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Green Jobs Kick-Off Workshop in the Arab States: Lebanon Case Study

ILO's Green Jobs Initiatives in the Arab Region

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Regional Level

- Greening the brown economies with an emphasis on employment implications has been integrated into the regional UN response to the Arab Spring

Lebanon

- Case study: Assessment of Green Jobs potentials in four economic sectors, namely: energy, construction, waste management, and agriculture and forestry
- Collaborated with LSES in developing a project on promoting green jobs in solar energy
- Developing an intervention on promoting green jobs in waste composting and organic agriculture

Syria

- Mainstreaming green jobs into the UN Development Assistance Framework (2012-2016) outcome on pro-poor growth
- Creating green job opportunities for young people in poor rural areas (developing skills in solar thermal applications) - part of a UN joint MDGs initiative

Gaza: Turning a Crisis into an opportunity

- ILO collaborated with UNRWA in 2009 with the aim of empowering the local community to build their own earth shelters.
- Shelters use CEB (compressed earth blocks) that use less energy during production and transportation; are recyclable; and highly efficient in energy use
- Project resulted in the creation of 19,000 working days for the construction of 59 homes and production of CEBs

Gaza - next steps

Overall objective: Promoting sustainable and green jobs for improved living conditions and preservation of the environment through skills upgrading, provision of safe housing and livelihood opportunities to vulnerable families in the Gaza Strip

- Developing Skills and Solutions for Green Construction
- Promoting Green Construction in the Gaza Strip
- Pilot Constructions and Retrofitting Activities (50 CEB shelters and 16,000 w/days)



