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Dear Reader,

Included in this edition of our newsletter:

- Highlights of the 110th Session of the International Labour Conference, with recordings of the World of Work show available [here](#)

Coming in August, on the occasion of International Youth Day 2022: *Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022: Investing in transforming futures for young people*. The new report provides an update on key youth labour market indicators and trends, focusing on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and on how targeted and sustained investments in the green, blue, digital, creative and care economies can support a human-centred recovery and help to improve the labour market for young people.

And, don't forget to check out the Employment Policy Department podcast series [Global challenges – Global Solutions: The future of work](#), with a new episode “Work-life transitions: Are they becoming more turbulent?” coming on 28 July.

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## LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES

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### [Lessons learned from employment diagnostics during the COVID-19 crisis](#)

This document provides policymakers, development practitioners and social partners with a better understanding of the different types of employment diagnostic approaches that have been undertaken during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)



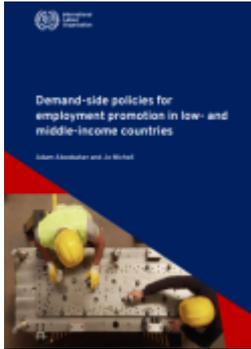
### [Promoting youth employment during COVID-19: A review of policy responses](#)

Economic and social disruptions caused by the COVID-19 crisis have particularly affected younger people, and therefore policy should respond with measures, programmes and initiatives targeted at this population group. Next to broader labour market and economic measures, which ultimately also benefit younger people, youth-targeted measures are needed given the specific impacts of the pandemic and resulting challenges. Against this background, this policy brief gives an overview on actual policy responses in the area of youth employment during the COVID-19 crisis in 20 selected countries. [Read more](#)



### [Job retention schemes during COVID-19: A review of policy responses](#)

This report provides an update on job retention policies in a sample of 20 countries representing the main world regions as well as the diverse types of job retention schemes, in particular, short-time work, furlough, and wage subsidy schemes as they have been implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)



### [Demand-side policies for employment promotion in low- and middle-income countries](#)

This paper provides greater clarity on key concepts linked to demand-side policies and how they can support job creation in a developing-country context. It also makes an important contribution to developing these issues further through a literature review and an exposition of key concepts and definitions. The framework proposed supports the analysis of job creation measures within a broader employment policy context and further thinking on this critical area of policymaking in low- and middle-income countries. [Read more](#)



### [Policy brief: Policy sequences during and after COVID-19: A review of labour market policy patterns](#)

This policy brief tracks the sequential logic of labour market policies across a sample of countries from all world regions. It shows the temporal overlap of many measures and highlights potential lessons for a future-oriented and more resilient institutional set-up. [Read more](#)



### [Technical brief: Using data from rapid surveys for employment policy: Applications in the COVID-19 era and beyond](#)

This brief focuses on providing guidance on the proper use of data from rapid surveys focused on employment outcomes. This includes the assessment of data quality, appropriate data analysis, and the interpretation and communication of findings. [Read more](#)



### [Technical brief: Alternative data sources for labour market diagnostics and policy response: Applications in the COVID-19 era and beyond](#)

This brief explores the opportunities and challenges posed by non-conventional data sources, offering policymakers a resource on how to improve employment diagnostics and resultant policy response. [Read more](#)



## **Growth, economic structure and informality. ILO Working Paper 69**

This paper explores the relationship between economic growth and informality and highlights the role of GDP growth and its composition in the level and evolution of informality, using country data from 1991 to 2019. [Read more](#)



## **Policy brief: Making digital skills initiatives inclusive of young persons with disability**

This policy brief encourages organizations to take an important step towards ensuring inclusive digital skills initiatives for all, including young persons with disabilities, and focuses on local practical and institutional arrangements as well as policy measures at the highest level to implement inclusive digital skills initiatives. The brief was launched by the [Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth](#). [Read more](#)



## **Fact sheet: Scaling up decent jobs for youth**

This programming note focuses on the ILO's work in promoting productive employment and decent work for youth in four key areas prioritized by the EU and its Member States: digital economy, green economy, rural economy and fragile situations. [Read more](#)



## **Skills and labour market transitions for refugees and host communities**

This study is a joint collaboration of the UNHCR, ILO, GIZ and Finn Church Aid (FCA) to identify good practices related to access to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes for refugees and internally displaced people, as well as their host communities, and their transition to the labour market. It reviews TVET systems and programmes implemented by national ministries, private sector actors, development agencies and non-governmental organizations across five countries - Ethiopia, Jordan, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda – prior to and during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)



## [Tracer study: Skills profiling application in Egypt for refugees and host communities](#)

[ILO PROSPECTS Egypt](#) in collaboration with [Skilllab](#), a social start-up based in the Netherlands, and the [Association of Businessmen in Alexandria \(ABA\)](#), piloted a skills-profiling application that enables refugees and host communities to self-assess and communicate their skills to potential employers. [Read more](#)

## **OTHER COVID-19 RELATED GUIDANCE AND TECHNICAL NOTES AND RESOURCES - AUTRES NOTES D'INFORMATION ET TECHNIQUES ET RESSOURCES LIÉES AU COVID-19 - OTRAS NOTAS INFORMATIVAS Y TÉCNICAS Y RECURSOS RELACIONADOS CON EL COVID-19**

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### [Other COVID-related resources](#)

- [COVID-19 and employment policies: Resources and tools](#)
- [Development and investment for a sustainable response to COVID-19](#)
- [ILO SKILLS response to COVID-19](#)
- [Employment, Labour Markets and Youth: Responses to COVID-19](#)
- [Country assessments using Rapid diagnostics for assessing the country-level impact of COVID-19 on the economy and labour market - guidelines](#)
- [The socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in fragile settings: Peace and social cohesion at risk](#)
- [Employment-Intensive Investment-Programme's response to COVID-19](#)

## **PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION - PARTENARIATS ET COOPÉRATION POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT - ASOCIACIONES Y COOPERACIÓN PARA EL DESARROLLO**

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- [EU-ILO “Building partnerships on the Future of Work” project](#)  
This project funded by the European Union (EU) aims at contributing to shaping the future world of work in compliance with the [ILO Centenary Declaration](#) on the Future of Work. It does so by promoting a global approach to the changing world of work, and by finding workable and sustainable solutions to key challenges related to the changing nature of work. [Read more](#)
- [Employment impact assessment to maximize job creation in Africa \(STRENGTHEN 2\)](#)  
STRENGTHEN 2 is a joint initiative of the European Union and the ILO that focuses on job creation through investments. The project is a strategic partnership with the overall goal of leveraging employment impact assessments

to promote the creation of more and better jobs in sub-Saharan African countries. [Read more](#)

- **[Mainstreaming Employment into Trade and Investment in the Southern Neighbourhood \(METI\)](#)**

METI is a programme funded by the European Commission and implemented by the ILO. It aims to better enable policy-makers in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to incorporate an employment perspective into trade and investment policies. This will support the design and implementation of investment strategies that optimize the quantity and quality of employment creation in the region. Here's the latest:

- Thematic report: [Trade, investment and employment in the Southern Mediterranean Countries](#). This report examines the evolution of trade, investment and industrial policies and their impact on economic transformation, diversification of exports and the labour market, with a focus on youth and women, and on small and medium-sized enterprises in the region. The report also provides an analysis of future trends that are expected impact to the labour market in the region. *French and Arabic versions forthcoming.*
- Report: [The Impact of Trade and Investment Policies on Productive and Decent Work. Country Report for Jordan](#). This report identifies the key issues to be addressed, and the policies and measures to be implemented in order to realize the potential to create more decent and productive employment in Jordan. Executive summary: [English](#), [French](#), [Arabic](#)

- **[ProAgro Ethiopia](#)**

The project aims to support the Government of Ethiopia by contributing to the creation of more and better jobs in the agribusiness sector. The project is designed under the framework of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development's (BMZ) Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation. Here's the latest:

- [Improving the production and productivity of the poultry sector towards creating more and decent jobs in Ethiopia](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

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Application  
deadline: 12 August

### **IsDB-ILO Youth Green Skills Accelerator Challenge Call. Promoting Youth Participation and Skills for a Just Transition**

The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) invite youth-led organizations, networks or coalitions to propose new and innovative ideas and solutions to support a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all. [More information](#)

12 September –21  
October

### **ITC-ILO: Jobs measurement and employment impact assessment**

This course aims at improving the design and implementation of policies for the creation of decent jobs by building the capacity of all relevant stakeholders to identify, measure and assess the employment effects of economic, sectoral, trade-related or labour market policies. Special attention will be dedicated to the assessment of employment impacts of pandemics like COVID-19. [For more information and to apply](#)

10 October – 11  
November

**ITC-ILO: Core skills for life and work in the 21st century**

The e-learning course on core skills for life and work in the 21st century contributes to the ILO's efforts to promote personal and professional development for all through lifelong learning. Participants will study a national core skills framework and an analysis of the impact of the global drivers of transformative change in the world of work in order to identify the core skills necessary for adaptation to the future of work. Information. [For more info and to apply](#)

19 September – 21  
October

**ITC-ILO: Promoting social cohesion and peaceful coexistence in fragile contexts through TVET**

This online course aims to assist participants working in the TVET sphere to strengthen the role of skills development policies and programmes in peacebuilding efforts through inclusive learning methodologies and the training of relevant core skills. This course provides practical guidance to trainers and managers of training centres on how to adapt training delivery to mixed groups, embed conflict resolution skills, cooperation, and other relevant core skills into training curricula, and create conflict-sensitive, inclusive, and diverse learning environments for all. The course is available in [English](#), [Français](#)

10 October – 4  
November

**ITC-ILO: Designing public employment programmes for a sustainable recovery**

Public Employment Programmes (PEPs) - or public works programmes - are an adaptive policy instrument that can create employment, fill gaps in the provision of assets or services, complement social protection provisions and contribute to Active Labour Market Policies (ALMPs). This course will discuss how PEPs can contribute to a sustainable recovery. The course is available in [English](#), [Français](#)

## RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

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27 May – 11 June

[110th Session of the International Labour Conference](#)

10 June

[World of Work Summit: Tackling multiple global crises, promoting human-centred recovery and resilience](#)

23 June

[Webinar: A better Europe for young people – What matters most?](#)

15 July

[Webinar: World Youth Skills Day 2022: Transforming Youth Skills for the Future](#)

## NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

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- [Flanders finances ILO Global Programme on skills and lifelong learning](#)
- [Blog: Adult learning and education, work and a sustainable future](#)
- [Blog: Enabling young persons with disabilities: inclusive digital skills initiatives](#)
- [PROFIT: L'OIT en Haïti et la Norvège croient fermement au potentiel du cacao et du fruit à pain dans le Grand Sud d'Haïti](#)
- [ILO Skills and Lifelong Learning Forum](#)
- [ILO and Embassy of Japan in Madagascar launch a project to strengthen community resilience against COVID-19 and drought](#)
- [Labour intensive approaches promote social cohesion among host communities and refugees in Sudan](#)
- [ILO is set to rehabilitate roads in the Greater Sepik Region in Papua New Guinea under the EU-Funded UN Joint STREIT PNG Programme](#)
- [The Employment Intensive Investment Programme \(EIIP\) digital collection](#)
- [YouthForesight newsletter - collective knowledge that works for youth](#)
- [The Islamic Development Bank and the ILO invite youth-led organizations, networks and coalitions to propose innovative ideas to support a just transition](#)

## MULTIMEDIA - MULTIMÉDIA – MULTIMEDIA

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- Video: [Our impact, Their voices: He is from Syria and I am from Iraq. But we work together like brothers](#)
- EMPLOYMENT Podcast series. Global challenges – Global solutions: The future of work. [Skilling, re-skilling, digitalization, and the future of work](#)
- EMPLOYMENT Podcast series. Global challenges - Global solutions: The future of work. [The digital divide: Can we narrow the gap?](#)

- EMPLOYMENT Podcast series. Global challenges - Global solutions: The future of work. [Crowd work: A new form of digital employment for young on-line workers](#)
- Event recording: [Indigenous peoples, climate change and the role of decent work for a just and peaceful transition. \(Part of the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development , 23-25 May\)](#)
- Event recording: [World Youth Skills Day 2022: Transforming Youth Skills for the Future](#)
- Newly updated website: [ILO Employment Policy Gateway section on Youth Employment](#)