

# EMPLOYMENT POLICY DEPARTMENT

## Newsletter



*Promoting full and productive employment by developing integrated employment, development and skills policies that are inclusive, gender sensitive and sustainable.*

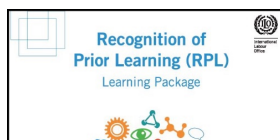
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Dear Reader,

I am delighted to introduce this inaugural issue of the Employment Policy Department E-Newsletter. The main aims of the newsletter are to better connect, share and communicate with each other, and with our constituents, development partners, and international organizations, among other key stakeholders. Here we can share what we are thinking, researching, and creating – our latest and forthcoming publications, reports, global tools and products – as they relate to policies, programmes and initiatives on employment, development and skills. We will also include other information and news items such as upcoming events and initiatives in which we are engaged. From time to time we will feature global products and tools produced by the Department, in addition to dedicating whole issues to special themes and topics. I invite you to circulate this newsletter among your colleagues, partners and professional network to give it as wide a circulation as possible.

Sangheon Lee,  
Director, Employment Policy Department

### Latest publications - Publications les plus récentes - Últimas publicaciones



**[Recognition of prior learning \(RPL\): Learning package.](#)** Describes the key building blocks of a well-functioning and inclusive RPL system, and offers a wealth of case studies and examples of how different countries have approached this endeavor. [More](#)



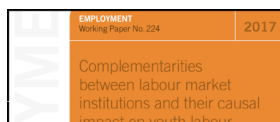
**[Skills policies and systems for a future workforce, Issue brief 8.](#)** Part of the Future of Work briefs prepared by the ILO, this Issue Brief provides an overview of skills requirements for the future of work and considers how skills development systems can be transformed to meet these needs. The brief also discusses issues about the financing of lifelong learning and the respective responsibilities of governments, enterprises and workers. [More](#)



**[Constraints and good practice in women's entrepreneurship in MENA, Impact report series, Issue 10.](#)** Reviews women's entrepreneurship development in the MENA region by providing a detailed assessment of the barriers that women face when starting a business and the landscape of active labour market policies (ALMPs) available to facilitate women's entrepreneurship. [More](#)



**[Mainstreaming green job issues into national employment policies and implementation plans: A review, Employment Working Paper No. 227.](#)** The paper documents in detail the type of measures that an increasing number of countries are adopting to promote more and better employment and a just transition to environmental sustainability. [More](#)



**[Complementarities between labour market institutions and their causal impact on youth labour market outcomes, Employment Working Paper No. 224.](#)** The paper analyses theoretically and empirically the effects on young people's labour market outcomes of two specific labour market institutions and their interaction: employment protection



legislation and active labour market policy. [More](#)

**Creating jobs through public investment.** The document provides information about the main components of the Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIIP) of the ILO, namely Employment Impact Assessment, Public Employment Programmes (PEPs), Public and Private Sector Development, Green Works, Community and Local Resource-Based Approaches, and Emergency Employment. [More](#)

Country briefs examining the gender and youth dimensions of employment, paying particular attention to the rural economy – produced as part of the [Taqeem Initiative](#) on *What works in Youth Employment:*

- [Jordan: Young women's employment and empowerment in the rural economy;](#)
- [Morocco: Young women's employment and empowerment in the rural economy.](#)

Research briefs on national employment policy (NEP) implementation in selected countries:

- [Employment policy implementation mechanism in Argentina;](#)
- [Employment policy implementation mechanisms in Burkina Faso;](#)
- [Employment policy implementation mechanism in Brazil;](#)
- [Employment policy implementation mechanisms in China;](#)
- [Employment policy implementation mechanisms in the Republic of Korea;](#)
- [Employment policy implementation mechanisms in South Africa;](#)
- [Employment policy implementation mechanisms in the European Union;](#)
- [Employment policy implementation mechanisms in Germany and the United Kingdom.](#)

## Upcoming events - Evènements à venir - Futuros eventos



**[Innovations for decent jobs for youth.](#) 2-3 May. Geneva, Switzerland.**

The event is part of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth. It provides a platform for governments, social partners, youth and civil society, private sector, foundations, UN entities and beyond to explore collaboration on innovations that work for decent jobs for youth under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. [More](#)



**[Global forum on migration and development \(GFMD\): Thematic workshop on skills and labour migration.](#) 3 May. Geneva, Switzerland.**

As part of the GFMD contribution to the United Nations' Global Compact on Migration, this event on skills and labour migration with the participation of the ILO Skills and Employability Branch and Labour Migration Branch will be held in early May. [More](#)



**[Forum on evidence and impact measurement: What works in youth and women's employment in MENA?](#) 7-8 May. Cairo, Egypt.**

The ILO will join partners to share the current status and progress on what works in youth and women's employment in the MENA region while promoting multi-sectoral collaboration to define and address priorities for policy formulation. [More](#)



**[E-discussion on quality, innovative apprenticeships for the future of work.](#) 14-25 May. Online.**

The online discussion aims to examine the role of quality apprenticeships, and other work-based learning programmes, as part of the solution to the challenge of youth unemployment and preparing the workforce for the fast-changing skills demands of the labour market. Organized by the ILO with support from partner organizations such as the European Alliance for Apprenticeships, the European Commission, the OECD, UNESCO and the Global Apprenticeship Network (GAN). [More](#)

## Recent events - Evènements les plus récents - Últimos eventos



**[ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up.](#) 23-26 April. New York, United States.**

The ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow up is an intergovernmental process with universal participation mandated to review the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Addis Agenda) and other financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Ms. Sukti Dasgupta, ILO Chief of Employment and Labour Markets Branch, participated in a Round Table on "Trade, science, technology, innovation and capacity-building". [More](#)



**development". 23-24 April. Geneva, Switzerland.** The Forum provided a high-level, neutral, multi-stakeholder platform to discuss issues related to the production and trade of commodities. ILO participation included remarks by ILO Director of the Employment Policy Department Sangheon Lee during the Opening Ceremony. Session 1 on Skills for Trade and Economic Diversification was organized and moderated by the Skills and Employability Branch, with the participation of the Employers Consultation Association of Malawi. [More](#)



**11th WAPES World Congress. 19-20 April, Marrakesh, Morocco.** The 11th World Congress of the World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES) met in Morocco on 19-20 April on the theme of Public Employment Services in the Context of Sustainable Development and the Digital Age. Under the new WAPES Presidency lead by Morocco and the Managing Board, the following issues were discussed, some involving the direct engagement of the ILO: the impact of digital technology on employment, entrepreneurship for job creation in the digital age, digital technology in the delivery of services for PES, e-learning and increased employability and digital literacy - a basic skill to survive in the digital age. [More](#)



**Inter-agency capacity building training on skills needs anticipation and matching. 16-20 April. Turin, Italy.** The course discussed the underlying principles, general methodologies and different approaches that can assist national policy-makers, experts and stakeholders in analysing and identifying present and future skills needs. The ILO provided resource persons for this event. [More](#)



**Policy course: Designing an integrated policy framework for the transition to the formal economy. 16-20 April, Turin, Italy.** The course follows a policy cycle management approach and aims to build capacities among government officials, social partners and relevant stakeholders to design, implement and monitor integrated policy frameworks that facilitate the transition to formal employment. [More](#)



**High-Level Conference: Future of work: A lifecycle approach. 21-22 March. Sofia, Bulgaria.** The objective of the Conference was to encourage an exchange of views on challenges and opportunities related to the future of work in the context of a lifecycle approach. The Employment and Labour Market Branch of the Employment Policy Department participated in order to share the ILO's expertise in, and commitment to, this subject area. [More](#)



**E-discussion: Lifelong learning for the future of work. 16-29 March. Online.** The online dialogue brought together a range of stakeholders to discuss concrete policy options in developed and developing countries for promoting lifelong learning. It has been organized in the framework of the ILO Centenary Initiative on the Future of Work. [More](#)

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## News - Nouvelles - Noticias



**Why anticipating the need for skills helps spread benefits of trade and growth.** Q&A with Con Gregg, ILO Specialist on Skills Needs Anticipation, for the 2018 Global Commodities Forum in Geneva, 23-24 April. [More](#)



**Our impact, their voices: "We cannot live without doing anything".** Article highlighting the impact of the Kinofelis public works programme in Greece, which has helped some 45,000 beneficiaries find a job, giving new hope to communities in the crisis-shaken country. The ILO was asked by the European Commission to improve the programme by focusing on skills, social protection and the payment of the minimum wage. [More](#)



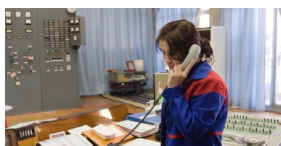
**Nuestro impacto, sus historias: Ecuador: En busca de un nuevo futuro después del terremoto.** Una familia residente de una ciudad afectada por esta catástrofe producida en 2016, se recupera rápidamente gracias a un programa de la OIT basado en la creación y desarrollo de negocios. [Más](#)



**Gender and European Economic Policy: Survey of European economists finds sizable gender gaps in opinions.** The study finds a sizable gender gap among economists in Europe, with women and men holding different views on a broad range of issues such as austerity policy.



holding different views on a broad range of issues such as austerity policy, regulation of high-risk financial transactions, renewable energy, hydraulic fracturing, drilling in the Arctic Refuge and genetically modified crop. [More](#)



[How do skills development systems, policies and strategies impact our lives?](#) This article provides an overview of the goals of the project [“Applying the G20 Training Strategy: A partnership of the ILO and the Russian Federation”](#) that aims to strengthen national and sectoral skills development systems in Armenia, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Viet Nam and five regions of the Russian Federation. Also presents highlights of interventions and impact of the project to date. [More](#)  
- [News release on the Applying the G20 Training Strategy project](#)

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## Multimedia - Multimédia - Multimedia



[Video. Rising to the youth employment challenge: ILO evidence on youth labour markets.](#) The presentation was part of a panel titled “Promoting Youth Inclusion for Sustainable and Resilient Communities”, in the framework of World Social Work Day 2018.



[Podcast. UN Gender Focus: The economics of gender balance.](#) Presents viewpoints that emerged from a study supported by the ILO looking at the differences between the sexes on economics and public policy.

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