



Building employment and decent work into sustainable recovery and development – The UN contribution

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Background: Policy coherence for employment and decent work



« In practice, the multilateral system is underperforming in terms of ensuring coherence among economic, financial, trade and environmental and social policies to promote human development and progress. »

A Fair Globalization: Creating Opportunities for All, Report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization (p.134)



Constraints to coherence



- 1. Unclear political will***
- 2. Institutional barriers***
- 3. Washington consensus***
- 4. Limited toolbox***



1. Political priority of job rich growth



Pittsburgh G20 Leaders Statement

“Our new Framework for Strong, Sustainable, and Balanced Growth requires structural reforms to create more inclusive labour markets, active labour market policies, and quality education and training programs.”

Seoul G20 Leaders Declaration

“We recognize the importance of addressing the concerns of the most vulnerable. To this end, we are determined to put jobs at the hearth of recovery, to provide social protection, decent work and also to ensure accelerated growth in low income countries. ”



2. Steps toward UN system-wide coherence



- MDGs
- Delivering as One (DAO)
- UN System Chief Executive Board (CEB)
- UN System Joint Crisis Initiatives (food security, trade, social protection floor, green economy, global jobs pact ...)
- G20
- Policy dialogue



3. Rethinking of economics



“To set unemployed men to work on useful tasks does what it appears to do, namely increases national wealth”

John Maynard Keynes,
The Collected Writings Volume IX,
Essays in Persuasion
(1972, p.90)



4. What about our toolbox?



Work in progress ...



Objectives of the workshop



- Expand our common set of tools
- Sharpen our own thinking
- Generate some momentum towards interagency coherence and cooperation



Structure and format



- Review key elements of the frameworks for growth, employment and poverty reduction DAY1
- Extract lessons from employment and labour market policies and programmes in key areas for poverty reduction (rural, youth) DAY1 and 2
- Boundaries of coherence and cooperation DAY2
- Define concrete steps to maintain momentum DAY3

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