

PROMOTING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT THROUGH SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION IN THE ARAB STATES



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Strengthening national and regional response capacities and coordination mechanisms, as well as the commitment of social partners through South-South and triangular cooperation modalities is crucial to the sustainability of actions for promoting youth employment. South-South and triangular cooperation mechanisms provide innovative and scalable solutions to address youth employment challenges. Workers' and employers' organisations have a key role to play in the promotion of decent work for youth in the Arab States.



Successful experiences made in one country can be relevant for other countries. The Knowledge Management Facility for Youth Employment and Migration (KMF) - managed by the ILO Youth Employment Programme - organizes thematic and global workshops to share experiences, lessons learnt and good practices on youth employment and migration across national partners including representatives of governments, employers' organizations, trade unions and organizations representing the interests of young people and civil society, at national and local levels.

South-South and triangular cooperation and the Social Economy are based on the principle of solidarity. Peer-to-peer learning can expand the impact of Social Economy in national contexts; it can build wider regional and inter-regional networks and platforms for knowledge and experience sharing. The ILO is engaged in several initiatives that have evidenced the complementarity between South-South and triangular cooperation and the Social Economy.



Cooperative development can create more equitable distribution of income, democracy, and economic and social development. The Union of Cooperative Associations for Saving and Credit (UCASC) in the Occupied Palestinian Territories became the only legal entity of its kind, on the national level, to adopt the saving and credit concept. It supports women integration in rural development and their empowerment at the social, economic and political levels. These efforts resulted in the establishment of women groups and they collectively formed the nuclei for many women clubs in several villages. UCASC targets mainly vulnerable women, especially those in rural areas, through their saving and credit cooperative associations, and it also focuses on young women providing them with employment in coops with the first 3 months of salary subsidized. The work of UCASC inspired other women financial coops in the region and elsewhere like in Lebanon.

Green jobs are decent jobs that contribute to preserving and restoring the environment in traditional sectors such as manufacturing and construction, or in new emerging sectors such as renewable energy and energy efficiency. Country experiences from around the world have shown that the creation of green jobs contributes significantly to sustainable development. They present an effective means to revive economies and create youth employment. South-South cooperation can therefore scale up the impact of measures to promote inclusive green economies.





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ILO Solution Exchange Forum

19 February 2014
9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Venue: Salwa Ballroom, Segment A

AGENDA	
SYNOPSIS	A Solution Forum encompasses a series of good practices and lessons learned on South-South and triangular cooperation (SS/TC) on the theme of Youth Employment. It is designed to include representatives of governments, workers' and employers' organizations, in order to address the issue from different perspectives with an integrated approach. This allows for combining and better understanding the interrelation of fundamental principles and rights at work, labour standards, employment creation, social protection mechanisms, and social dialogue in strategies tackling Youth employment.
SEGMENT I: Sharing good practices on Youth employment	
MODERATOR	Mr. Jürgen Schwettmann , Director, Department of Partnerships and Field Support PARDEV, ILO
SOLUTION 1	Knowledge Management Facility on Migration and Youth Employment Mr. Gianni Rosas , Coordinator of the Youth Employment Programme, ILO
SOLUTION 2	Horizontal Cooperation on Territorial Youth Employment Pact, Albania and Tunisia Ms. Paz Aranciba , Chief Technical Officer, Tunisia, ILO
SOLUTION 3	Promoting Youth Rights at Work: lessons learned from Indonesia and Jordan, Mr. Yasser Ali , Project Coordinator, Jordan, ILO



SEGMENT II: Green Jobs for Youth	
MODERATOR	Ms. Anita Amorim , Head, Emerging and Special Partnerships Unit, PARDEV, ILO
SOLUTION 4	Greening the Economy for Youth: Barefoot College South-South Cooperation Initiative, Jordan and India Mr. Raouf Dabbas , Senior Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Jordan
SOLUTION 5	Green Jobs for Youth and Regional Cooperation in the Arab States, Mr. Hussein Abaza , Director, Centre for Sustainable Development Solutions, Egypt
SOLUTION 6	Green Jobs for Youth and Regional Cooperation: Case Studies and Comparative Analysis in the Arab States Mr. Hossam Allam , Regional Programme Manager, Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE), Egypt
SEGMENT III: Promoting Decent work for Youth, skills development and Cooperatives	
MODERATOR	Mr. Jürgen Schwettmann , Director, Department of Partnerships and Field Support PARDEV, ILO
SOLUTION 7	Role of Cooperatives in Promoting Youth Employment, Occupied Palestinian Territories and Lebanon Ms. Randa Abed Rabbo Zein , Director, Union of Cooperative Associations for Saving and Credit (UCASC)
SOLUTION 8	South-South Cooperation and Social and Solidarity Economy: My.COOP Training Package, Africa and Arab States Mr. Youssef Alaoui Solaimani , Expert Cooperatives and Social Economy
SOLUTION 9	Upgrading Apprenticeships: A Cross-Country Experience from Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan Ms. Christine Hofmann , Skills Development Specialist, ILO Decent Work Team for North Africa