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Dear Reader,

This year's [108th Session of the International Labour Conference](#), which marked the 100th anniversary of the ILO, adopted a historic declaration: The ILO Centenary Declaration on the Future of Work. Selected Conference highlights, including events and activities in which the Employment Policy Department played a key role, are reflected in the section entitled "Conference highlights" below.



The Employment Policy Department

LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES



Time to act for SDG 8: Integrating decent work, sustained growth and environmental integrity

The report seeks to improve understanding of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8 at the empirical, conceptual and policy levels by: (a) charting empirical progress towards the 12 targets under SDG 8 and comparing performance across country income groups; (b) developing a conceptual mapping of dynamic interlinkages between SDG 8 targets and specific targets under other SDGs, and exploring on that basis major patterns of achievement in the various world regions; and (c) describing a positive spiral of policy interventions and institutional support that can enable countries to achieve SDG 8 by 2030. The report reflects several contributions from the Employment Policy Department. [Read more](#)

Lifelong learning: Concepts, issues and actions

The report of the Global Commission on the Future of Work and the [ILO Centenary Declaration](#) focus attention on strengthening the capabilities of all people to benefit from the opportunities of a changing world of work through lifelong learning (LLL). This paper introduces readers to the debates surrounding LLL and provides a useful introduction to the concept and the challenges that need to



be addressed. [Read more](#)



Skills for a greener future: Key findings

The report builds on its predecessor, Skills for green jobs: A global view, published by the ILO in 2011. This new edition presents an expanded qualitative analysis, with coverage of several additional countries and regions. It is a ground-breaking piece of empirical research and modelling, providing new insights into the likely impact of occupational skills on declining and growing industries by 2030 based on two global quantitative scenarios. Evidence of good practices collected in the surveyed countries demonstrates how skills development can underpin the green transition. [Read more](#)



Quality apprenticeships: Addressing skills mismatch and youth unemployment

This policy brief presents an overview of quality apprenticeships promoted by the ILO through outlining their key characteristics, benefits and challenges, as well as examining the building blocks and policy pointers for developing a successful quality apprenticeship system. [Read more](#)



Mesurer l'emploi décent des jeunes: Un guide sur le suivi, l'évaluation et les leçons des programmes du marché du travail

Ce guide présente de manière exhaustive et accessible les sujets touchant à l'évaluation des résultats et à l'évaluation de l'impact, à leur application pratique dans le domaine de l'emploi des jeunes et à la manière dont les données factuelles recueillies par le biais des stratégies d'évaluation des résultats peuvent induire une amélioration de l'élaboration des programmes. [Lire plus](#)

How to design, monitor and evaluate peacebuilding results in Jobs for Peace and Resilience programmes

This handbook aims to provide practical step-by-step guidance and tools for designing peacebuilding results in employment programmes operating in fragile and conflicting contexts, particularly Jobs for Peace and Resilience programmes. It was developed with the support of the Swiss Federal Department of



Foreign Affairs in the framework of a Peacebuilding Support Office and ILO partnership to promote the peacebuilding dimension of employment programmes. [Read more](#)

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS - TEMPS FORTS DE LA CONFÉRENCE - MOMENTOS DESTACADOS DE LA CONFERENCIA

International Labour Conference Thematic Forums, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland:

- [Jobs and skills for a brighter future. 14 June.](#) The session explored the linkages between jobs, skills and the policy reforms needed to support future just transitions in the labour market.
- [Securing sustainable transitions over the life course. 14 June.](#) Participants in the forum discussed how digitalization, demographic shifts, climate change and globalization will affect the way people manage transitions over the course of their lives.
- [Multilateralism for an equitable future of work, Tuesday, 18 June.](#) The session examined what needs to be done at the international and regional levels to reduce inequality and how the multilateral system can work together in a more coherent manner.

ILO100 YOUTH DEBATE: Young leaders and labour market transitions. 13 June. Palais des Nations. Geneva, Switzerland.

The debate brought together young leaders from across the globe to share their views about key elements that impact young persons' transitions to and within the labour market. It focused attention on decent work and productive employment from the perspective of the school-to-work transition; technological change, including new forms of work and lifelong learning; and, gender equality and rights. [Read more](#)

Committee of the Whole for the ILO Centenary Declaration.

Bringing together 222 ILO constituents (Government, Employer and Worker members), the Committee provided a platform for debate on many important and complex topics and to build tripartite consensus to shape a better future world of work. The work of the Committee and the adoption of the [ILO Centenary Declaration](#) by the International Labour Conference demonstrated that the foundation of the ILO, social dialogue, is a powerful tool for realizing the decent work agenda for all and reaching the SDGs.

[Read: the ILO Centenary Declaration for the Future of Work](#)

[Read: Report of the Committee of the Whole - Summary of proceedings](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

Launch: Decent Jobs for Youth knowledge facility. 1 August. Abuja, Nigeria.

The knowledge facility of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth will be launched at the [Global Youth Employment Forum - Today and tomorrow with Decent Jobs for Youth](#) - in Abuja. The facility aims to support evidence-informed country-level action for tangible impact on decent work for youth. It will serve as a meta-website for mapping and linking knowledge on youth employment while strengthening national capacity for the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of youth employment policies and programmes. [Read more](#)

WorldSkills Conference 2019: Skills for change: Building blocks for impact. 23-24 August. Kazan, Russia.

This August Kazan will be the skills capital of the world as the city hosts the WorldSkills Competition. 1,400 young people from around the globe will compete to be world champions in 56 different skills.

Alongside the Competition, the WorldSkills Conference will ask pressing questions for our sector, including: How can we train an agile generation of skilled young people for the future? How will they stay relevant in the face of economic, social and technological transformations? [Specialists](#) from the Employment Policy Department will be among the featured speakers participating in the event. [Read more](#)

18th African Regional Seminar for Labour-Based Practitioners – “Towards sustainable and inclusive local development: local resource-based approaches and decent job creation”. 9-13 September. Tunis, Tunisia.

Organized by the Government of Tunisia in partnership with the ILO, the seminar, which includes ministers from different branches of government, will review progress since their 2017 Addis Ababa Ministerial Declaration and discuss possible improvements to expand impact within their countries and the region contributing to the African Union Commission’s Agenda 2063. Over the five days, an estimated 500 seminar participants will, through different plenaries, parallel sessions, groups and exhibitions, share, discuss and evaluate ideas, knowledge and experiences in terms of policies, practices and technologies with a high potential for employment creation, and decent and quality work. [Read more](#)

Massive Open Online Course on Recommendation No. 205: Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience. 23 September - 18 October. Enrolment deadline: 4 October.

This Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), jointly organized by the Employment Policy Department and ITC/ILO, focuses on raising awareness about ILO Recommendation No. 205 on Employment and Decent Work for Peace and Resilience (2017). Recommendation 205 is the only international normative framework providing guidance for addressing world-of-work issues in response to crisis situations. The course provides participants with information and practical knowledge about policies, approaches, tools, methodologies and case studies that can be used to promote employment and decent work measures that prevent crises, enable recovery and build peace and resilience. The course targets government officials, ILO constituents, partners and staff, and development practitioners working at the nexus of humanitarian and development assistance with a focus on employment and decent work in crisis response. [Read more](#)

[Training course on creating productive jobs and promoting productivity growth through structural transformation. 14-18 October. Turin, Italy.](#)

This course, jointly organized by the Employment Policy Department and ITC/ILO, focuses on the relationship between the creation of decent work and structural transformation and productivity growth. Among the topics to be presented and discussed will be: conducive macroeconomic, sectoral and labour market policies for structural transformation and full and productive employment, including the aspects of youth and gender; methods for identifying potentially promising sectors; sectoral approaches to skills development; employment impact assessments of public investments and policies; and, transitions to formality. [Read more](#)

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

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| 16 July | <p>Accelerating progress under SDG8 and promoting full employment and decent work for all. New York, United States</p> <p>This seminar discussed the findings of a new ILO report on SDG8 and reviewed practical ways to reinvigorate the commitment to promote full, productive and freely chosen employment and accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs. Read more</p> |
| 15 July | <p>Data revolution for ensuring decent work for all with a focus on youth. New York, United States.</p> <p>This side event of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2019 was co-organized by partners of Decent Jobs for Youth, including a2i, Government of Bangladesh, ILO, UNDESA, and UNDP, along with other stakeholders. The event provided a platform to share best practices and exchange views on how governments can leverage data to tackle the youth employment challenge. Read more</p> |
| 15 July | <p>Learning to learn for life and work on World Youth Skills Day. New York, United States.</p> <p>This event was co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the UN, Permanent Mission of Portugal to the UN, the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, UNESCO and the ILO to commemorate World Youth Skills Day (WYSD). ILO Director-General Guy Ryder highlighted the importance of lifelong learning in line with job creation policies, and the need to foster collaboration on youth employment through the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth. Read more</p> |
| 8-10 July | <p>6th Regulating for Decent Work conference: Work and well-being in the 21st century. Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>The 2019 Regulating for Decent Work conference focused attention on the future of work, to advance our understanding of what innovative institutions and transformative policies could help in ensuring a more equitable and just society. The</p> |

Employment Policy Department contributed the following papers to this important discussion:

- **Automation, Employment and Reshoring in the Apparel Industry: Long-term Disruption or Storm in a Teacup?** David Kucera, Fernanda Barcia de Mattos
- **Robotics and Reshoring: The Apparel and Electronics Industries.** David Kucera, Fernanda Barcia de Mattos
- **Employment Matters Too Much to Society to Leave to Markets Alone: The Role of Public Employment Programmes as Part of a Social Contract for the Future of Work.** Kate Philip, Maikel Lieuw-Kie-Song, Mito Tsukamoto, Anna Overbeck
- **Crowdwork for Young People: Risks and Opportunities.** Niall O'Higgins, Luis Pinedo
- **Growth and Employment: Revisiting Okun's Law and Full Employment.** Sangheon Lee, Juan Chacaltana, Dorothea Schmidt-Klau, Johannes Weiss

For access to the aforementioned papers contact: employment@ilo.org.

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[Formation: Promouvoir l'emploi à travers les opérations de l'AFD. Paris, France.](#)

Le Programme sur l'emploi des jeunes du BIT et l'AFD a organisé une formation pour renforcer les capacités de mesure des résultats sur l'emploi pour l'ensemble des interventions soutenues par l'AFD dans tous les secteurs. [Lire plus](#)

22-23 June

[World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth 2019 and Youth Forum Lisboa+21. Lisbon, Portugal.](#)

The event was led and organized by the Portuguese Republic and the Portuguese National Youth Council, with the involvement of the ILO. The Lisboa+21 Conference concluded with the [Lisboa+21 Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes](#). Charles Dan, ILO Special Representative on Youth and Social Inclusion, addressed Ministers and youth delegates in his keynote speeches at the Conference and the Youth Forum, highlighting the need for collaboration through the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth. For the complete list of events supported by the Initiative, click [here](#). [Read more](#)

11-12 June

[Applying the G20 Training Strategy Project: Statistical analysis of skills demand and supply kicks off in the Kyrgyz Republic. Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.](#)

The National Training Workshop aimed to share the fundamentals of knowledge and techniques for collecting and processing statistical data on TVET. [Read more](#)

5 June

[Macroeconomic policies, national employment strategies and employment promotion in development cooperation: Experience and lessons learnt – the results of two GIZ desk studies. Geneva, Switzerland.](#) *Part of the Employment Seminar Series*

Within the framework of two desk studies, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) has examined the experiences of a number of countries in designing and implementing comprehensive national employment strategies, with a view to collecting lessons to enhance the impact of their employment-related advisory services and technical assistance. [Read more](#)

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- [The ILO calls for strengthened collaboration between development partners on employment programmes for peace and resilience.](#) On 17 July 2019, the ILO, in partnership with the Peace Building Support Office (PBSO), held a Centenary event on “Jobs for Peace” on the margins of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in New York. Speakers from the PBSO, the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office, UNDP and the ILO highlighted the importance of livelihoods and jobs to prevent violent extremism and the importance of offering positive alternatives and socioeconomic opportunities, especially for youth. [Read more](#)
- [Infrastructure and productivity in Jordan: Supporting farmers in water-scarce Jordan through ILO’s labour-intensive approach.](#) The project “Job creation for Syrian refugees and Jordanian host communities through green works in agriculture and forestry” supports hundreds of local farmers with the construction of rainwater cisterns to help improve infrastructure and agricultural productivity. [Read more](#)
- [TOT workshop on quality apprenticeships in Hospitality in Tanzania.](#) The ILO [Skill-Up](#) Quality Apprenticeship in Hospitality Programme launched a Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop in Arusha and Zanzibar in June 2019. The workshop was part of the ILO’s capacity-building efforts to equip hotel supervisors and trainers with the skills to develop competencies among apprentices participating in work-based training. [Read more](#)

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- [Video: Voices on the transition to formality through technology \(E-formality\)](#)
- [Video: E-Estonia: The digital society](#)
- [Video: Registro electrónico de trabajo doméstico en Uruguay](#)
- [Video: Lifelong learning and the future of work: Challenges and opportunities](#)
- [Video: Voices on skills, lifelong learning and jobs of the future](#)
- [Video: Business-TVET Collaboration for Developing and Improving TVET in Viet Nam](#)
- [Video: Supporting farmers in water-scarce Jordan through ILO’s labour-intensive approach](#)

- The photo below features participants of the Academy on Skills Development, 24 June-5 July. ITC/ILO Turin, Italy.



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