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Dear Reader,

Highlights in this edition of our newsletter include:

- The [second segment of the International Labour Conference](#), to be held from 25 November to 11 December, will discuss the issue of skills and lifelong learning, as well as inequality. Access the conference report on skills and lifelong learning [here](#).
- First international screening of the documentary film 'Duty Free', a tale of ageism in employment, which will be followed by a panel debate with Sian-Pierre Regis (film director), Rebecca Danigelis (age activist), Martha Newton (ILO). Sunday, 3 October from 15.00 to 17.00 CET. Register for the event [here](#).

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LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES



Towards decent work for young refugees and host communities in the digital platform economy in Africa: Kenya, Uganda, and Egypt

The world of work is subject to digital transformation and has witnessed the rapid rise of digital work platforms over the last decade. The implications of this transformation for youth in displacement contexts remains poorly understood. Focusing on Kenya, Uganda and Egypt, this report contributes to a better understanding of the main challenges and opportunities that digital labour and e-commerce platforms in Africa pose for supporting a wider transition to decent work, with a

concentration on young refugees, displaced persons and their host communities. [Read more](#)



Decent Jobs for Youth Impact Report

On the occasion of International Youth Day 2021, the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth launched its first-ever [Impact report](#) highlighting the progress and achievements of the partnership since its launch till the end of 2020. During this period 76 partners, including United Nations entities, governments, youth-led organizations and the private sector have joined Decent Jobs for Youth. [Commitments](#) pledged by partners are supporting more than 33 million young people globally. Over US \$650 million have been mobilised and invested by partners of the Initiative to accelerate progress towards achieving the SDGs. [Read more](#)



Informal employment in Viet Nam: Trends and determinants

This report examines the characteristics of and trends in informal employment in Viet Nam. Given both the complexity and heterogeneity of the phenomenon, the publication considers the definition of informal employment as well as underlying labour market concepts. It outlines the characteristics of informal employment in the country, analyses medium-term trends, and investigates the individual-level determinants of informality. It also examines individual transitions into and out of informal employment.



Les services publics de l'emploi adeptes de la technologie digitale: attention à la fracture numérique! Think Piece: BIT et Le Think Tank de La Protection Sociale.

Placer les usagers au cœur des transformations technologiques et numériques permet aux SPEs de mieux intégrer les nouvelles solutions dans les stratégies de recherche d'emploi des personnes vulnérables.

Policy Brief: Financing and incentives for skills development: making lifelong learning a reality?

Despite the many documented benefits of lifelong learning for individuals, enterprises and societies, its levels remain lower than needed, due to significant funding gaps. Ensuring stable funding

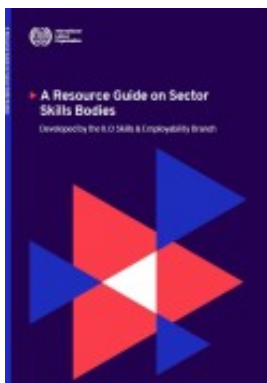


and establishing appropriate incentives for training providers, individuals and enterprises is a pressing need. This policy brief discusses options for funding and incentivising lifelong learning, analyzing the benefits and challenges of available options. Continuing vocational training (CVET) and adult learning are particularly in focus, due to their lower and inconsistent funding and frequent lack of policy attention.



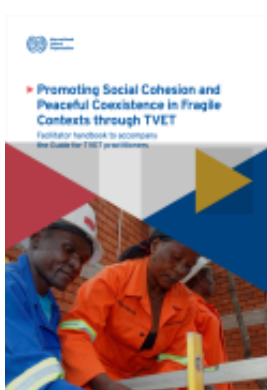
Policy Brief: Tripartite Sector Skills Bodies

Sector Skills Bodies (SSBs) aim to increase and strengthen the involvement of industry in the way skill systems are governed and operate. This policy brief outlines some of the issues that need to be addressed when establishing and operating tripartite SSBs, examines the different mandates and structures that have been adopted internationally and presents a number of key actions that will improve the likelihood of sustainable SSBs being established. The brief presents the findings of existing research on SSBs and draws on the experience from ongoing ILO country level support to constituents involved in establishing or reviewing sector skills bodies.



A Resource Guide for Sector Skills Bodies

The resource guide presents the findings of existing research on sector skills bodies (SSBs) and draws on the experience from ongoing ILO country level support to constituents involved in establishing or reviewing them. This guide aims to ensure that these bodies are established as truly representative of the sector or sectors, with a clear mandate and with adequate support to implement the roles and responsibilities they have been given.



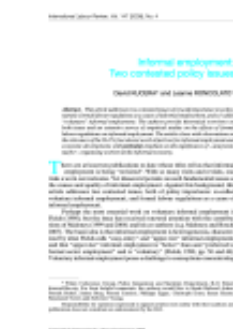
Promoting Social Cohesion and Peaceful Coexistence in Fragile Contexts through TVET

This facilitator handbook has been developed to accompany the Promoting Social Cohesion and Peaceful Coexistence in Fragile Contexts through a [TVET guide](#) and programme to help trainers and facilitators integrate participatory/experiential learning approaches during the planning and delivery of the training of trainers programme. It is aimed at experienced professionals, specifically to assist them when they deliver the Promoting Social Cohesion and Peaceful Coexistence in Fragile Contexts through TVET programme.



Is this time “really” different? How the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on labour markets contrasts to the global financial crisis of 2008-9

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a more severe labour market crisis in 2020 than witnessed during the 2009 global financial crisis. Reflecting the effects of lockdown measures, which has been the main cause of damage to labour markets, the deepest impacts have been found in middle-income economies, while certain sectors, such as accommodation and food services, and groups, especially young women, have been more negatively affected over 2020. Contrary to the adjustment process during previous shocks, the COVID-19 crisis has resulted in a greater rise in inactivity than unemployment. Policy support needs to be maintained to avoid an unequal recovery. Authored by Sher Verick, Dorothea Schmidt-Klau and Sangheon Lee, this article will be published in a forthcoming Special Issue on “COVID-19 and the World of Work”.



Informal employment: Two contested policy issues

This article addresses two contested issues of crucial importance to policy, namely: formal labour regulations as a cause of informal employment, and so-called “voluntary” informal employment. Authored by David Kucera and Leanne Roncolato, the article was first published in the *International Labour Review*, Vol. 147 (2008), No. 4 and recently included in the [International Labour Review Centenary Issue No. 1: Informality](#).



Employment and Decent Work in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus

Building on the previous versions, this thoroughly revised guide reiterates the central role and capacity of the ILO in situations of fragility, conflict and disaster and specifically in the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus. It introduces key concepts and definitions characterizing situations of this kind, providing practical instructions and guidance, and outlines multidisciplinary approaches to recovering, creating and protecting decent work opportunities in these settings.

**OTHER COVID-19 RELATED GUIDANCE AND TECHNICAL NOTES AND RESOURCES -
AUTRES NOTES D'INFORMATIONS 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](#)
- [EIIP's response to COVID-19](#)



Public Employment Initiatives and the COVID-19 crisis

This document presents thirteen selected international experiences of innovative Public Employment Programmes or stimulus schemes that were put in place or expanded by governments across the world in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It also includes selected innovative or novel programmes with potential for learning or scaling up.

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

- **Employment impact assessment to maximize job creation in Africa (STRENGTHEN 2)**

As part of the STRENGTHEN 2 project, this methodological note entitled "The use of GIS in employment impact assessments" covers the applicability of using geographic information systems (GIS) data and methods in employment impact assessments (EmpIA) of infrastructure investments. It discusses the opportunities of using GIS to understand the long-term impacts that investments in transport, energy and environment sectors could have on employment outcomes. The note discusses utilising GIS data and satellite imagery to investigate access to markets, energy and measure environmental effects that could influence employment, whilst discussing the opportunities for operationalizing these within EmpIA.

Access the Note [here](#). Information about the STRENGTHEN 2 project, joint initiative of the European Union and the ILO [here](#).

- **Boosting Decent Employment for Africa's Youth**

Under the [three-year partnership](#) between INCLUDE, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the ILO, the research initiative has published a new series of Evidence Synthesis Papers:

1. [Green Jobs for Young People in Africa: Work in Progress](#)
2. [How Empowerment and an Enabling Environment Matters for Youth Employment Programme Effectiveness](#)
3. [Rural youth employment in Africa: an evidence review](#)
4. [The fourth industrial revolution \(4IR\) and the future of work: could this bring good jobs to Africa?](#)

See all the knowledge products from the research initiative on the [Programme page](#).

- **EU-ILO "Building partnerships on the Future of Work" project**

This project funded by the European Union (EU) aims to contribute to shaping the future world of work in compliance with the ILO Centenary Declaration on the Future of Work, taking into account the interest of EU citizens, societies and economies. It does so by promoting a global approach to the changing world of work, by protecting citizens and by finding workable and sustainable solutions to key challenges related to the changing nature of work. Here's the latest from the project:

Paper: [Moving towards a life course perspective to labour market transitions: approaches and challenges](#)

Brochure: [Building Partnerships on the Future of Work](#)

Event: Conference "Building the future of work and trade". 12 October. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CDT (Mexico) / 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CEST (Geneva). More information [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

26-28 September

[Gender and Development Forum at UNCTAD15. Pre-conference event](#)

ILO's Employment Policies and Gender Specialist will be taking part in the "Roundtable: underwriting economic exploitation: unpaid labour, care work, and social reproduction".

3 October

[First international screening of the documentary film 'Duty Free', a tale of ageism in employment](#)

This international premiere will be followed by a panel debate with Rebecca Danigelis, Age Activist, and her son and

film Director Sian-Pierre Regis, and ILO Deputy Director-General Martha Newton. Sunday, 3 October from 15.00 to 17.00 CET. Register for the event [here](#).

11-15 October

[The Global South-South Cooperation Forum: Livelihoods, employment and inclusion for vulnerable groups](#)

The Global South-South Cooperation Forum is organized in collaboration with Development Investment (DEVINVEST) and South-South and Triangular Cooperation aiming to foster the exchange of good practices, knowledge, experiences, and methodologies applied in the Global South to improve the livelihoods and create employment opportunities for vulnerable and marginalized populations, with a special focus on innovative and digital solutions.

27 October

[ILO/ETF Webinar: Career development support at the heart of lifelong learning systems](#)

This online Policy Dialogue jointly organized by ILO and ETF will cover the following themes: The role of career development support in LLL systems; the importance of context sensitive approaches to national career development support systems; lessons learned from national reform experiences with system building; the role of donors and social partners in supporting system enhancement; and, lessons learned from national system reviews. The working language for this online event will be English with simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, French, Russian, and Spanish.

20 September - 5 November

[ITC/ILO e-learning course on skills anticipation and matching](#)

The ILO Skills and Employability Branch of the Employment Policy Department and the International Training Centre of the ILO (ITCILO) are organizing this e-learning course on Skills Anticipation and Matching for key stakeholders in labour markets and skills development systems.

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

15-17 September

[Continental virtual conference on skills anticipation and matching in Africa](#)

13-17 September

[Promoting Decent Jobs for youth through sports](#)

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- [The Argentine Ministry of Productive Development interviews ILO's Valeria Esquivel, Employment Policies and Gender Specialist](#) (in Spanish)
- [The ILO joins the Global Alliance for Care](#)
- [ILO and IUCN sign an agreement to harness the interdependence between jobs and nature](#)
- [Launch of the Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan](#)
- [Call for materials aimed at promoting gender equality in TVET](#). Deadline for contributions is 30 September.
- [Apprenticeships Development for Universal Lifelong Learning and Training \(ADULT\)](#)

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- [A year on from the Beirut blast, ILO helps create a safer city](#)
- Video: [Indigenous Peoples: Partners for safe water, decent work and peace](#)
- Video: [A win-win for young refugees and local farmers](#)
- [Rural roads accessibility and jobs Mozambique \(RAJ-MOZ\): Do-nou technology transfer in Manica](#)
- Webinar recording: [Promoting Decent Jobs for Youth Through Sports](#) (Recording starts at 9:33)
- Podcast series: [Global challenges – Global solutions: COVID-19 and the Employment Policy Response](#)
- Podcast: [How digital labour platforms can provide decent jobs for young refugees](#)
- Video: [Meet the specialists: Alessandra Molz, Skills](#)
- Video: [A boost to skills training in Bangladesh](#)

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