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Dear Reader,

Highlights in this edition of our newsletter include:

- ILC: The 110th session of the [International Labour Conference](#) (ILC) will take place between 27 May and 11 June 2022. Among the items on the agenda are an initial discussion on apprenticeships, read related [Report IV \(2\), A framework for quality apprenticeships](#); and discussion on the strategic objective of employment as part of the follow-up mechanism of the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization, read related [Report V, Responding to the crisis and fostering inclusive and sustainable development with a new generation of comprehensive employment policies - Third recurrent discussion on the strategic objective of employment](#)
- ILO Monitor: [COVID-19 and the world of work. 9th edition](#)
- Policy brief: [The impact of the Ukraine crisis on the world of work: Initial assessments](#)
- Podcast series: ILO Employment Policy Department podcast series: [Global challenges – Global solutions: The future of work](#)

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LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES



[**ILO Monitor: COVID-19 and the world of work. 9th edition**](#)

The 9th edition of the *ILO Monitor on the World of Work* finds that after significant gains during the last quarter of 2021, the number of hours worked globally dropped in the first quarter of 2022, to 3.8 per cent below the pre-crisis benchmark (fourth quarter of 2019). This is equivalent to a deficit of 112 million full-time jobs. The report also finds that a great and growing divergence between richer and poorer economies continues to characterize the recovery and that the multiplication of crises observed risk that development gains from the past will be lost. Report also available in [French](#) and [Spanish](#). [Read more](#)



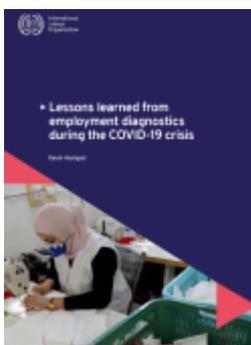
[**Policy brief: The impact of the Ukraine crisis on the world of work: Initial assessments**](#)

The brief explains how economic disruption, combined with significant internal population displacement, and flows of refugees, is causing large-scale losses in terms of employment and income. It includes estimates of how the situation could worsen if the hostilities escalate. It also examines the impact of the crisis on some neighbouring countries – including Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia – and in Central Asia. [Read more](#)



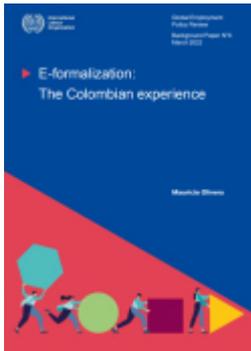
[**Technology adoption in public employment services: Catching up with the future**](#)

This report provides a global overview on how public employment services are approaching technology to improve service delivery, prior to and during the COVID-19 crisis. From better use of data to more effective service design and accessibility, the report explores the advantages offered by the utilization of long tested as well as newly introduced technologies. It also analyses the barriers to the effective use of technology in service delivery. [Read more](#)



[**Lessons learned from employment diagnostics during the Covid-19 crisis**](#)

This paper represents an important and necessary piece of research as it reviews the diagnostics conducted by the ILO and other development partners during the Covid-19 crisis with a focus on data sources and methodological approaches. It allows us to step back and evaluate the approaches taken and learn from the different experiences and innovations adopted. This will help inform the production of timely and relevant employment diagnostics in the future for ILO constituents, development partners and other stakeholders. [Read more](#)



[E-formalization: The Colombian experience](#)

This paper describes several Colombian e-formalization initiatives and discusses their progress and challenges. These initiatives have been implemented as part of a broader digital government strategy aimed at simplifying procedures to improve public services and reduce transaction costs. These processes have taken time, but they have achieved important results in terms of coverage, although there is still much to do. Key elements for this to happen are the digitalization policy, on the one hand, and the formalization strategy, on the other. [Read more](#)



[Policy guidance note: Digitalising career guidance services](#)

This policy guidance note provides advice to decision makers, managers, and technical staff on how to invest in digitalising career guidance services. It can assist in the identification of the issues to be considered when investing in digital technologies. Aspects discussed include system level concerns, targeting specific groups, labour market information usage, personal data, access to services as well as use of recent technologies. [Read more](#)



[Égalité des genres et autonomisation des femmes dans le monde du travail dans des contextes de fragilité, de conflit et de catastrophe](#)

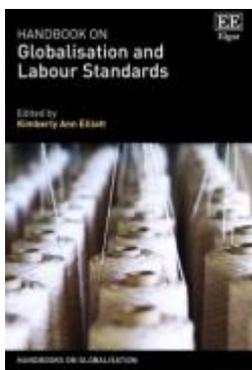
Ce guide vise à sensibiliser aux dimensions et aux questions de genre dans les situations de fragilité, de conflit et de catastrophe et à fournir des conseils sur l'intégration du genre dans les initiatives liées à l'emploi et au travail décent dans le Nexus Humanitaire-Développement-Paix. Son objectif est de soutenir à la fois le personnel et les mandants de l'OIT et les autres parties prenantes travaillant au niveau mondial, national ou local pour assurer une perspective de genre dans le monde du travail à travers le triple nexus. Le guide complète les ressources existantes de l'OIT dans les domaines de l'égalité de genre ainsi que des catastrophes et des conflits. Il est également disponible en [anglais](#), [espagnol](#) et [turc](#).



[Enabling Environment for Sustainable Enterprises \(ESEE\) in fragile context](#)

In the wake of conflict or disaster, decent work is often considered as a secondary priority, when it can be the key to resolving many of the drivers of conflict and can be instrumental to restoring peace and resilience. Employment and self-employment enable women and men affected by conflict and disaster to establish sustainable livelihoods; support to the private sector is thus essential to facilitate inclusive recovery. Building on the work carried out by the Enabling Environment for Sustainable Enterprises team and the Coordination and Support Unit for Peace and Resilience, this publication sets out a

series of guidelines for conducting EESE in fragile, conflict-affected, and disaster-prone contexts, considering both the process to conduct an assessment and the conditions for improving the enabling environment. [Read more](#)



[Globalization and freedom of association and collective bargaining rights in Handbook on globalisation and labour standards](#)

This comprehensive Handbook released by Edward Elgar Publishing, explores the complex and volatile debate over globalisation and labour standards. It offers key insights into the impact of globalisation on workers, the obligations of corporations and international legal bodies in protecting workers' rights and maximising the opportunities offered by international trade and investment. The Handbook includes a chapter on "*Globalization and freedom of association and collective bargaining rights*" by David Kucera, Senior Economist, Development and Investment Branch, ILO Employment Policy Department, and Dora Sari, Specialist on Industrial Relations Indicators, ILO Statistics Department. [Read more](#)

OTHER COVID-19 RELATED GUIDANCE AND TECHNICAL NOTES AND RESOURCES - AUTRES NOTES D'INFORMATION ET TECHNIQUES ET RESSOURCES LIÉES AU COVID-19 - OTRAS NOTAS INFORMATIVAS Y TÉCNICAS Y RECURSOS RELACIONADOS CON EL COVID-19



[Other COVID-related resources](#)

- [COVID-19 and employment policies: Resources and tools](#)
- [Development and investment for a sustainable response to COVID-19](#)
- [ILO SKILLS response to COVID-19](#)
- [Employment, Labour Markets and Youth: Responses to COVID-19](#)
- [Country assessments using Rapid diagnostics for assessing the country-level impact of COVID-19 on the economy and labour market - guidelines](#)
- [The socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in fragile settings: Peace and social cohesion at risk](#)
- [Employment-Intensive Investment-Programme's response to COVID-19](#)

PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION - PARTENARIATS ET COOPÉRATION POUR LE DÉVELOPPEMENT - ASOCIACIONES Y COOPERACIÓN PARA EL DESARROLLO

- **[EU-ILO “Building partnerships on the Future of Work” project](#)**
This project funded by the European Union (EU) aims at contributing to shaping the future world of work in compliance with the [ILO Centenary Declaration](#) on the Future of Work. It does so by promoting a global approach to the changing world of work, and by finding workable and sustainable solutions to key challenges related to the changing nature of work. Here are the latest events organized by the project:
 - 12 May. [Understanding automation and employment in the apparel and automotive sectors](#)
 - 5 May. [Labour market transitions and life courses](#)

- **[Employment impact assessment to maximize job creation in Africa \(STRENGTHEN 2\)](#)**
STRENGTHEN 2 is a joint initiative of the European Union and the ILO that focuses on job creation through investments. The project is a strategic partnership with the overall goal of leveraging employment impact assessments to promote the creation of more and better jobs in sub-Saharan African countries. Here's the latest:
 - Report: [Credit guarantees: SME access to finance and employment in Africa](#)

- **[Mainstreaming Employment into Trade and Investment in the Southern Neighbourhood \(METI\)](#)**
METI is a programme funded by the European Commission and implemented by the ILO. It aims to better enable policy-makers in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to incorporate an employment perspective into trade and investment policies. This will support the design and implementation of investment strategies that optimize the quantity and quality of employment creation in the region. Here's the latest:
 - Report (*forthcoming*): Trade, investment and employment in the Southern Mediterranean Countries. Thematic report of the “Mainstreaming Employment into Trade and Investment in the Southern Neighbourhood” project

- **[ProAgro Ethiopia](#)**
The project aims to support the Government of Ethiopia by contributing to the creation of more and better jobs in the agribusiness sector. The project is designed under the framework of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development's (BMZ) Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation. Here's the latest:
 - [Core Skills for the Agro-processing Sector in Ethiopia: Trainee Handbook](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

27 May-11 June

[110th Session of the International Labour Conference. Agenda and information](#)

Among the items on the agenda are: the possible amendment of the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 1998, to include safe and healthy working conditions; and, an initial discussion on apprenticeships will take place. Committees will also discuss decent work and the social and solidarity economy, and the strategic objective of employment as part of the follow-up mechanism of the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization.

31 May

[World Employment Conference 2022. The COVID cost for our youth: Helping young workers take their first step onto the labour market](#)

Decent Jobs for Youth will participate in this session which examines the stepping-stones needed to help the so-called 'lost generation' take their first successful step into the labour market, and present concrete initiatives from the HR services industry ensuring that youth are moving towards decent and fulfilling work. [Register here.](#)

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

23 May

ILO moderated session on "Indigenous peoples, climate change and the role of decent work for a just and peaceful transition", organized during the 2022 Stockholm Forum. [Information](#)

23 May

[ILO-UNDP joint Technical session: Mechanisms for Social Protection and Local Recovery](#) at the [World Reconstruction Conference 5 \(WRC5\)](#), organized under the central theme "Reconstructing for a sustainable future: Building resilience through recovery in a COVID-19 transformed world", in conjunction with the [7th Global Platform for Disaster Relief Reduction](#) from 23-28 May, Bali, Indonesia.

19 May

[Employment seminar series. Maximising green in the industrialisation path of African countries](#)

18 May

[Decent Jobs for Youth. Eliminating hazardous employment among youth during the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour](#)

12 May

[Technical tripartite webinar for the ratification campaign of ILO Conventions on Employment Service, and Private Employment Agencies](#)

12 May

[Good prospects for all young people](#)

10 May	WSIS Forum 2022. WSIS Action Line C7: E-Employment. International Labour Organization: Digitalization and employment
29 April	Employment seminar series. Labour overview of Latin America and the Caribbean in times of COVID-19
28 April	ILO Skills structured funding dialogue
18 April	A recovery barometer to boost decent jobs for youth
7 April	Employment seminar series. Employment Impact Assessments and informality: The effectiveness of interventions to reduce informality in low- and middle-income countries, includes seminar recording.
4-8 April	Capacity building workshop on the Skills for Trade and Economic Diversification (STED) for five SIFA countries

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- [Multiple crises hurt global labour market in Q1 of 2022: ILO](#)
- [La OIT advierte de que el empleo a nivel mundial abandona la recuperación amenazado por varias crisis](#)
- [Global jobs market recovery 'has gone into reverse', warns UN labour agency](#)
- [Nearly 5 million jobs lost in Ukraine as war pummels economy - ILO](#)
- [Nearly 5 million Ukrainians have lost their jobs since Russian invasion began, UN agency report says](#)
- [A new partnership boosts workers' voices and labour rights in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq](#)
- [Lebanese capital police hub restored by the ILO following Beirut port explosion](#)
- [Transition from Informal to Formal Employment Project in Uzbekistan](#)
- [Transition from Informal to Formal Employment Project in Kyrgyzstan](#)
- [The Employment Intensive Investment Programme \(EIIP\) digital collection](#)
- [ILO Skills Challenge Innovation Call: Winning proposals from Ecuador and Comoros start their innovation journey](#)

- [YouthForesight newsletter - collective knowledge that works for youth](#)
- [WorldSkills Africa underlined the importance of skills development for refugees](#)
- [Adult learning and education, work and a sustainable future](#)
- [The Islamic Development Bank and the ILO invite youth-led organizations, networks and coalitions to propose innovative ideas to support a just transition](#)

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- Video: [Labour market recovery goes into reverse](#)
- EMPLOYMENT Podcast series. Global challenges – Global solutions: The future of work. [Can big data help us understand the future of work?](#)
- EMPLOYMENT Podcast series. Global challenges - Global solutions: The future of work. [Employment and labour market policies: Can they profit from new technologies](#)
- Vidéo: [L'égalité des genres au sein du monde du travail dans des situations de crise et de fragilité](#). En [espagnol](#)
- Webinar recording: [Promoting Decent Jobs for Youth Through Sports](#) (*Recording starts at 9:33*)
- Webcast recording: [Good prospects for all young people - Streaming Service of the European Commission](#)
- Webinar recording: [ECOSOC Youth Forum. A recovery barometer to boost decent jobs for youth](#)
- Video: [6,000 years of history brought back to life](#)
- Video: [ILO and PROSPECTS delegation visit projects that promote decent work in Iraq](#)

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