Dear Reader,

Highlights of this edition of our newsletter include:

- The 111th session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) concluded with the adoption of a new recommendation on quality apprenticeships, among other key decisions. The new labour standard aims to support opportunities for people of all ages to skill, reskill and upskill continuously in rapidly changing labour markets. It provides a clear definition of apprenticeships and specifies aspirational standards for quality apprenticeships, including rights and protection for apprentices.
- ILO Monitor on the world of work. 11th edition

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LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES

ILO Monitor on the world of work. 11th edition
The 11th edition of the Monitor contains the latest analysis of increasing labour market divergences between developing and developed economies and the positive economic, employment and social impacts of basic social protection in developing countries. Access here

Global Employment Policy Review 2023: Macroeconomic policies for recovery and structural transformation (Executive Summary)
The Global Employment Policy Review (GEPR) examines trends in employment policies while at the same time presenting new and innovative solutions to the challenges of policy design and implementation. In this second edition, the report focuses on the issue of employment-centred macroeconomic policies for recovery and structural transformation. Access the Executive Summary of the GEPR in English, Spanish and French

Building better formal TVET systems: Principles and practice in low- and middle-income countries
This new joint study by the World Bank, ILO and UNESCO brings together the global knowledge on TVET reform to develop an understanding of the main challenges and the lessons learned from TVET reforms, including the experience gained during the COVID-19 pandemic. The report offers a joint way forward towards better TVET and can be the basis for more impactful and coordinated support of TVET systems in the future. With TVET playing a central role in preparing learners for the changing world of work, the report’s call for transforming TVET is very timely. Access the study

Public employment services and active labour market policies for transitions: Response to mega trends and crises. Global report part 1
This report sheds light on the latest developments and trends of employment services and active labour market policies delivered by public employment services. It focuses on developing and emerging countries and offers a comparative analysis to public employment services in advanced countries to promote contextualised learning. In addition, it explores the coherent articulation of active labour market policies with income support schemes and employment policies in general. It constitutes a source of knowledge for governments and
social partners to learn from their peers in other countries and draw practical lessons and good practices. [Access here]

**Social dialogue with and for youth: Challenges and opportunities in the evolving world of work**

This report adds to the knowledge on how social dialogue can address the multiple challenges that young people face in the world of work. Combining conceptual insights with global evidence, it maintains that social dialogue will require a collective vision and action by all world of work actors—social partners particularly—in shaping a robust landscape of social dialogue with and for youth. By shedding light on the challenges and opportunities of inclusively involving young people in social dialogue, the report contributes to the growing policy interest in youth issues. [Access the report]

**Has youth employment recovered?**

This brief looks at the current situation of youth employment with nearly two years of the COVID-19 crisis’ worst impacts now behind us. Drawing on ILO global and regional modelled estimates and complimenting with recent labour force survey results, the brief provides an update of latest trends for young people, in terms of employment, unemployment, NEET (“Not in Education, Employment, or Training”), and inactivity. It identifies where youth labour market outcomes indicate recovery and where challenges remain. [Access the brief]

**ILO youth country briefs**

These country briefs summarise youth labour markets, the impact of COVID-19 on youth employment, and the school-to-work transition in seven African countries and its evolution in recent years:

- Ethiopia; Ghana; Kenya; Nigeria; Rwanda; Senegal; Uganda

**ILO youth country briefs: Cross country review**

This analytical brief reviews and compares the findings of seven country briefs on youth labour markets in Africa. The countries covered are Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal and Uganda. The brief tracks the trends in youth labour markets, the impact of COVID-19 on youth employment, and the school-to-work transition and its evolution in recent years. This series of country briefs was launched by ILO, in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation. [Access the brief]
The role of active labour market policies for a just transition

This policy brief is part of the ILO Just Transition Policy Briefs series and is intended to present the linkages between a just transition and the role of active labour market policies, providing stakeholders with information and recommendations for implementation. Access the brief

The ILO strategy on skills and lifelong learning 2030

This report presents the key steps that the ILO, in collaboration with relevant development partners, will undertake in the period of 2022-2030 to strengthen its global leadership in skills development and lifelong learning systems. Access the report

Changing demand for skills in digital economies and societies

This policy brief is intended for use by policymakers, social partners, and education and training providers, to foster a better understanding of the key skills implications of the digital transition and provide policy guidance on how to ensure that the current and future workforce are furnished with the required knowledge and skills to navigate the transition to the digital world of work. It draws on recent findings and projects, including the report, Changing demand for skills in digital economies and societies: Literature review and case studies from low- and middle-income countries. Access the brief

TVET mapping: Social partners

This report discusses the connection between technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and the productive sectors in Africa. It consists of two parts: a literature review that examines previous research on this topic in Africa, and an analysis of surveys conducted with key stakeholders such as employer associations, workers’ organizations, and individual unions. The surveys aimed to gather stakeholders’ perspectives on the role of TVET in hiring and training, as well as their involvement in formal TVET systems in their respective countries. The research findings contribute to developing strategic recommendations for strengthening the relationship between TVET systems and the productive sector in Africa. Access the report
**The education-training-work continuums: Pathways to socio-professional inclusion for youth and adults**

This Special periodical by NORRAG, in collaboration with ILO, explores the gaps that exist between education, training, and decent work which perpetuate exclusion and inequality for marginalized groups. By considering these three elements as an interconnected continuum, this collection of 28 contributions from 25 countries across 5 continents offers perspectives and solutions to enhance the socio-professional inclusion of disadvantaged youth and adults. Access here

**Apprentices in countries with large informal economies**

This statistical brief compares country-level data on apprenticeships looking specifically at countries with large informal economies. It investigates the possibilities and limitations of current labour force statistics to provide a snapshot on apprenticeships, with data compiled by the ILO from 27 countries (26 in Africa and 1 in South Asia). It also provides key findings and recommendations based on the comparative analysis. Access the publication

**ILO Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP) and the Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus (HDPN)**

Using country experiences, this Guidance Note illustrates how the EIIP contributes to the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus. This document was prepared under the ILO-Sida Partnership. Under this Partnership, EIIP is contributing to developing guidance to promote conflict-sensitive and peace-responsive employment-intensive investment (EII) approaches in fragile areas, and to support member-States in developing national and local capacity to assess and apply EII approaches to create more and better jobs across the Nexus. Access the Note

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- **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

- **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:

- **Report**: Automation and its employment impacts: Case studies in Mexico’s apparel and footwear sectors
- **Webinar**: Automation and employment in the apparel and automotive sectors in Mexico: Findings from case studies
- **Policy dialogue**: ILO, EU and NEDLAC on “Algorithmic management practices in logistics and healthcare sector”. A report summarizing the findings of this policy dialogue is forthcoming.

- **The PROSPектS 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 (PROSPектS) 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**: With Uganda embracing digital transformation of jobs, stakeholders gather to discuss opportunities and challenges
  - **Article**: Women defy gender norms, access vocational training on hard labour occupations in Ethiopia

- **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 Ecler Ivoire project in Cote d’Ivoire
  - **News**: STRENGTHEN2 reinforces employment impact assessment capacity for national stakeholders and international partners in Namibia

- **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:

- **Actualité :**  Troisième réunion du Groupe de Travail sur les Politiques en Tunisie pour discuter l’analyse de la chaîne de valeur du secteur des plantes aromatiques et médicinales et huiles essentielles

- **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:

  - **News:** Integrating social dialogues in creating more decent jobs in the agro-processing sector - The ProAgro Ethiopia project experience

- **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.

- **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. More information

### UPCOMING EVENTS - ÉVÉNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

| 12 August | International Youth Day 2023: "Green Skills For Youth: Towards A Sustainable World"
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For the official commemoration of International Youth Day 2023, DESA will organize a global webinar in collaboration with the UN Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth and Generation Unlimited. The webinar will offer critical information and data and will promote discussions and an exchange of ideas on green skills for youth. It will feature perspectives from international organizations, national governments and young experts working in this area. Learn more about the event
ILO-IsDB Youth Green Skills Accelerator Challenge Call
The second edition of the ILO-IsDB Youth Green Skills Accelerator Challenge Call is now accepting applications. 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. The application deadline is July 28. Learn more about the Call.

ITC/ILO Course: Jobs measurement and employment impact assessment
Employment impact assessments are key to increasing the effectiveness of policies intended to promote decent jobs. This course aims 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 on employment of economic, sectoral, trade-related and labour market policies. Course available in English. Application deadline: 16 August. Read more

RECENT EVENTS - EVÉNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

26 July UNITAR 2023 Roundtable Series. Mainstreaming knowledge on ageing. Access to labour markets for older persons: Challenges and opportunities throughout the ageing process

25 July Masterclass Series: The SKILLS Bridge. Digital transformations in skills and lifelong learning systems: Challenges and enabling factors

29 June ILO – Mastercard Foundation Webinar: Youth employment and school-to-work transitions in Africa

21 June UN Volunteers (UNV)-ILO Webinar: Volunteering for youth employability skills development

21 June Launch of NORRAG Special Issue 08 "The education-training-work continuums: Pathways to socio-professional inclusion for youth and adults"

5-16 June The 111th session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) concluded with the adoption of a new recommendation on quality apprenticeships, among other key decisions.

14 June YouthForesight Community Forum: Thematic discussion on meaningful engagement of forcibly displaced youth
AGE Platform Europe. Annual conference to discuss "A European model for sustainable working lives"

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- Article by Mia Seppo, ILO Assistant Director-General, Jobs and Social Protection Cluster, titled "Shaping the future world of work"
- Improve Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to meet skills and labour mismatch
- ILO launches a series of country briefs on youth employment in sub-Saharan Africa
- Promoting decent jobs and social justice for youth during two-week Academy on Youth Employment in Turin
- Se compartieron resultados del Programa Conjunto ONU Mujeres - OIT para la promoción del empleo decente en las mujeres
- Promoción de empleo decente para mujeres a través de políticas de crecimiento inclusivo
- ILO supports industry-led skills development for Indonesia’s maritime economy through the pilot development of Sectoral Skills Committees
- ILO promotes early recovery through community resilience in earthquake-damaged Aleppo
- JobAgri: Putting knowledge to work to support job-rich investments in agriculture and agri-food chains in Africa

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- World Economic Forum interview with Employment Policies and Gender Specialist, Valeria Esquivel, on the topic of the prioritizing gender equality to make a fairer society for all
- Global Employment Policy Review - Macroeconomic policies for recovery and structural transformation
- Introduction
- Chapter 1: Employment-centred macroeconomic policies: A reality in recovery processes?
- Chapter 2: Gender-responsive macroeconomic policies: Lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis and beyond
- Chapter 3: NEET in developing and emerging countries: What do we know and what can be done about it?
- Chapter 4: The gendered employment impacts of the Covid-19 trade collapse and recovery
- Chapter 5: A pro-employment macroeconomic policy framework for Africa

- Video: New online application developed to facilitate implementation of Emergency Employment Programmes in Yemen

- Video: Youth Foresight: Challenges and aspirations of young refugees and internally displaced persons