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Dear Reader,

This month, in the framework of the annual Geneva Peace Week, the ILO organized a [panel discussion](#) examining preliminary results from the implementation of [the Jobs for Peace and Resilience \(JPR\) Global Flagship Programme](#) in selected countries. During the course of the event, panellists discussed the value added of decent work and employment creation in reinforcing social cohesion, building peace and ensuring resilience to future shocks in crisis-affected countries. The UN Special Envoy on Syria, Mr. Staffan de Mistura, opened the event highlighting the importance of employment in the humanitarian and peacebuilding nexus.



See below for additional information related to the [event](#), including an article and impact stories.

The Employment Policy Department

LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES



Do youth employment programs improve labor market outcomes? A quantitative review.

Bringing young people into productive work is a key labour market challenge in both developing and developed economies, and a multitude of labour market interventions have been implemented to assist vulnerable youth. To assess whether these interventions have succeeded in improving young people's labour market outcomes, this study systematically and quantitatively reviews 113 impact evaluations of youth employment programs worldwide. The article is co-authored by the ILO's Youth Employment Specialists Susana Puerto and Felix Weidenkaff. (Published in World Development Journal, Volume 114, 2019) [Read more](#)

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. [Read more](#)



[Job creation for Syrian refugees and host communities: Employment Intensive Investment strategies in Jordan and Lebanon.](#)

This policy paper presents an overview of the approach promoted by the ILO in Jordan and Lebanon to support the Government in creating immediate job opportunities for Syrian women and men refugees and members of their host communities, while also improving local infrastructure and the environment. [Read more](#)



[Structural transformation in emerging economies: Leading sectors and the balanced growth hypothesis.](#)

The paper uses the World Input-Output Database to address patterns of structural transformation in BRIC countries, and Indonesia, South Korea, Mexico and Turkey. It goes on to assess the extent of complementarities between manufacturing and information and communications technology-intensive advanced services through intermediate inputs, comparing the eight emerging countries with G7 countries over time. (Published online in the Oxford Development Studies Journal, Oct. 2018). [Read more](#)



[Measuring the non-financial benefits of apprenticeships.](#)

The report details field research in South Africa involving enterprises that participated in face-to-face interviews and completed an online survey to report on the non-financial benefits that accrue to them from participating in apprenticeship schemes. While a number of studies in different countries have considered the issue of financial benefits, few studies have attempted to report on non-financial or non-marketable benefits, especially in low- and middle-income countries. This study fills that gap. (Forthcoming, December 2018).



[Skills and jobs mismatches in low and middle-income countries.](#)

The book brings together a number of research outputs produced by the ILO in 2017 under the Global Product on Jobs and Skills Mismatch. It compiles for the first time analyses of different data sets to consider the question of skills mismatch in low and middle-income countries. (Forthcoming, December 2018).

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

[The Global Education Meeting 2018. 3-5 December. Brussels, Belgium.](#)

The Global Meeting is convened by UNESCO in its mandated role as lead agency and coordinator of the Education 2030 Agenda. The Meeting will review progress towards the global education targets and commitments in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It will bring the global community together to identify strategic priority areas requiring political guidance and intervention for the effective achievement of the global Education 2030 Agenda. For the event, the ILO's Employment Department is providing support: a jointly hosted technical session on TVET and skills development and youth employment with UNESCO, and a technical session on the teaching profession co-hosted with Education International. In addition, Sangheon Lee, representing the Director-General, will be participating in a high-level technical discussion on learning and the future of work. [Read more](#)

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

13-14 November

[Youth Entrepreneurship and Self-employment forum. Dakar, Senegal.](#)

Partners of the [Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth](#) brought together over 200 key stakeholders at the [Youth Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment \(YES\) forum](#) to accelerate support for young entrepreneurs. The YES Forum is a featured event of the Global Entrepreneurship Week. The two-day programme provided participants with an opportunity to engage in policy and technical discussions under the core themes of making policy work for youth entrepreneurship; access to finance and markets; networks, and; knowledge and skills. The exchange of experiences, knowledge, best practices and innovations at the Forum were fed into a joint declaration on scaling up action and impact on youth entrepreneurship and self-employment in West Africa. [Read more](#) or contact decentjobsforyouth@ilo.org

5-9 November

[Macroeconomics for jobs and inclusive growth. ITC/ILO, Turin, Italy.](#)

The course provided participants with an overview of policy instruments and analytical tools to mainstream jobs and decent work into macroeconomic policies and generate sustainable and inclusive growth. The programme attracted policy-makers and technical staff from ministries of labour and employment, finance, economy, planning and central banks from 14 countries. During the first week, the course reviewed theoretical insights and country experiences on how to better integrate employment concerns into macroeconomic policies, while the second week focused on tools and models to measure and forecast labour market dynamics and assess the impact of macroeconomic policies. [Read more](#)

9 November

[UN Special Envoy Staffan de Mistura opens ILO event on Jobs for Peace and Resilience at the Geneva Peace Week, Geneva, Switzerland.](#)

The event, which took the form of a panel discussion, was organized by the ILO in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland. [Read more](#)

12-23 November

[ILO Academy on the transition to the formal economy: Third edition. ITC/ILO, Turin, Italy.](#)

Building on the momentum of previous successful editions of the Academy on transition to the formal economy, this year's event brought together almost 100 participants from around the world (half from Africa, 25 per cent from Latin America and the rest from Asia and Europe). The diversity of profiles and the high level of expertise and experience of the participants provided a solid ground for in-depth discussion and a collective learning process. [Read more](#)

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- [Q&A: With ILO's Paul Comyn ahead of the 2018 Global Education Meeting \(GEM\).](#) In this interview, Paul Comyn talks about what to expect from the 2018 GEM meeting and how the ILO supports the global education targets and commitments in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. [Read more](#)
- [Noticias de la OIT: Funcionarios de institutos de formación profesional participaron en programa de gerencia avanzada para Institutos de Formación Profesional de América Latina y el Caribe.](#)
- [ILO Supports the Review of Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan as Government commits to Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth.](#) In an effort to mitigate the youth employment challenge and provide opportunities for economic engagement, the Federal Ministry of Youth and Sports Development, with support from the ILO, organized a multi-stakeholder meeting in Abuja to consult on the revision of the Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan (NIYEAP) and to present the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth in Nigeria. [Read more](#)
- [Welcome Remarks by ILO Employment Policy Department Director Sangheon Lee during the presentation of the working paper on Rethinking Labour: Ethical Perspective on the Future of Work.](#) Remarks by Sangheon Lee were delivered on 7 November at the ILO. [Read more](#)
- **SKILLS blog series on quality apprenticeships “Learn and earn: Insights from the world of apprenticeships”.** The new initiative aims to facilitate knowledge sharing and debate on promoting quality apprenticeships, traineeships, internships, and other forms of work-based learning. To access the first blog of the series [“Apprenticeships could address most of India's](#)

[skill development challenges](#)”, [click here](#); to access the latest blog “[Connecting blue skills and dual training programmes through youth guarantee system](#)”, [click here](#). For blog guidelines click [here](#), or contact aggarwal@ilo.org.

- [Towards the establishment of sectoral skills councils in Jordan \(Video\)](#). This video, produced by the project “Applying the G20 Training Strategy”, focuses attention on recent interventions being implemented by partners and national constituents to strengthen national skills development systems by introducing sector governance bodies, such as sector skills councils (SSC). The initiative contributes to Jordan’s National Strategy for Human Resources Development (NSHRD 2015-2016) which highlights the establishment of governance bodies led by the private sector as a pre-requisite to a stronger human resources development (HRD) system. For more information: “[Applying the G20 Training Strategy in Jordan \(Phase 2\)](#)”; “[Applying the G20 Training Strategy: A partnership of the ILO and the Russian Federation](#)”.
- [Roads for farmers and jobs for the community](#). An ILO project has worked to build and rehabilitate agricultural roads to serve farmers in northern Lebanon, while at the same time creating short-term jobs for both the local population as well as displaced Syrians in the area. [Read more](#)
- [New strategic partnership to promote jobs and education for refugees and host communities](#). The Netherlands and the ILO have launched a new strategic partnership to create livelihoods for refugees and host communities in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East. [Read more](#)

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- [Why are apprenticeships important?](#)
- [Boosting skills for green jobs](#).
- [Photo album: Inauguration of the Agricultural Roads in Tal Abbas](#). View photos of the inauguration ceremony and handover of the agricultural roads in Tal Abbas municipality held on 7 November. The roads were constructed under the Employment Intensive Infrastructure Programme in Lebanon (EIIP). The EIIP is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through KfW Development Bank, and implemented by the ILO in partnership with the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Social Affairs and the UNDP.
- The photo below is from the multi-stakeholder meeting to consult on the revision of the Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan (NIYEAP) and to present the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth. From left to right: Prof. Stephen Ocheni, Honourable Minister of State Labour and Employment, Nigeria; Sukti Dasgupta, Chief/Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch, and; Dennis Zulu, ILO Director for Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Ghana.



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