A commitment to full, productive and freely chosen employment is a prerequisite to the success of policies aimed at promoting sustainable and decent work. The Symposium will tackle the fundamental question of full employment - its definition and relevance; the implications it has for sustained, inclusive and green growth; the conditions leading up to it; and the role it plays in helping those at risk of being left behind in the labour market. It aims to review policy options and tools, share lessons from good practice, foster a global knowledge network on employment policy, and identify key items for future policy research.

The symposium will also provide the occasion to discuss the preliminary findings of the first ILO Global Employment Policy Review (GEPR) report.

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