Dear Reader,

We are pleased to introduce this year’s first issue of the ILO EMPLOYMENT Newsletter. As we begin the New Year, we commit to continue providing you with the latest on trends, good practices, research, and initiatives as they pertain to employment policies for inclusive transitions and social justice.

This newsletter's format and frequency may also change slightly throughout this year to highlight specific employment-related themes or topics, as well as projects operating in the field.

Highlights of this edition:

- Virtual event: Interactive dialogue and launch of “Work Wise Youth: A guide to youth rights at work”, 14 February: An interactive and inter-generational dialogue on the importance of promoting youth rights at work for individuals, businesses, and societies. Keynote speaker is Ms Ouided Bouchamaoui, 2015 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Hybrid event: Skills Fair on Quality Apprenticeships, 27-29 February: The overall goal of the Fair is to promote the Quality Apprenticeships Recommendation, 2023 (No. 208) and exchange good practices related to the regulation and promotion of quality apprenticeships.
• ILO EMPLOYMENT podcast series: Global challenges – Global solutions: The future of work, new episode “How can we close the skills gap? Quality apprenticeships and the future of work”.

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LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RECENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES

Part II: Two decades of national employment policies 2000-2020
Part II of a three-part report entitled “Towards a new generation of national employment policy (NEP): What can we learn from the evolution of the scope and content of NEPs” shows the results of participatory processes and how they shape the content of NEPs over time. It aims at cataloguing employment solutions that countries can refer to when developing or updating their employment policies.

Impact of the escalation of hostilities in Gaza on the labour market and livelihoods in the Occupied Palestinian Territory
Prepared in partnership with the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), this second technical bulletin offers an updated assessment of the impact of the ongoing hostilities in Gaza on employment and incomes in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). It builds on descriptive analysis of secondary labour force survey data, as well as forecasting model simulations provided by the econometric model developed jointly by the PCBS, ILO and MAS in 2018.

Guidelines on Green Employment Diagnostics for Just Transitions
The ILO, in collaboration with Genesis Analytics, has co-developed these guidelines for undertaking green employment diagnostics at the country level, supporting the goal of just transitions. The guidelines, complemented by an ILO framework for employment diagnostics, aim to enhance the understanding of the interplay between the environment, economy and employment, empowering ILO constituents to identify trends, constraints and opportunities related to climate change impacts on the labour market.
Examining persistent labour force transitions during the COVID-19 pandemic

Produced under the EU/ILO Building partnerships on the Future of Work project, this research paper examines how employment and labour force participation (LFP) changed during the COVID-19 pandemic in four developing countries - Argentina, Mexico, South Africa, and Vietnam - to assess the persistent changes in LFP and working status of different types of workers, even after a majority had been vaccinated against COVID-19. This study covers the period between the second quarter of 2020 and the third quarter of 2022.

Skills for Social Justice – Advancing social justice through stronger skills systems

Advancing social justice is one of the key missions of the ILO, and skills systems can play a vital role in this endeavour. This policy brief explores the role of skills and lifelong learning within ILO’s social justice framework. It provides insights on how the strategic integration of skills in policies for greener jobs, structural transformations, social protection, digital transitions, and transitions to formality is necessary for creating an equitable and sustainable future for all.


This paper takes the food-delivery platforms as a case study to examine the impact of digital labour platforms on employment and labour market in China. It reviews the recent employment policies in the digital economy including policies of labour relations, social security, wages, etc., and suggests new approaches and elements for the comprehensive national employment policy framework in the era of digitalization in China.

Sri Lanka’s Labour Market during the Economic Crisis of 2022-2023

This statistical brief offers an analyses of a number of economic crises impacting Sri Lanka’s labour market during the period 2022-2023, especially the falling labour force participation rate and effects of outmigration. Monitoring of these trends and further social dialogue are needed to support a labour market recovery strategy that is both inclusive and sustainable.
**Greening TVET and skills development: A practical guidance tool**

This practical guidance tool supports technical and vocational education and training (TVET) stakeholders in mainstreaming skills for the green transition in TVET and skills development in a systemic and holistic manner. Now available in [French](#), and [Arabic](#).

**Guidelines for developing inclusive transport infrastructure**

This technical guide, jointly developed by the ILO, UNOPS, UN-Women and Arup, aims to promote inclusive infrastructure in the transport sector. It does so by providing practical resources for governments and infrastructure practitioners in the Global South to mainstream inclusion in infrastructure development.

**Ex-ante Employment Impact Assessment of the SMART GRID project in Senegal**

This employment impact assessment report is part of the [STRENGTHEN2 project](#), a joint initiative of the EU and the ILO, which aims to use employment impact assessments to inform decision-making and promote the creation of decent jobs in sub-Saharan Africa. The report combines qualitative and quantitative methods based on data and results from the employment impact assessment of the PASE II project and assesses the job creation potential of the Smart Grid project, as well as the inclusiveness of jobs.

**EIIP Afghanistan News Brief, Issue 7**

This publication provides information about the activities of the Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP) Afghanistan project funded by the Special Trust Fund for Afghanistan and implemented by ILO as an intervention for Promoting Employment and Decent Work through the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus.

**Support to livelihoods through cultural heritage development**

This brochure highlights how the core competences of UNESCO and ILO combine to ensure dignified, sustainable livelihoods and create economic opportunities for Jordanians and Syrians through culture as a source of resilience. This will be achieved by engaging Syrians and Jordanians in the preservation and development of cultural heritage sites for tourism in northern Jordan through Employment Intensive schemes.
Series of articles produced by the TRACK-In project, appearing in "Politics and Governance" journal, part of Cogitatio Press

The following articles were co-authored by ILO's Niall O'Higgins and focus on young people’s vulnerability, the likelihood of NEET and the impact of public employment services such as the Youth Guarantee Programme in Southern Europe:

- The Youth Guarantee, Vulnerability, and Social Exclusion Among NEETs in Southern Europe
- NEETs and Youth Guarantee Registration: Examining the Link to PastUndeclared Work
- Subjective Well-Being of NEETs and Employability: A Study of Non-Urban Youths in Spain, Italy, and Portugal

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

14 February
Virtual event: Interactive dialogue and launch of Work Wise Youth: A guide to youth rights at work
Organized under the PROSPECTS programme, this virtual webinar will feature an interactive and inter-generational dialogue on the importance of promoting youth rights at work for individuals, businesses and societies. It will also provide a platform for launching “Work Wise Youth: A guide to youth rights at work”. The guide is intended to support ILO constituents and other stakeholders in their initiatives aimed at raising young people's awareness of their rights at work, with a focus on those in forced displacement contexts. Keynote speaker for the event is Ms Ouided Bouchamaoui, 2015 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. [Info](#)

27 - 29 February
Skills Fair on Quality Apprenticeships
This hybrid event is designed to bring together all the key stakeholders that at sectoral, national and international level are working to make apprenticeships a quality, market-relevant and sustainable form of education and training to create solutions to youth unemployment and upskilling and reskilling challenges. The overall goal of the Skills Fair is to promote the Quality Apprenticeships Recommendation, 2023 (No. 208) and to exchange good practices related to the regulation and promotion of quality apprenticeships. [Info and registration](#)

8 – 12 April 2024
ITC/ILO Course: Shaping and managing effective employment services
This course responds to repeated requests made by ILO constituents to strengthen the role of employment services and labour market policies to promote employment and decent work. This course is of particular interest to operational managers of public employment services, ministries labour and employment, worker and employer representatives, staff of international organizations and others dealing with design and implementation
of employment services and labour market programmes. Course available in English and French. Apply by 25 Feb 2024. [Read more]

8 April - 3 May

ITC/ILO Course: Employment-Intensive Investment
This course aims at helping participants understand the rationale for promoting employment-intensive approaches in delivering public investment by exploring the thematic areas of the Employment-Intensive Investment Programme and their integration with ILO core values. The course also dives into implementation challenges at the national, local and community level and provides insights into adopting feasible approaches to the optimization of employment opportunities that can help meet local infrastructure needs. Apply by 1 April. [Info and registration]

RECENT EVENTS - EVÉNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

23 January
Final conference of the TRACK-IN project in Brussels, organized as part of the TRACK-IN project on public employment services to track effectiveness in supporting rural NEETs

15 December
Inter-agency Career Guidance event: The quest for quality in career guidance – A conversation with Sareena Hopkins

12 December
2023 Global Refugee Forum Education Forum Event: Boosting refugee self reliance through Technical and Vocational Education and Training

12 December
2023 Global Refugee Forum Side Event. Youth Leadership in Action: The future we cannot afford to ignore

6 December
ILO at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) UAE

- G7 Green jobs and skills: Increasing international cooperation and investment for just transitions
- Empowering the Green Workforce: Education and Skills for a Just Transition
- Innovation in skills financing for a just transition

[Replay other ILO organized COP28 events]

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- ILO’s EIIP in Lebanon vies for the UN Sustainable Procurement Project Award
• Palestinian unemployment rate year-on-year is set to nearly double as a result of escalation of hostilities in Gaza

• Senegal officially joins the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions

• 2023 Global Accelerator Results: Towards decent jobs and social protection for all

• ILO launches first global report on public employment services and active labour market policies for transitions

• Digitalizing agro-processing small and medium sized businesses in Ethiopia

• Advancing Kenya’s digital infrastructure: Navigating challenges and embracing AI

• Improving the PROSPECTS for workers powering AI

• STRENGTHEN2 and PARTNERSHIPS organized the 3rd symposium with IFIs

• Lifelong learning vital for workers and businesses to navigate Asia’s skills landscape evolution

• ILO/Islamic Development Bank award three winners for green skilling solutions in post-crisis scenarios

• ILO strengthens capacities of Sub-Saharan African Skills and Apprenticeship Stakeholders Network

• Recrutement équitable: Accompagnement de l’Agence Emploi Jeune pour la création d’un service d’appui au placement à l’international

• Recrutement équitable: L’OIT organise un atelier de renforcement des capacités de la plateforme syndicale sur la migration de Côte d’Ivoire

• ILO leads discussions to support development of Grenada’s public employment services

• Fifth UfM Trade and Investment Forum: Trade provides economic opportunities, but can this be translated into decent jobs for all?

• ILO’s Youth-to-Youth Fund tackling youth unemployment in forced displacement contexts in Ethiopia

• ILO co-leads the Global Multi-Stakeholder Pledge to support work with, for & by young people in displacement

• Bridging the skills gap in Lebanon’s poultry sector
ILO and China collaborate to enhance high-quality employment through promoting south-south cooperation within the Belt and Road initiative.

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New! PROSPECTS project podcast series - Unlocking digital PROSPECTS for all:

- Episode 1: Bringing digital skills and jobs for youth in rural areas and refugees in Turkana, Kenya
- Episode 2: Understanding Digital Risks: Protecting Displaced and Host Communities in the Digital Economy

PROSPECT video: Approach to Inclusive Market Systems improves income of refugees and host communities in Uganda

Vidéo : Projet IPDLI : 10 ans de développement local en Tunisie et on continue

Vidéo : Projet IPDLI de l’OIT en Tunisie : Chemins de progrès en désenclavant à Balta Bouaouen