

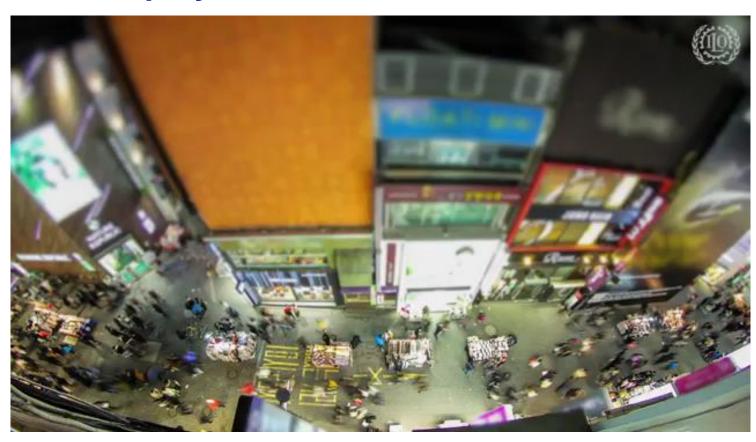


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# World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2020



188m

Looking for jobs

120m

Given up

165m

Underemployed





### Introduction

- 1. Projected lower economic growth and the lack of inclusiveness
- ▶ Likely to impair ability of LICs to reduce poverty and improve working conditions
- 2. Major gaps in access to work
- Rate of «total labour underutilization» is pronounced and greatly exceeds that of unemployment
- 3. Even when people have a job, there remain significant deficiencies in work quality
- ▶ Decent work deficits are especially pronounced in the informal economy
- 4. Substantial inequalities prevail in the access to work and work quality
- ▶ Segmentation among workers according to geographical location, sex and age
- the objectives of full employment and raising the standard of living around the world are as essential as ever.



# Tracking working conditions



## 7 dimensions of job quality

#### Physical environment

Posture-related Ambient (vibration, noise, temperature) Biological and chemical

#### Work intensity

**Quantative demands** Pace determinants and interdependency

#### **Working time quality**

Duration Atypical working time Working time arrangements Flexibility

#### Social environment

Adverse social behaviour Social support Management quality

#### Skills and discretion

Cognitive dimension **Decision latitude** Organisational participation **Training** 

#### **Prospects**

**Employment status** Career prospects Job security Downsizing

**Earnings** 

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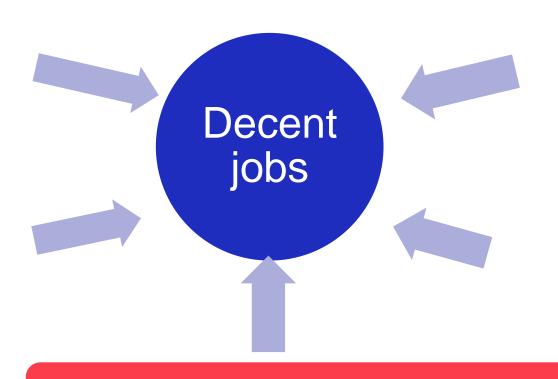
ILO/Eurofound joint report, 2019



# Good jobs aren't created in a vacuum

Macro policy (monetary, fiscal, credit)

Social protection



Industrial policy

Labour market institutions

"Inclusive" public and private investments in infrastructure and "public goods"

(economic, environmental, social benefits)



# But just because it is not high skilled, doesn't mean working conditions should be

poor

LOW-WAGE WORK in the Wealthy World

	Percentage that are low- wage (<2/3 median)	Annual labour turnover (%)	Part-time workers (%)	Value-added per hour worked, 2005 euros, PPP
Denmark	23	36	50	21.94
France	18	20	28	29.55
Germany	42	20	47	26.36
Netherlands	46	27	70	23.43
United Kingdom	49	26	51	24.59
United States	42	50	28	25.41

<sup>--</sup>Plus differences in leave/rest policies, scheduling, whether they can sit...



# What are sustainable impact investments?

"Sustainable impact investments" is about employmentintensive investments aiming to better distribute wealth through decent jobs that are:

- inclusive, aiming to address inequalities,
- building local capacities using local technologies,
- producing useful and productive assets and services,
- which meet environmental and social standards.

