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Youth employment, SDGs and the way forward

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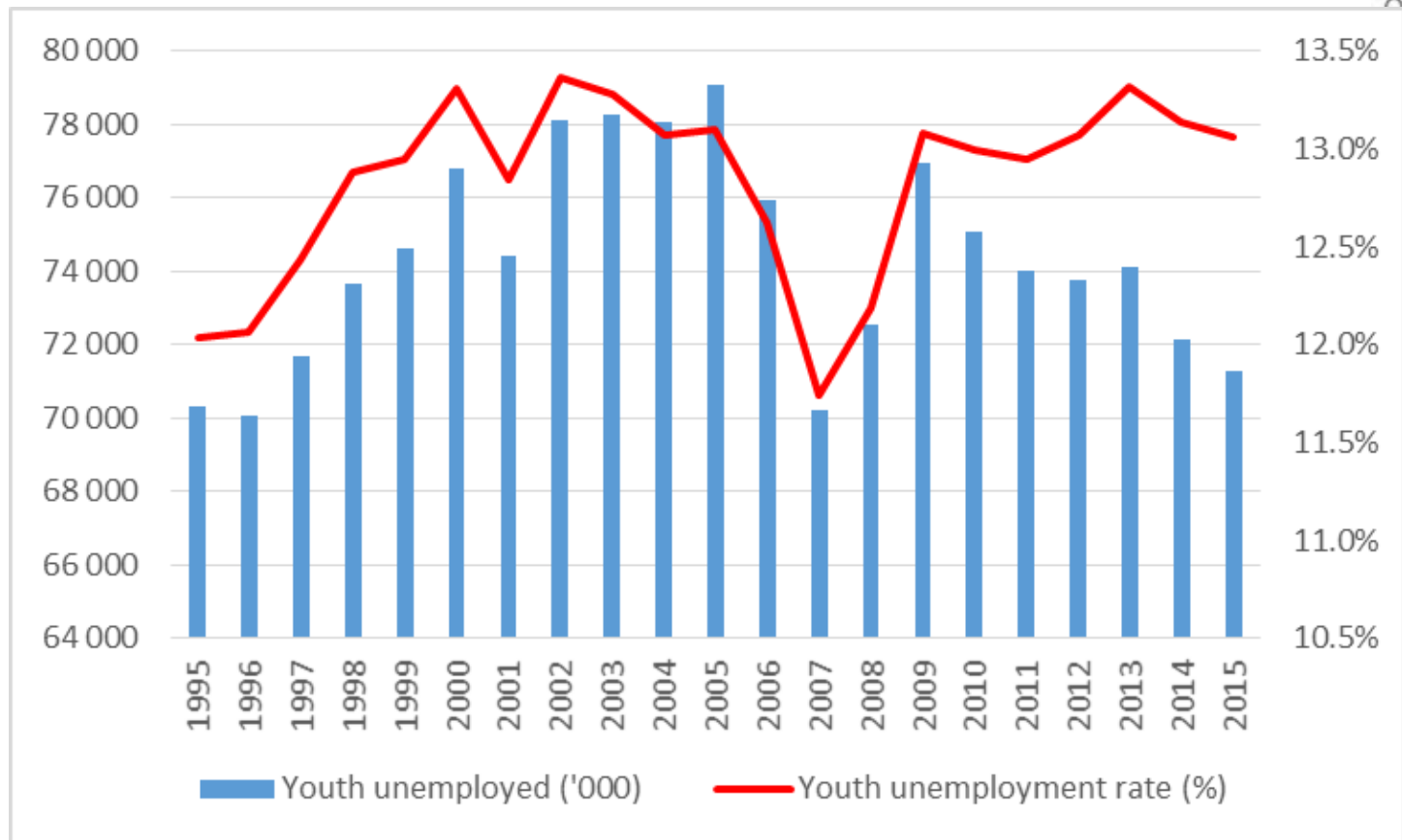
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The youth unemployment crisis



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Source: Weso Trends 2016



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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We are determined to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment.

PEOPLE

Youth unemployment and poverty

Globally

73 M
unemployed

169 M
working poor



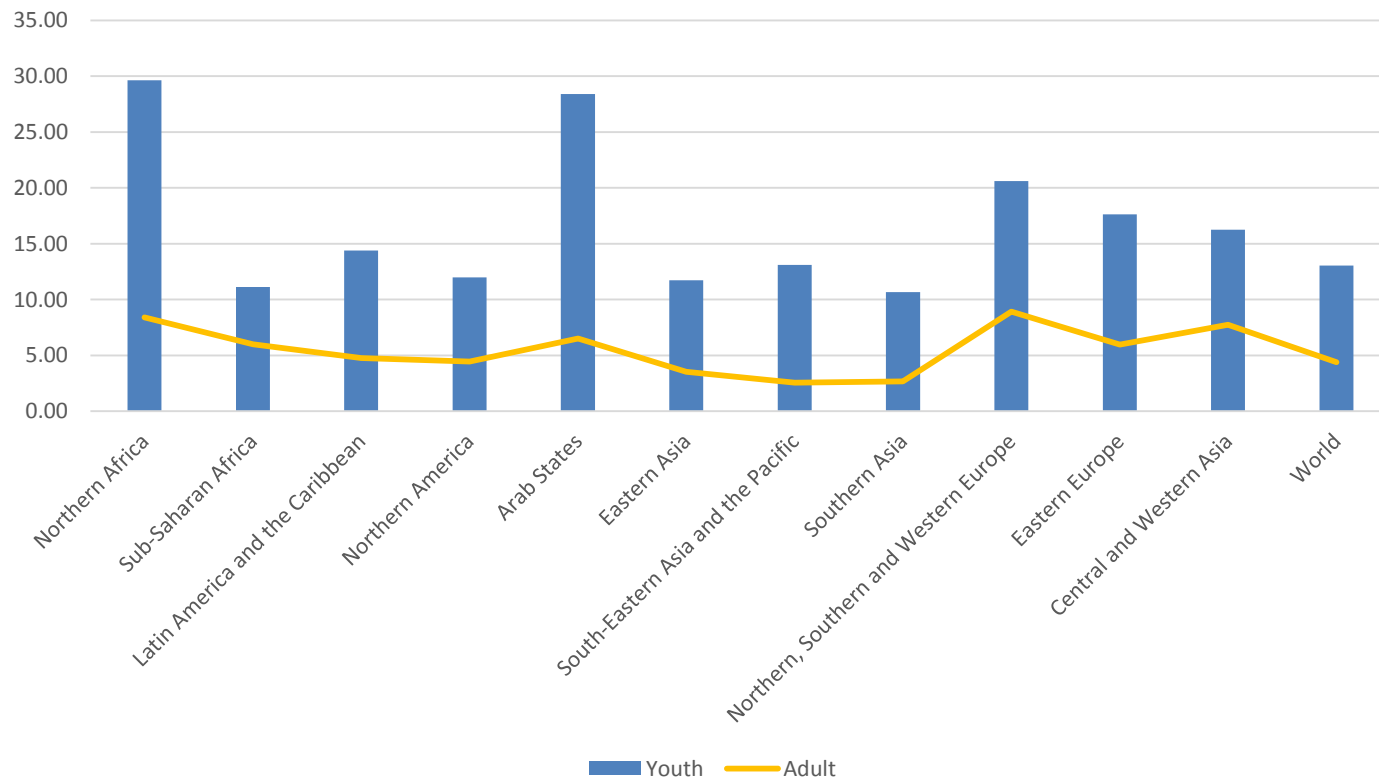
Asia Pacific

33 M
unemployed

103 M
working poor

Countries face the challenge of creating more jobs...

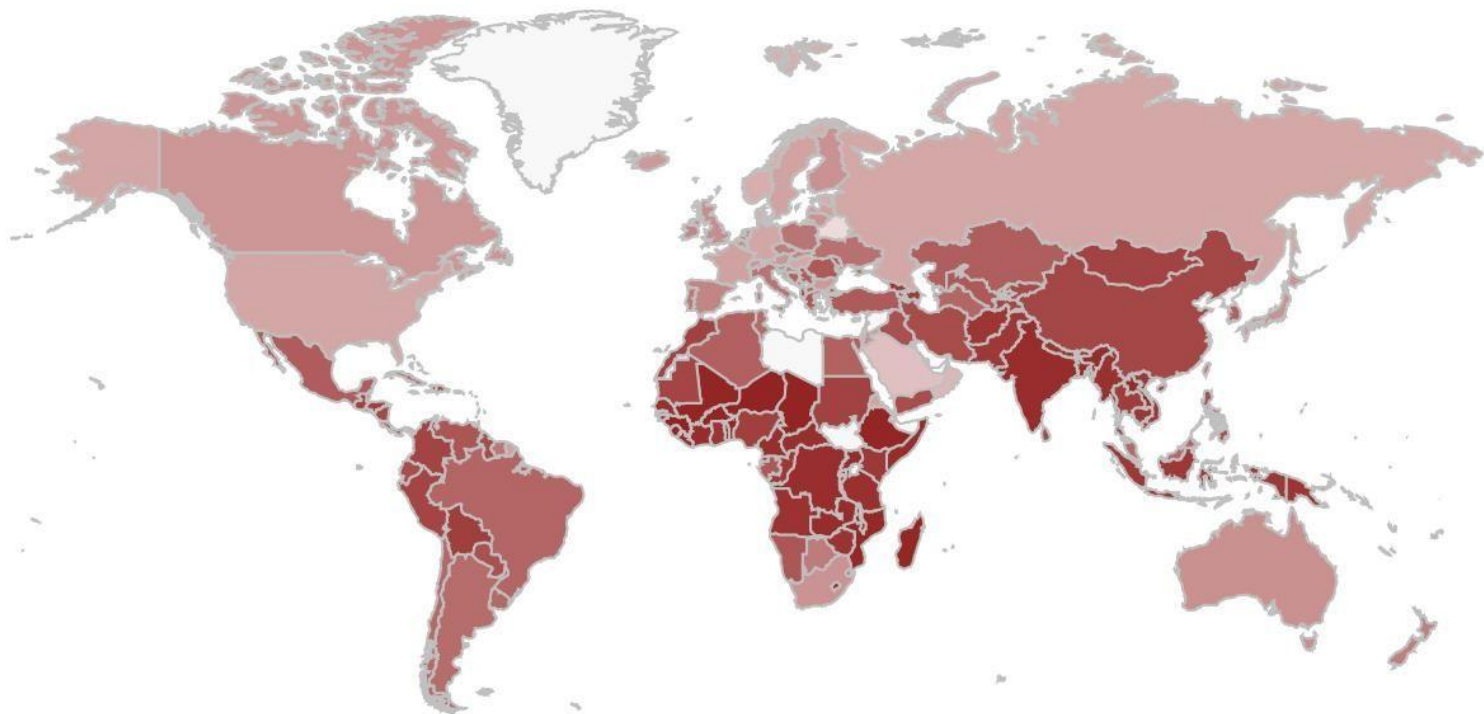
Unemployment rates, youth and adult, 2015 (%)



... In Asia the challenge is in improving the quality of jobs, including “vulnerable employment” ...

Countries by rate of vulnerable employment

Unpaid family & own-account workers as a percentage of employment



To benefit from the “demographic dividend” in developing economies implies enabling young people to escape from working poverty.





Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

We are determined to protect the planet from degradation, including through sustainable consumption and production, sustainably managing its natural resources and taking urgent action on climate change, so that it can support the needs of the present and future generations.

PLANET

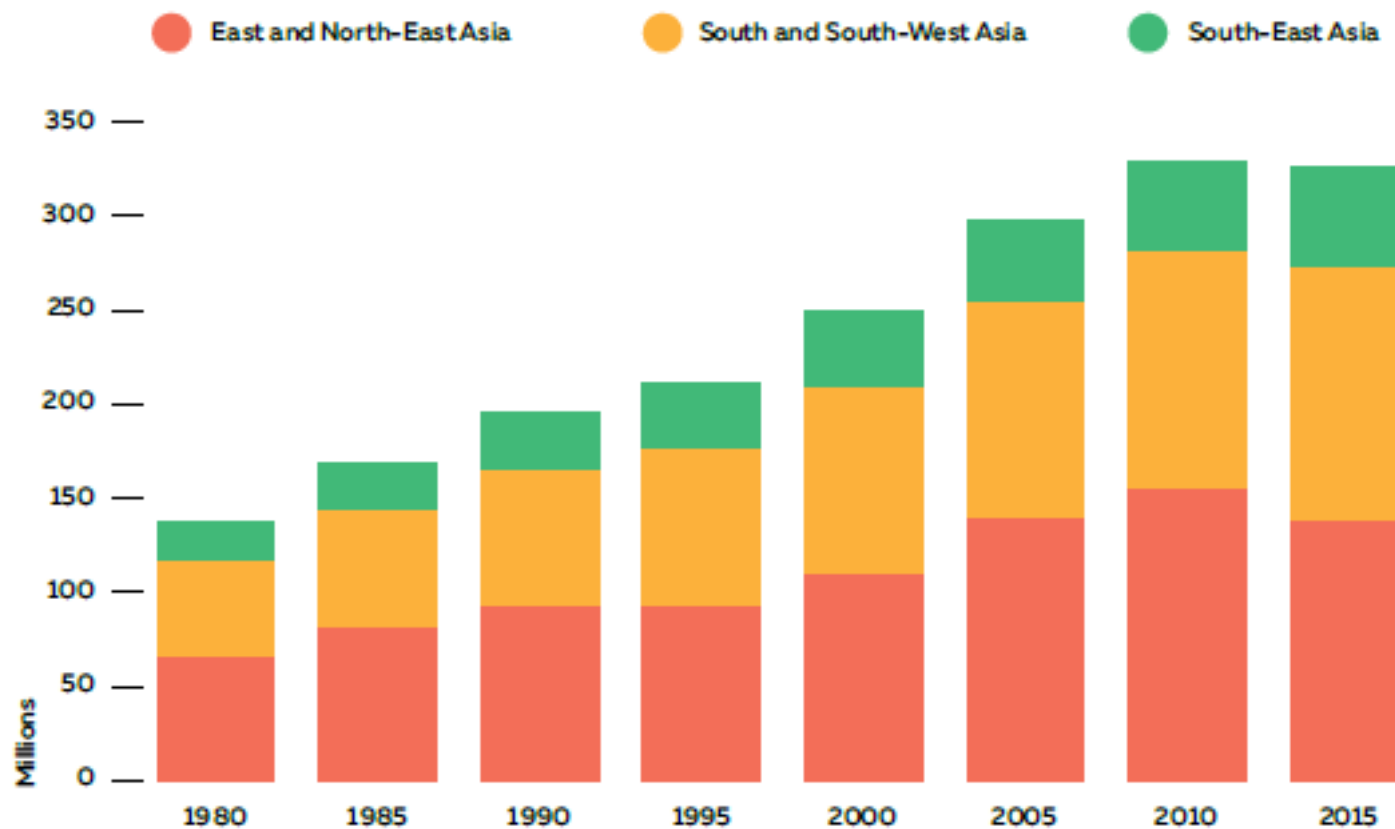


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Urbanization

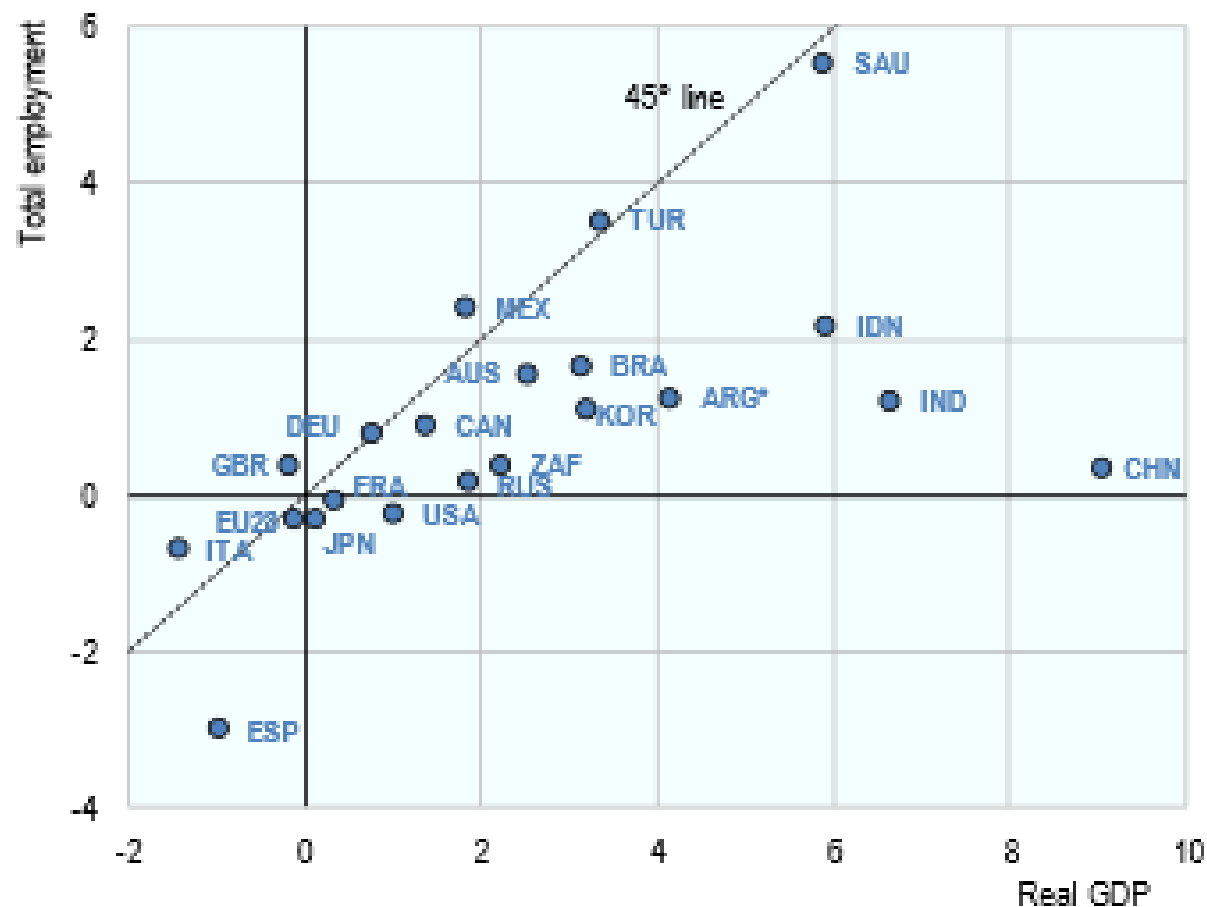
Urban youth in Asia in millions



We are determined to ensure that all human beings can enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives and that economic, social and technological progress occurs in harmony with nature.

PROSPERITY

Economic growth and job creation



There is a growing recognition that economic growth is critical but insufficient...



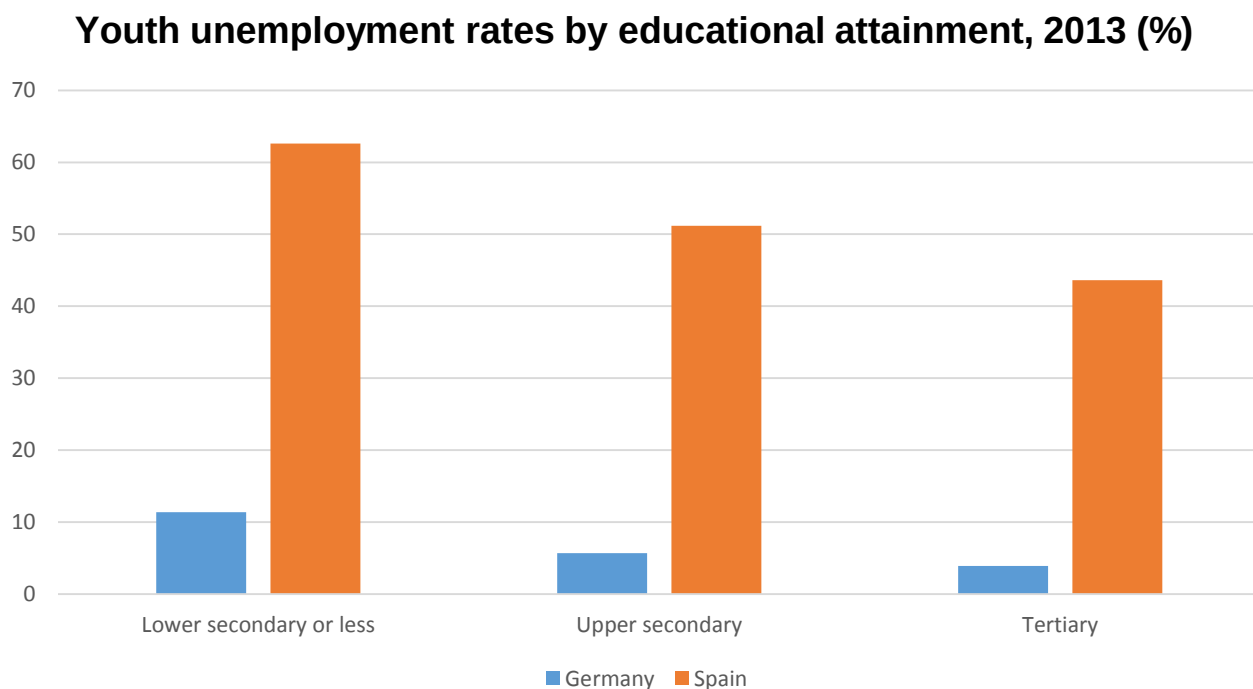
Is **education** the (only) answer?



**Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education
and promote lifelong learning opportunities for
all**

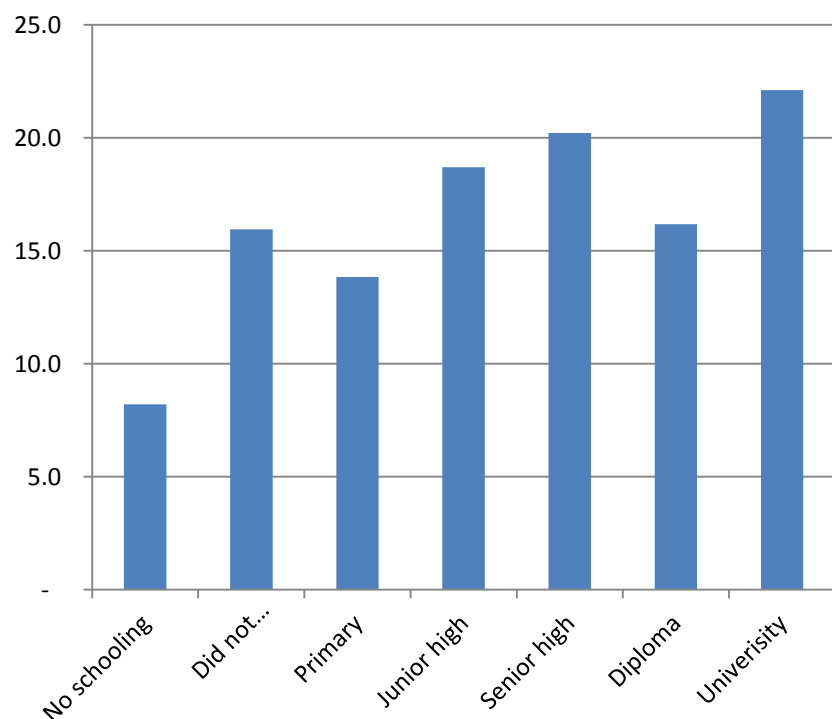
Policy options will vary by country

- In some (developed) countries , youth unemployment rates are highest for those with lower educational attainments

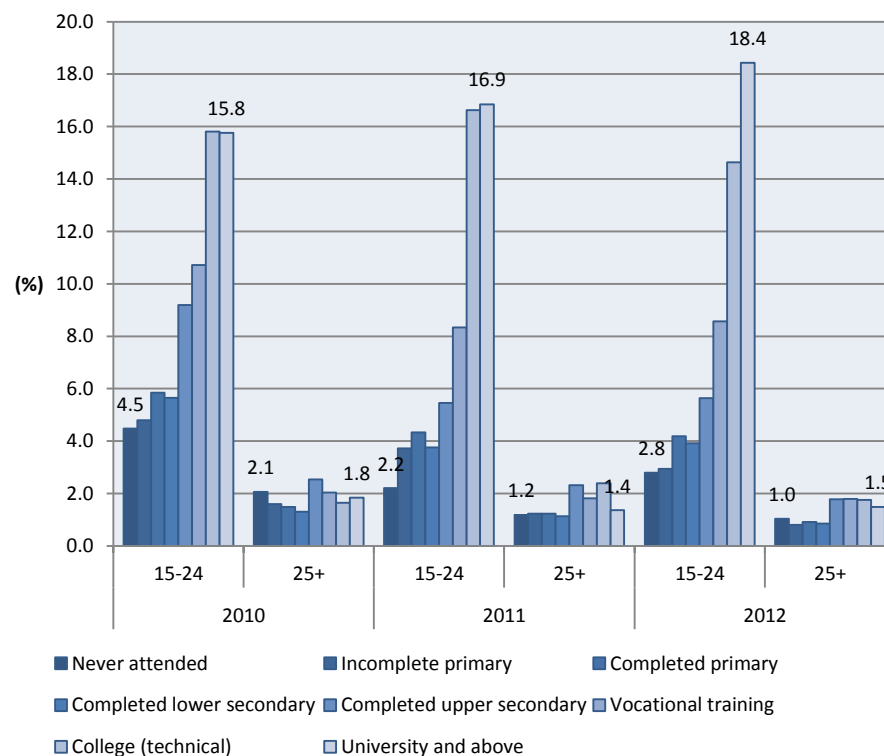


In many countries, economic “structural” change has not kept pace with educational achievements

Youth unemployment rate in Indonesia, 2013 (%)



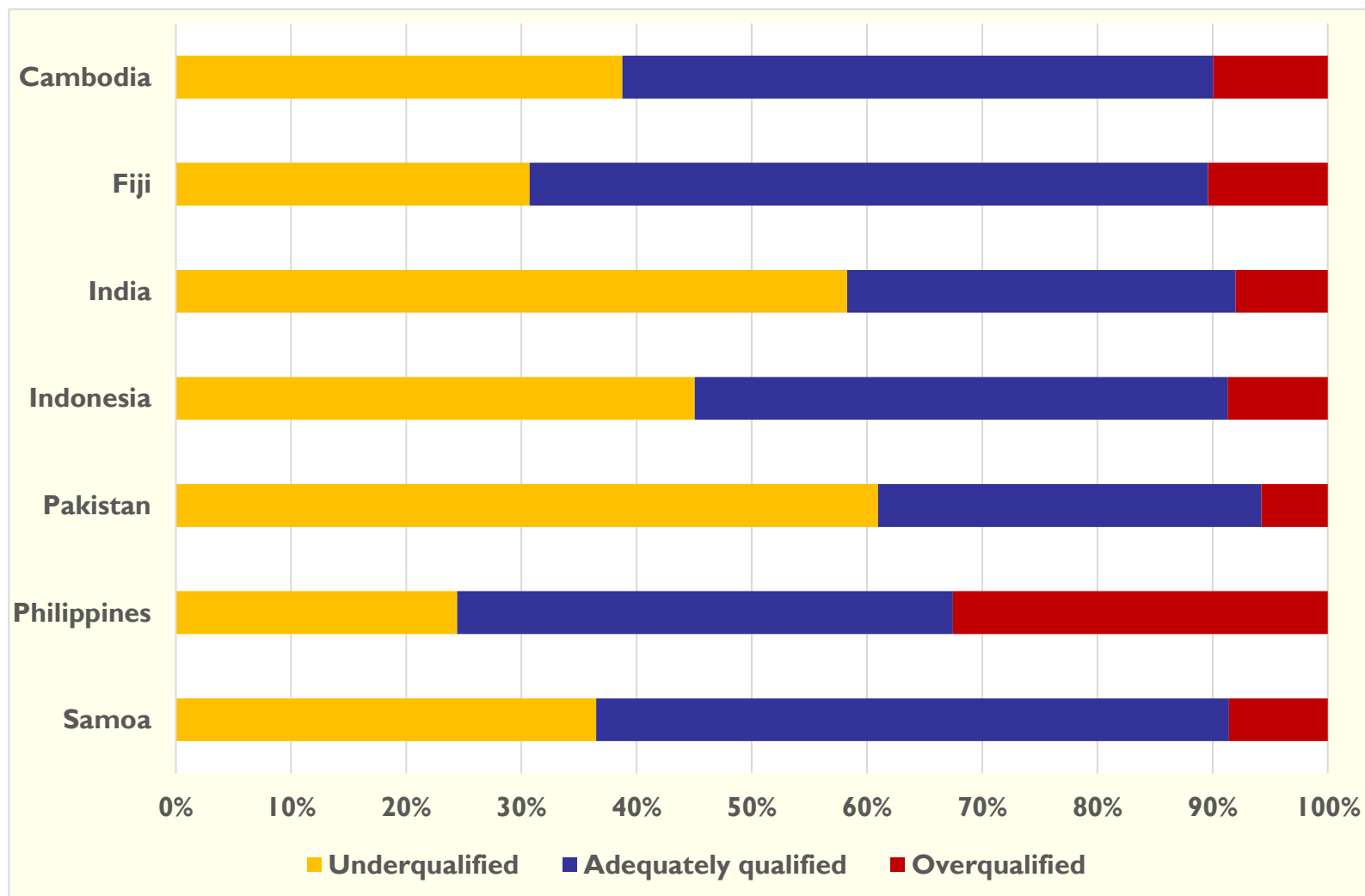
Youth and adult unemployment rates in Viet Nam (%)





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Qualifications mismatch of employed youth (%)

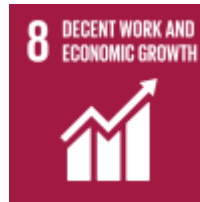


The school-to-work transition is not long to a first job for most youth, **but it takes an average of 19 months to complete the transition to a stable or satisfactory job**



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Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

The Call for Action



2012 International Labour Conference



Work-plan on youth employment: *Call for Action*

Areas of work:

1. Macroeconomic policies
2. Education and training
3. Labour market policies
4. Entrepreneurship
5. Rights for young people

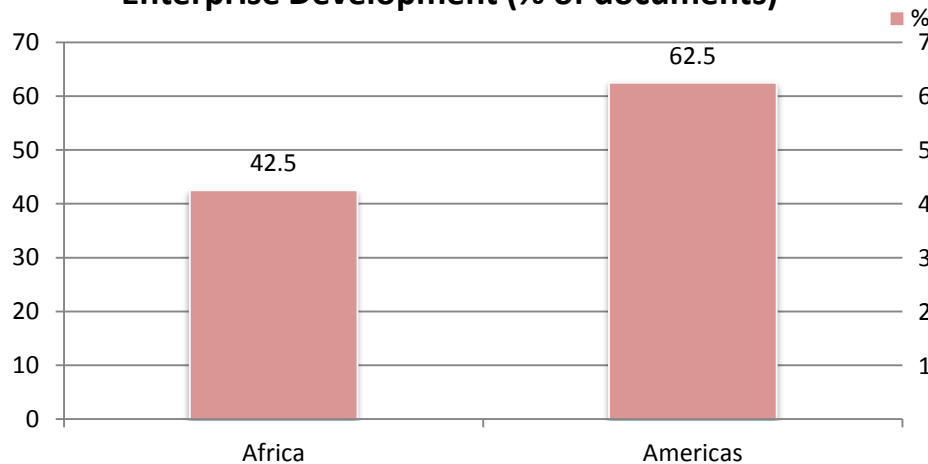
Channels of delivery:

1. Knowledge development and dissemination
2. Technical assistance
3. Partnerships and advocacy

Regional comparisons (1)

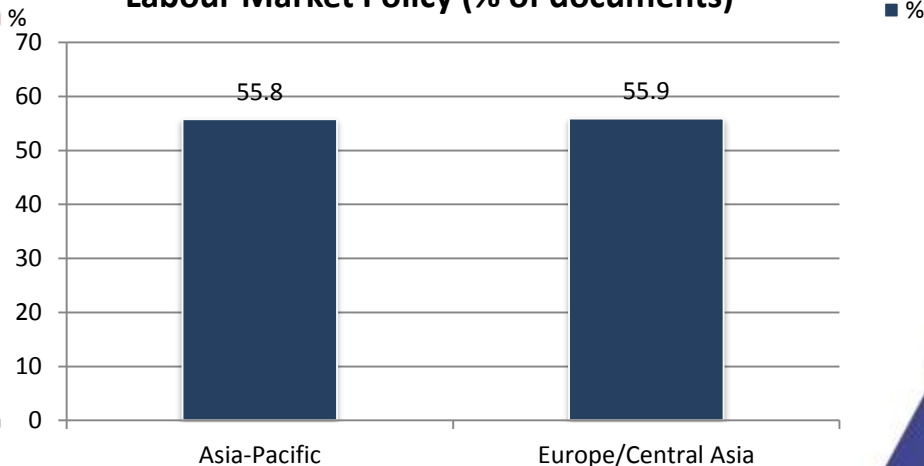
- 5 Regions, 42 countries, 267 document
- Most commonly addressed policy : **Education and training**
- Second most commonly addressed policy differs by region:

Enterprise Development (% of documents)



Source: YouthPOL 2014

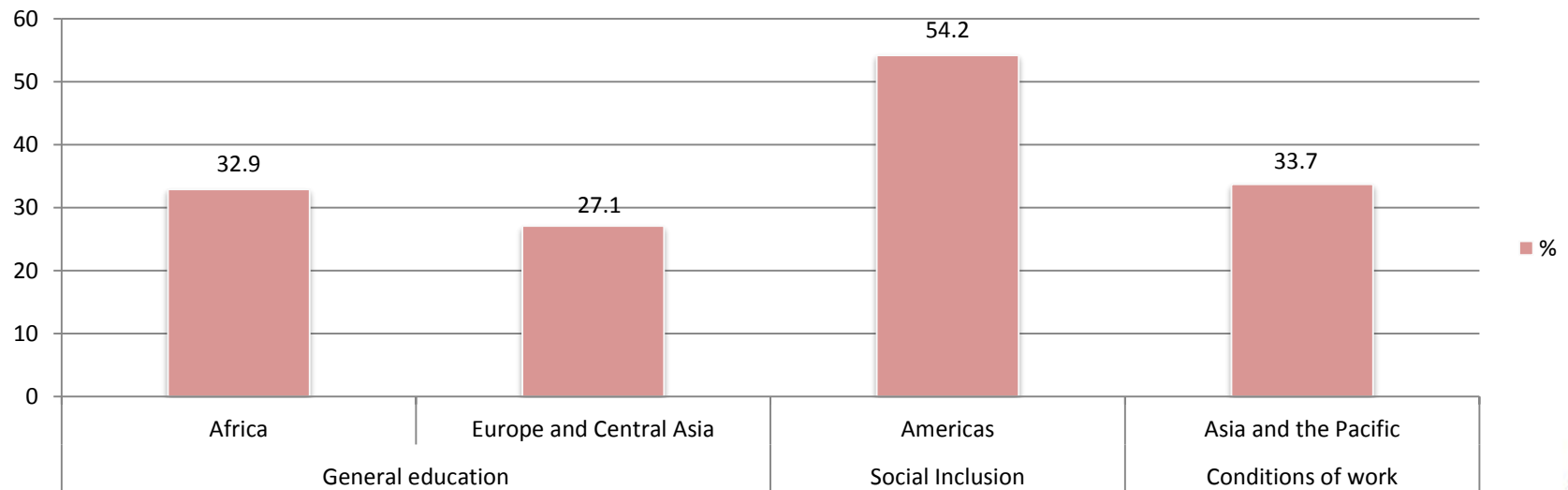
Labour Market Policy (% of documents)



Regional comparisons (2)

- Top employment challenge: **Quality and relevance of technical, vocational education**
- Second most commonly addressed employment challenge differs by region:

Second most cited employment challenge related to youth (% of documents)

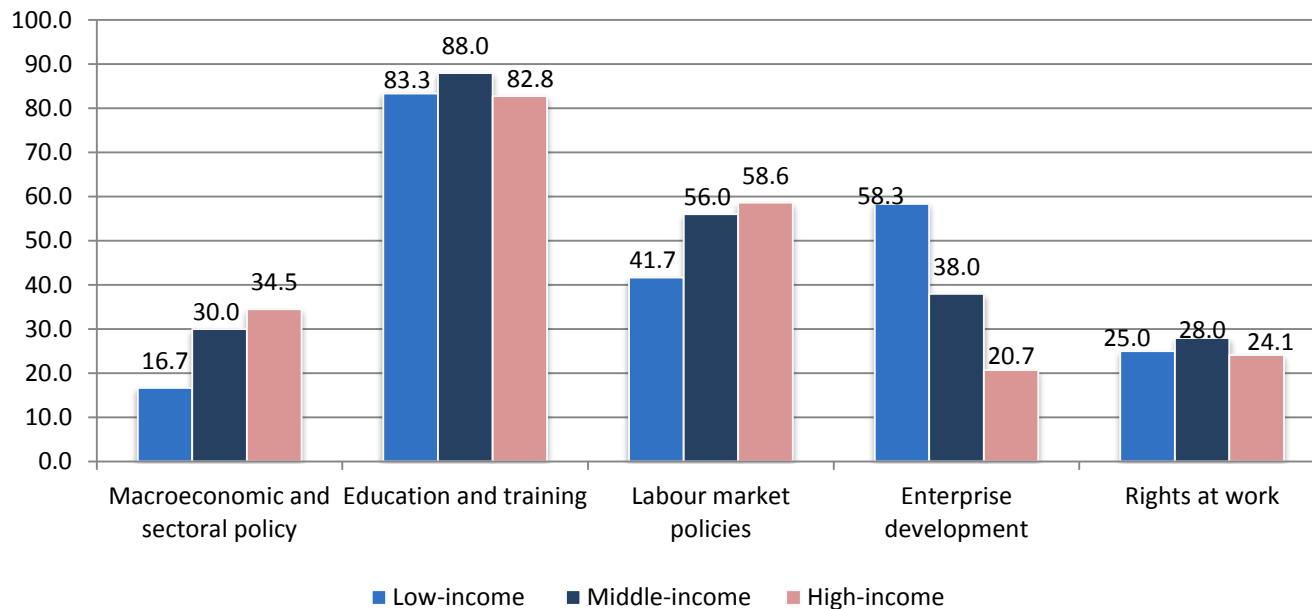


Source: YouthPOL 2014

Asia-Pacific regional analysis (1)

- 11 countries: Cambodia, China, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vanuatu.

Portion of documents addressing different policy areas by level of income (%)



Asia-Pacific regional analysis (2)

□ Education and Training highlights

- Technical vocational education and training (TVET): aligning curricula with industry
- Apprenticeships and work experience
- Career education
- Scholarships
- Recognition of prior learning

We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence. There can be no sustainable development without peace and no peace without sustainable development.

PEACE



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

We are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalised Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focussed in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.

PARTNERSHIP



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The background of the cover is a black and white photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a white turtleneck and a dark jacket. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. In the foreground, there is a close-up of a hand using a tool to work on a tire. A large, teal-colored diagonal band cuts across the lower half of the image, containing the title text.

The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth

To summarize...

Global trends for youth employment

Take away 1:

- *The youth employment crisis is easing...*
- *...BUT recovery is not universal*

Global trends for youth employment

Take away 2:

➤ *The nature of work is changing*

Global trends for youth employment

Take away 3:

➤ *Workers react and adapt*

And to conclude...

- ▶ **Capitalizing on the demographic dividend**
- ▶ **Including young people**
- ▶ **Measuring education; Promoting work experience**
- ▶ **Building on the agenda 2030**



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