is thriving but we would like to hear more about **YOU and YOUR ORGANIZATION**.

We would encourage you to share information about your projects, developments and resources in the fields of Skills and Employability. Please send your contributions to

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## Visioning Event on Managing Skills and Employability for Decent Work through Building a Community of Practice and a Roadmap for the Regional Skills Programme, Bangkok, Thailand



The Skills and Employability's Regional Skills Programme Visioning Event took place from the 22 to 24 of May 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. Twenty participants (from India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam) attended the event, representing government, workers' and employers' organizations. Through the event, the participants came to a consensus regarding the way forward for both the Regional Skills Programme (RSP) and the Skills and Employability Network's Community of Practice (CoP). The ILO Regional Skills Programme for Asia and the Pacific (RSP) constitutes the skills and employability priorities for the region and is drawn from the skills and employability outcomes of the Decent Work Country Programmes (DWCP) of ILO Member States. It is supported by resources from the ILO and selected donors like the Governments of Japan and Korea. The RSP builds upon the invaluable earlier work of both the Asia and Pacific Skill Development Programme (APSDEP) and the Regional Skills and Employability Programmes

(SKILLS-AP). The participants at the Visioning Event developed a roadmap containing short-term, medium-term and long-term tasks covering the following priority areas; 1. Regional Model Competency Standards & Competency Based Training; 2. Rural Skills and Skills for Rural Development; 3. Skill Anticipation and Labour Market Information Systems; and 4. Skills for Green Jobs. To read more about the event go to <http://apskills.ilo.org/about>

### ILO PUBLICATION— YOUTH AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Four million more unemployed youth since 2007, that is the bitter reality. The financial crisis left youth unemployed in many parts of the world. In its report on the [Global Employment Trends for Youth 2012](#), the ILO examines the continuing job crisis affecting young people in many parts of the world. It provides updated statistics on global and regional youth unemployment rates and presents ILO policy recommendations to curb the current trends.

More information:

[Youth unemployment rate estimates and projections by region, 2000-2016](#)

[Global youth unemployment trends and projections from 1996 to 2016](#)

You can also find more information on this topic on the ILO CoP on Youth Employment—[APYouthNet](#)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Consultation Workshop](#) on Vocational Skills Development Law in Viet Nam on June 14, 2012

- National [Workshop on Skills Recognition for Returning Migrant Workers](#) in Cambodia on June 21, 2012



## NEW ILO EMPLOYMENT BRIEFS—JUST OUT!

The ILO has just published a set of briefs on Employment related issues. The briefs are available in English and some are also available in Spanish, French and Italian and they are developed by the Employment Sector of the International Labour Office.

### DISABILITY

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**Disability**

**The Challenge**  
People with disabilities remain largely invisible in the statistics on employment and other issues in the global economy. In most countries, people with disabilities are concentrated in the informal economy, with low wages and no social security. They are also often excluded from the labour market and face discrimination in the workplace. The ILO is working to improve the situation of people with disabilities through its various programmes, including the Decent Work Agenda.

**The ILO Response**  
ILO activities, including the International Labour Office's Decent Work Agenda, focus on promoting the employment of people with disabilities in the formal economy. This involves providing technical assistance to governments and employers to create an enabling environment for people with disabilities. The ILO also works to improve the skills and employability of people with disabilities through its various programmes, including the Decent Work Agenda.

**Key messages**  
• People with disabilities are a valuable part of the workforce.  
• Governments and employers should create an enabling environment for people with disabilities.  
• The ILO is working to improve the situation of people with disabilities through its various programmes.

### GENDER

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**Gender and Employment**

**The Challenge**  
Women remain the most vulnerable group in the global economy. They are often excluded from the labour market and face discrimination in the workplace. The ILO is working to improve the situation of women through its various programmes, including the Decent Work Agenda.

**The ILO Response**  
ILO activities, including the International Labour Office's Decent Work Agenda, focus on promoting the employment of women in the formal economy. This involves providing technical assistance to governments and employers to create an enabling environment for women. The ILO also works to improve the skills and employability of women through its various programmes, including the Decent Work Agenda.

**Key messages**  
• Women are a valuable part of the workforce.  
• Governments and employers should create an enabling environment for women.  
• The ILO is working to improve the situation of women through its various programmes.

### YOUTH

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**Youth Employment**

**The Challenge**  
The current global economic environment poses a major challenge to young people. They are often excluded from the labour market and face discrimination in the workplace. The ILO is working to improve the situation of young people through its various programmes, including the Decent Work Agenda.

**The ILO Response**  
ILO activities, including the International Labour Office's Decent Work Agenda, focus on promoting the employment of young people in the formal economy. This involves providing technical assistance to governments and employers to create an enabling environment for young people. The ILO also works to improve the skills and employability of young people through its various programmes, including the Decent Work Agenda.

**Key messages**  
• Young people are a valuable part of the workforce.  
• Governments and employers should create an enabling environment for young people.  
• The ILO is working to improve the situation of young people through its various programmes.

### E. SERVICES

**EMPLOYMENT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND A FAIR GLOBALIZATION**  
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**Employment Services**

**The Challenge**  
The current global economic environment poses a major challenge to people in the services sector. They are often excluded from the labour market and face discrimination in the workplace. The ILO is working to improve the situation of people in the services sector through its various programmes, including the Decent Work Agenda.

**The ILO Response**  
ILO activities, including the International Labour Office's Decent Work Agenda, focus on promoting the employment of people in the services sector in the formal economy. This involves providing technical assistance to governments and employers to create an enabling environment for people in the services sector. The ILO also works to improve the skills and employability of people in the services sector through its various programmes, including the Decent Work Agenda.

**Key messages**  
• People in the services sector are a valuable part of the workforce.  
• Governments and employers should create an enabling environment for people in the services sector.  
• The ILO is working to improve the situation of people in the services sector through its various programmes.

On the Skills and Employability Network, you can find them all [HERE](http://apskills.ilo.org/)

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## ILO AND WORLD BANK DATABASE



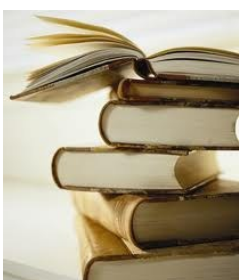
THE WORLD BANK

The ILO and the World Bank (WB) have produced this comprehensive new database that examines for the first time the policy responses taken by 77 countries since the start of the financial and economic crisis. The information contained in the database was collected over a two-year period (mid-2008 to end-2010) and comprises 55 low-income and middle-income countries and 22 high-income countries. It is organized around seven categories: macroeconomic policies; measures to increase labour demand; active labour market policies; unemployment benefits; social protection measures; social dialogue and labour standards. The web-based policy inventory has been built as a user-focused platform to facilitate interaction between interested stakeholders, including ministries, social partners, the private sector, implementing agencies, private corporate partnerships, individuals, and NGOs.

Find the inventory here: [The ILO/World Bank Inventory of policy responses to the global financial and economic crisis of 2008](http://www.ilo.org/wbi)

Also read the [Joint Report - Inventory of Policy Responses to the Financial and Economic Crisis](http://www.ilo.org/wbi)

## FEATURED RESOURCES



[The Social Crisis Behind the Economic Crisis - the Millions of Young People Unemployed.](#)

This is a newly published report from the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) on the pressing issue of youth unemployment.

[Employment Diagnostic Analysis: a methodological guide.](#)

The purpose of the present guide is to provide a tool for context-specific analysis of the dynamics and characteristics of employment and to identify and understand the causes behind the main constraints and challenges, as well as opportunities for increasing productive employment in an inclusive and sustainable manner.

[International Standard Classification of Occupations 2008 \(ISCO-08\): Structure, group definitions and correspondence tables.](#)

This volume presents the structure and definitions of all groups in the International Standard Classification of Occupations 2008 (ISCO-08) and their correspondence with ISCO-88.

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