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Dear Reader,

Highlights of this edition of our newsletter include:

- ILC: The [111th session of the International Labour Conference \(ILC\)](#) will take place on 5 -16 June 2023. The report of the ILO Director-General to the ILC focuses on the need for greater social justice globally and the means to achieve it, and highlights the opportunities that exist, both nationally and internationally, for furthering the ILO's human-centred and rights-based approach, read Report 1 (A) [Advancing social justice](#). Other agenda items include a second discussion on Apprenticeships with a view to setting a new international labour standard in the form of a Recommendation, read related [Report IV\(1\) on Quality apprenticeships](#) and [Report IV\(2\) on Quality apprenticeships](#).
- Forthcoming on 31 May: ILO Monitor on the world of work. 11th edition. [Access past editions](#)

- Report: [Global Employment Policy Review 2023: Macroeconomic policies for recovery and structural transformation](#)
- Watch recorded segments of the 5th Employment Policy Research Symposium: Employment policies for social justice on [ILO Live](#).
- ILO EMPLOYMENT podcast series: [Global challenges – Global Solutions: The future of work](#), new episode [“The technology paradox: Is it a great equalizer for some, but digital divider for others?”](#).

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LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES



[Global Employment Policy Review 2023: Macroeconomic policies for recovery and structural transformation](#)

The Global Employment Policy Review (GEPR) examines trends in employment policies while presenting new and innovative solutions to the challenges of policy design and implementation. This second edition focuses on the issue of employment-centred macroeconomic policies for crises recovery and Just Transitions. The GEPR is a biennial publication of the ILO's Employment Policy, Job Creation and Livelihoods Department to further its contribution to global employment policy debates by giving greater visibility to, and spurring, new policy-oriented research. [Access the first edition of the GEPR on Employment policies for inclusive structural transformation](#)



[Forthcoming on 31 May: ILO Monitor on the world of work. 11th edition](#)

The 11th edition of the Monitor contains the latest analysis of increasing divergences in employment between developing and developed economies and positive economic, employment and social impacts of social protection in developing countries. [Access past editions](#)



[Comment accompagner un chercheur d'emploi? Manuel destiné aux conseillers à l'emploi et en évolution professionnelle](#)

Dans un Monde du travail où les changements s'accélèrent, le rôle des Services de l'Emploi est crucial. Le conseiller à l'emploi s'avère indispensable pour accompagner les transitions professionnelles, en particulier des publics les plus fragiles. Or le métier de conseiller est complexe. Devant combiner des connaissances en économie, en droit et en sciences humaines, le professionnel de l'emploi doit également acquérir les compétences, techniques et postures de la relation de conseil. Ce manuel propose les bases du métier, à adapter au contexte de chaque pays. [Accéder au manuel](#); [access the manual in English](#)



["Convergence Heterogeneity at the Local Level in Sub-Saharan Africa" article featured in "Papers in Regional Science Volume 102, Issue 2"](#)

This article, authored by ILO's Matthieu Charpe, tests for convergence in labour productivity at the local level in 10 Sub-Saharan African countries, disaggregated into 1,136 administrative entities. This work combines night-time light data and a unique set of population censuses to produce local measures of growth, employment, and sectoral shares. [Access the article](#)



[Building pathways to sustainable growth](#)

In this publication, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the ILO collaborated to analyse TVET systems in Africa and formulate recommendations to guide increased investment in skills development and enhance stakeholder capacity to improve TVET performance. The report is based on survey results for 16 countries in Africa (Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Eritrea, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania, Tunisia and Zambia). [Access the report](#)



[Creating jobs in low- and middle-income countries through demand-side policies](#)

This brief focuses on demand-side policies for promoting employment in low- and middle-income countries (LMCs). The shifting consensus on macroeconomic policy in some advanced economies, alongside growing acceptance of the usefulness of industrial policy, provide an important opportunity for reconsideration of such policies. The brief draws from a structured literature review covering key concepts relevant to formulating demand-side policies for employment promotion in LMCs. The aim is to lay the conceptual foundations for a policy debate on employment promotion in LMCs. [Access the brief](#)



[ILO/OECD Technical paper: Global skills gaps measurement and monitoring: Towards a collaborative framework](#)

As strengthening the evidence base to inform skills policies requires accurate labour market information and intelligence is key, this ILO/OECD technical paper proposes a set of basic and extended indicators to facilitate the collection, and improve the quality and comparability of, the data on skills and skills imbalances across G20 countries. As measuring the actual skills that workers possess or require is difficult and expensive, proxy indicators are suggested. [Access the paper](#)



[Skills harmonization and partnerships](#)

This think piece was prepared for a side event at the 1st Employment Working Group meeting under India's G20 presidency. It gives an overview of available instruments and mechanisms for regional and international partnerships on skills and qualifications transparency, harmonization, and recognition. [Access the paper](#)

- **[Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)**

The Global Accelerator, launched in September 2021 by the UN Secretary-General, signals the UN system's collective response for addressing the multiple challenges that threaten to erase development progress. The aim is to direct investments to help create at least 400 million decent jobs, primarily in the green, digital and care economies, and to extend social protection to the over 4 billion people currently excluded. [Website for the Global Accelerator](#). Here's the latest:

- Event: 18 April. High-level Policy and Financing Dialogue of the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions. [Watch the recording](#)
- Related article: [High-Level Meeting Builds Momentum for Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)

- **[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's the latest from the project:

- **Event:** 11-12 May. [5th Employment Policy Research Symposium: Employment Policies for Social Justice](#).
 - Organized for the fifth time and this year in cooperation with the European Union, the Symposium provided a platform for economists, specialists, policymakers, and social partners to discuss how integrated employment policy development can promote inclusive transitions, advance social justice and a better future of work. Learn more about the Symposium in the [Information Note](#); [Nota de información](#); [Note d'information](#).
- **Report:** [The automotive sector in Mexico: The impact of automation and digitalization on employment](#)

- **[The PROSPECTS Opportunity Fund project for the “Promotion, Inclusion and protection of refugees and host communities in the gig economy”](#)**

The project promotes advocacy, policy-oriented research and dialogue on prospects for safer, more inclusive digitally enabled income opportunities for refugees. It is being implemented by the ILO and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) as part of the Partnership for Improving Prospects for Forcibly Displaced Persons and Host Communities (PROSPECTS) and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands. The Opportunity Fund project works in eight priority countries: Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Sudan and Uganda. Here's the latest from the project:

- **News:** [Social dialogue promotes decent work in Kenya's digital economy](#)

- [**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:** [Employment impact assessment of the rehabilitation of the Senoba – Ziguinchor-Mpack road in Senegal](#)
- **Report:** [Employment impact assessment of the Zambian Great North Road Upgrading \(GNRU\) project](#)

- [**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 policymakers 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:

- News: [Second meeting of the Policy Working Group in Egypt](#)

- [**Apprenticeships Development for Universal Lifelong Learning and Training \(ADULT\)**](#)

This project aims to generate new ideas and policy options to modernize apprenticeships to meet the needs of all segments of the population in existing and new economic sectors, including the digital and green economy for countries at various stages of development. It also explores how apprenticeship systems can equip both youth and adults with the skills relevant to the future of work, thereby facilitating their access to and transitions in the labour market.

- [**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. [More information](#)

- [**Le projet ProAgro Maroc**](#)

Le projet ProAgro Maroc propose une stratégie intégrée combinant soutien à la

mise en œuvre de politiques d'emploi, développement des compétences, développement de chaînes de valeur agro-industrielles et formation à l'entrepreneuriat. Comme le projet ProAgro Ethiopia ce projet est financé par l'Initiative spéciale sur la formation et la création d'emplois du ministère fédéral allemand de la Coopération économique et du Développement (BMZ). Pour plus d'informations sur le projet, cliquez [ici](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

5 – 16 June

111th session of the International Labour Conference (ILC)

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25 May

ILO-IsDB Youth Green Skills Accelerator Challenge Call

A second edition of the ILO-IsDB Youth Green Skills Accelerator Challenge call will be launched on 25 May. The Call was created to assist young people in further translating their activism, commitment, and creativity into action, with the overarching goal of promoting youth participation and skills for green jobs for a just transition. [Learn more about the Call](#)

29 May – 7 July

ITC/ILO Course: Macroeconomic and sectoral policies for a sustained job recovery

The aim of this course is to improve the design and implementation of policies for the creation of decent jobs by building the capacity of all relevant stakeholders to identify, measure and assess the

effects of economic, sectoral, trade-related and labour market policies on employment. Special attention will be paid to assessment of the impact on employment of pandemics like COVID-19. [Read more](#)

29 June

Webinar: ILO/MasterCard Foundation Partnership on Youth employment and school-to-work transitions in Africa: Dissemination event

This online event aims to: disseminate the main conclusion of seven analytical briefs in targeted African countries and the regional overview among the stakeholders involved in youth employment promotion; underpin the ongoing engagements on promoting decent work for youth in the African region; and, explore possibilities for further cooperation and shaping follow up actions in line with the [ILO's Youth Employment Action Plan \(YEAP\) 2020-30](#) on engagements on promoting decent work for young people in the African region. [Information forthcoming](#)

3 -14 July

ITC/ILO: Academy on youth employment

The Academy will cover a wide range of topics, from employment policies and job creation opportunities in niche sectors to youth-inclusive social dialogue and youth rights and voices. Participants will gain knowledge about the latest evidence on skills development, employment services, entrepreneurship, and other interventions to facilitate the integration of young people in the labour market. The course is available in English and French. [More information](#)

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

23 May

[ILO/European Commission-Joint Research Centre webinar: Automation and employment in the apparel and automotive sectors in Mexico: Findings from case studies](#)

15 -19 May

[The 19th ILO Regional Seminar for Labour-based Practitioners](#)

15 -17 May	Roundtable discussion at the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development 2023. Operationalizing the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus through Decent Work
25 - 27 April	ECOSOC Youth Forum: Financing our future
5 April	ILO-IFAD Regional policy dialogue on youth employment in the rural economy

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- [Article by Sangheon Lee, Director of the ILO Employment Policy, Job Creation & Livelihoods Department, “Developing core skills for life and work” featured in the Swiss Federal University for Vocational Education and Training \(SFUVET\)'s magazine, “Skilled”](#)
- [ILO and Pôle emploi sign Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- [“Professional Education Online” – a new and innovative digital platform to sustain TVET education in Ukraine](#)
- [With upgraded infrastructure and capacity, vocational training centres in Kenya are creating better job prospects for youth](#)
- [ILO creates infrastructure jobs in earthquake-hit Syrian city](#)
- [Signing of Implementation Agreement between the ILO-EIIP-KfW Project and the Ministry of Agriculture in Jordan](#)

- [Support to improve the effectiveness of development assistance in 'green jobs and skills'](#)

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- [Interview with Mito Tsukamoto, Chief of the ILO Development and Investment Branch, for “The Summit” on TV Rwanda on the topic of the 19th Regional Seminar for Labour-based Practitioners](#)
- [Opening Ceremony of the 19th ILO Regional Seminar for Labour-based Practitioners. Watch the launch of the joint ILO – AfDB Building pathways to sustainable growth report at 1:52](#)
- [Recorded segments of the 5th Employment Policy Research Symposium: Employment Policies for Social Justice. Photos available on Flickr](#)
- EMPLOYMENT Podcast series. Global challenges – Global solutions: The future of work. [“The technology paradox: Is it a great equalizer for some, but digital divider for others?”](#).
- [ILO InfoStory: How employment services can support a post-pandemic jobs recovery](#)
- [Replay highlights of the ECOSOC Youth Forum: Financing our future on ILO Live](#)