

Summary of ILO-OECD presentation on green jobs, and issues for discussion

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For the purpose of monitoring the “creation of decent work and good quality jobs that are contributing to a green, nature-positive economy and a just transition”, the ILO and OECD propose to align the concept of “green jobs” with employment in the environmental sector, as defined in the corresponding Guidelines adopted by the [*19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians \(ICLS\)*](#), including the quality of those jobs as an integral part of their measurement. It is also important to measure employment in the “brown” sector to identify workers at risk of job or income loss or displacement and in need of employment and income support. There is no single-best methodology to measure both types of jobs and the method used will depend on the policy objective and data availability. However, the choice of measures can be narrowed down based on criteria including their **Scope** and whether **Comparable**, **Operational** and **Relevant** (SCORE). For assessment exercises which estimate the incidence, distribution and characteristics of green jobs and jobs in the brown sector, task-based measures are identified as suitable measures. For identifying emerging skill needs associated with the green transition, a possible method is the use of big data on job vacancies. Finally, for more forward-looking exercises that examine the employment consequences of different policy and investment scenarios to promote the green transition, general equilibrium models and input-output modelled estimates are the most commonly used methodologies. Each of these methods has its own advantages but also certain limitations, including data availability.

Issues for discussion:

1. Do Delegates agree that the concept of green jobs should be aligned with the 19th ICLS Guidelines and that employment in the brown sector should also be identified?
2. Do Delegates agree that different policy issues/objectives require different data and methods?
3. Are there any key elements missing from the ILO-OECD’s proposed methodology? Are there other methodologies that should be explored in addition to those identified?