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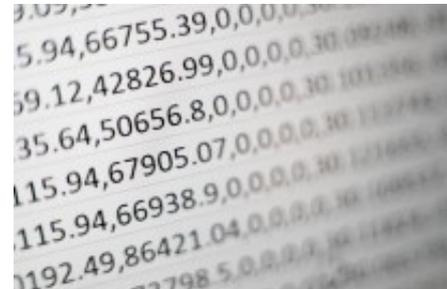


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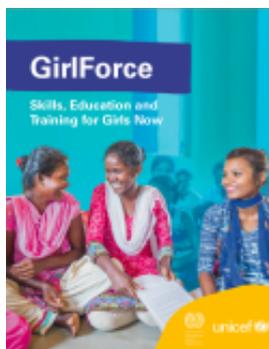
Dear Reader,

From 10-19 October the ILO convened the [20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians](#) and adopted a number of major resolutions, including [the methodology for the Sustainable Development Goal \(SDG\) Tier III Indicator 8.b.1 on youth employment](#). Following the conference, we commemorated World Statistics Day. Good statistics are vital for solid research and data-driven policies. As a knowledge-based organization, the ILO places great emphasis on producing high-quality statistics and data and in making this information broadly available in its quest to achieve sustainable development that includes everyone. Interested in learning more about Employment and Statistics or accessing other ILO tools, apps, legal databases and knowledge portals? Click [here](#) for additional information.



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LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES

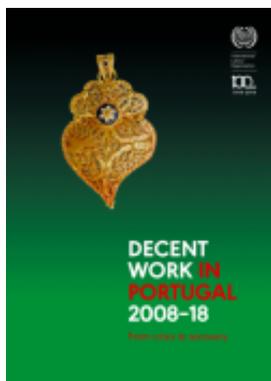


GirlForce: Skills, education and training for girls now.

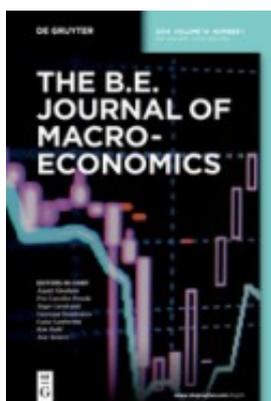
A generation of girls risks being left outside the labour force or trapped in vulnerable or low-quality employment, due to a lack of skills and quality jobs, and gendered expectations of their roles as caregivers. This year's International Day of the Girl, commemorated on 11 October, called on the global community to rethink how to prepare girls for a successful transition into the world of work. The world's 600 million adolescent girls each have the potential, strength, creativity and energy to meet global industry demands. [Read more](#)

Decent work in Portugal 2008-18: From crisis to recovery.

The report investigates how Portugal was able to achieve a



remarkable economic and labour market recovery in recent years, resulting in substantial job creation. The country's experience suggests that there are alternative paths to crisis adjustment and recovery, other than the "austerity" policies that focus on reducing government deficits and liberalizing the labour market. The report also has a set of policy considerations that could help move further ahead in promoting decent and productive jobs, including by means of customizing active labour market policies, addressing precarious work, adjusting wages to trends in productivity, and making collective bargaining more dynamic. For the Portuguese version of the report, click [here](#). **Read more**



Did capital replace labor? New evidence from offshoring.

The paper, co-authored by ILO's Kee Beom Kim, Macro-Economic and Employment Policies Specialist, investigates the interactions between trade liberalization, routine or skill-biased technological changes, and their labor market consequences, and finds that offshoring appears to disproportionately affect job polarization. Furthermore, offshoring could reinforce technological changes, a double-edged sword that can boost productivity growth but exacerbate wage inequality. (The paper was published online ahead of print in The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics). **Read more**



Taking a whole of government approach to skills development.

A joint ILO/UNESCO publication. The report focuses primarily on the interaction between government ministries and agencies at national and subnational levels, examining how governments can work to coordinate technical and vocational education and development (TVET) and skills development across relevant policy domains. The overarching research question being asked is, "Does the adoption of inter-ministerial coordination mechanisms assist in the achievement of TVET and skills development policy objectives?". **Read more**



ILO policy brief on skills for migration and employment.

This policy brief explains why action is needed to improve skills development in the context of migration. It also outlines what skills development and recognition can do to facilitate the labour market integration of migrants, both in destination countries and on returning to their home countries. (*Forthcoming November 2018*).

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

Financing of skills development. 12-16 November. ITC/ILO, Turin, Italy.

This course discusses underlying principles, general guidelines and different approaches to identify adequate financing mechanisms for sustainable skills development and TVET systems. **Read more**

[Monitoring and impact evaluation of youth employment programmes. 12-16 November. ITC/ILO, Turin, Italy.](#)

The course aims at strengthening the ability of professionals and youth project managers to monitor youth employment programmes, improving their understanding of concepts and methods for quantitative impact evaluation, and helping them identify impact evaluation options, within budgetary, time and data constraints, in different countries and institutional contexts. [Read more](#)

[Panel discussion on Jobs for Peace and Resilience \(JPR\). 9 November. Geneva, Switzerland.](#)

Within the context of Geneva Peace Week 2018, which takes place from 5 to 9 November, the ILO will co-organize a side event on “Jobs for Peace and Resilience” in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Centre on Conflict, Development & Peacebuilding (CCDP) and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland. The event will be held on Friday, 9 November from 9:00 to 10:15, and will take the form of a panel discussion. It will examine preliminary results from the implementation of JPR in selected countries and analyse prospects for tangible benefits among societies. [Read more](#)

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

19 October

[Item on the adoption of the methodology for the SDG Indicator 8.b.1 on youth employment.](#)

On 19 October 2017, the 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians passed a resolution to adopt a methodology for the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Tier III Indicator 8.b.1 on youth employment. The indicator refers to the “Existence of a developed and operationalized national strategy for youth employment, as a distinct strategy or as part of a national employment strategy.”

The draft methodology responds to the request made to the ILO by the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) to develop an indicator through the establishment of standardized methods for data collection and analysis, mechanisms to compile data, and maintenance of global databases that can be used for global SDG reporting. The [proposed methodology](#) was [first presented](#) to a tripartite committee at the ICLS on 12 October 2018 by Sukti Dasgupta, Chief of the Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch. [Read more](#)

15-19 October

[Sectoral approaches to skills development. ITC/ILO, Turin, Italy.](#)

This training course examined the methodologies, institutional arrangements and models to analyse the skills and competencies needed for the development of key economic sectors and industries. In addition, it focused on approaches to developing TVET strategies that respond to

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sector-/industry- based skills needs. [Read more](#)

[WTO Public Forum. WTO, Geneva, Switzerland.](#)

The Forum offered an opportunity for the ILO and the International Trade Centre (ITC) to jointly present the [Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth](#). The booth on Decent Jobs for Youth provided a platform for policy makers and representatives of government, business, workers, consumers and civil society to explore collaboration and inform themselves about the upcoming [Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Forum](#) in Dakar, Senegal on 13-14 November 2018. [Read more](#)

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- [As tech disrupts our jobs, it's not too late to turn pain into gain.](#) The ILO Director-General Guy Ryder published an article on the World Economic Forum's Agenda, sharing his thoughts on policy and trends. [Read more](#)
- [Portugal's post-crisis policies boosted growth and employment.](#) The article highlights the new ILO report, [Decent work in Portugal 2008-18: From crisis to recovery](#). [Read more](#)
- [An alternative path from crisis to recovery - growing through decent jobs.](#) The op-ed article by the ILO Director-General Guy Ryder was published in Diário de Notícias (Portugal). Portugal has witnessed a remarkable economic and labour market recovery, resulting in substantial job creation. The country's experience shows that there are alternatives paths to fiscal consolidation, other than the "austerity" policies that focus on reducing government deficits and the accumulation of debt. Policy makers elsewhere could learn from this. [Read more](#)
- [OIT recomenda políticas para a criação de empregos dignos e produtivos.](#) The article published in Diário de Notícias features an interview with the ILO's Head of Country Policy Development and Coordination Unit Aurelio Parisotto. [Read more](#) (in English)
- [Debunking three myths about informality.](#) In their blog, World Bank's Jamele Rigolini and ILO's Juan Chacaltana talk about three myths about informality that seem to be particularly widespread in the policy world. In the recent paper, authors studied pathways to formalization in Peru, and argued that formalization policies are often based on "informality myths" that affect expectations about the impact of policy and the ability to design effective programs. [Read more](#)
- [Building a Skilled GirlForce for a more equal world.](#) Nial O'Higgins, ILO, and Shreyasi Jha, UNICEF, write about the importance of skills, education and training for girls and invite the global community to rethink how we prepare girls for a successful transition into the world of work. [Read more](#)
- [Luxembourg reaffirms support to the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for](#)

[Youth](#). Donor renews partnership with the ILO with a particular focus on the African Sahel region. The initiative is funded by the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg under the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth. [Read more](#)

- [Microsoft makes a commitment to Decent Jobs for Youth](#). On the occasion of the 73rd Session of the General Assembly, Microsoft announced its commitment to the [Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth](#). Microsoft's pledge contributes to the work of the global initiative on Digital Skills for Youth and on Youth in Fragile Situations. On the digital skills front, Microsoft supports organizations in providing career skills for the digital economy and aims to increase computer science programmes, all under the umbrella of its long-standing experience through YouthSpark. On the humanitarian angle, Microsoft aims to empower displaced youth by providing digital skills and training for livelihoods. [Read more](#)
- [UNOCT makes a commitment to Decent Jobs for Youth](#). The UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) announced its commitment to the [Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth](#) on the occasion of the UN General Assembly. Its commitment focuses on raising awareness and harnessing capacity-building in vocational training institutes in Indonesia and aims to train principles and senior teachers in entrepreneurship and best practices in order to enable youth empowerment. The commitment focuses on building skills towards peace and resilience. [Read more](#)
- [Launch of the UN Youth Strategy](#). On 25 September the UN Secretary-General launched the United Nations Youth Strategy: Youth2030 at the 73rd Session of the UN General Assembly. The strategy marks an unprecedented joint UN-system commitment to attend to youth empowerment. [The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth](#) is a key multi-stakeholder coalition supporting the implementation of the strategy with a particular focus on the Economic Empowerment through Decent Work pillar. [Read more](#)
- [Employment creation for youth to build sustainable peace in The Gambia: Launch of the employment-intensive construction works](#). The project aims to create employment opportunities for youth in The Gambia through the ILO's employment-intensive construction approach with a focus on equal and decent work opportunities. It maximizes employment opportunities by applying the employment-intensive investment approach with a direct engagement of young people, in particular women, youth with limited educational background, youth with disabilities, as well as returnees. The project started in April 2018 with the financial support from the Government of Japan. [Read more](#)
- [Des emplois pour la paix et la reconstruction des infrastructures socio-économiques en République Centrafricaine](#). Dans le cadre du projet de promotion de la paix et de création d'emplois décents et productifs en République Centrafricaine (RCA), le Bureau International du Travail (BIT) a organisé à Bangui un atelier de formation pour les jeunes et les professionnels du secteur des BTP de RCA dans le domaine de la construction des bâtiments par l'approche HIMO avec valorisation des matériaux locaux. L'atelier, qui a eu lieu du 27 août au 8 Septembre 2018, a été organisé en collaboration avec le Gouvernement centrafricain et par

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- [Boosting skills for green jobs](#)
- [What are the major trends shaping the world of work and how will this affect employment and jobs?](#)
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