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Dear Reader,

This month marks the opening of the 109th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC), held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The June agenda includes a special outcome document on the ILO response to COVID-19. For more information on the ILC, click [here](#). Highlights in this issue include:

- A new podcast episode, "[Is the future ready for youth? Youth employment policies for evolving labour markets](#)." Stay tuned for our upcoming episode, "Breaking out of the informal economy: Does new technology hold the key?" and listen to previous episodes in the series [here](#).
- An upcoming [webinar](#) co-hosted by the ILO and the [IZA Institute of Labor Economics](#), based in Germany, on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the labour market and how countries have responded.
- [ILO guide for skills development in employment-intensive investment programmes](#).



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LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES

[ILO guide for skills development in employment-intensive investment programmes](#)

This joint publication developed by the ILO's Skills and

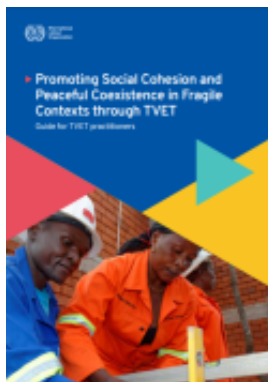


Employability Branch and the Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP) of the Development and Investment Branch contains guidance and recommendations for EIIP and skills development practitioners to better integrate skills development for workers in EIIP programmes and projects, and reap benefits from the national skills development system.



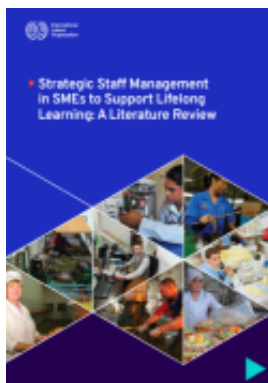
ILO evaluation tool for the review of a country's apprenticeship policy and system

The tool provides the framework for an analysis of the characteristics and performance of a country's apprenticeship policy and system, which can then be benchmarked against international good practices. The evaluation tool makes it possible for policy-makers and social partners to review, reform and modernize apprenticeships.



Promoting social cohesion and peaceful coexistence in fragile contexts through TVET - Guide for TVET practitioners

This guide aims to assist ILO constituents and technical and vocational education and training (TVET) practitioners to strengthen the role of skills development policies and programmes in peacebuilding efforts through inclusive learning methodologies and the training of relevant core skills.



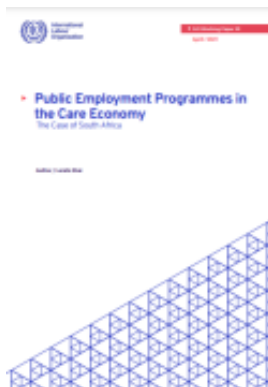
Strategic staff management in SMEs to support lifelong learning: A literature review

This literature review provides a solid entry point into the still under-researched area of staff management in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), taking stock of existing theories, research and relevant policy initiatives.

e-Estonia: A digital society for the transition to formality



This case study situates the discussion of the link between technology and the formalization of the economy and the relevance of e-formalization policies. It delves into the Estonian case by giving a historical background of the country's digitalization process, a full overview of the range of e-formalization measures in place and lessons learnt about the conditions for success and replicability. This case study can provide useful insights for countries looking for innovative solutions for the transition to formality.



ILO Working paper 29: Public employment programmes in the care economy - The case of South Africa

The South African experience shows that Public Employment Programmes (PEPs) have contributed to the progressive realisation of decent work where as a first step in the trajectory, they have recognised and remunerated care related labour as work. This case study raises a series of questions for further consideration about the role of PEPs in this context, particularly their efficacy in the provision of direct care services.



Peace and conflict analysis, a guidance note for ILO's programming in conflict and fragile contexts

This publication was developed through a collaboration between the ILO's Coordination Unit for Peace and Resilience (CSPR) and Interpeace. It illustrates how to integrate peace and conflict analysis into ILO's country programming, including Decent Work Country Programmes and projects, in order to facilitate work across all three dimensions of the Humanitarian, Development and Peace Nexus, as Recommendation 205 requires – and as UN and development partners increasingly demand.



Résumé technique: Évaluations de l'impact sur l'emploi (EIE) dans les programmes d'investissement en infrastructure

L'évaluation d'impact sur l'emploi (EIE) est un processus visant à évaluer le potentiel d'emploi et les impacts des politiques et des investissements sectoriels. Ce contenu est également disponible en [anglais](#).



Résumé technique: Approches basées sur les ressources locales et infrastructures communautaires

Cette note technique du Programme HIMO donne les grandes lignes des applications pratiques de ces approches. Ce contenu est également disponible en [anglais](#).



Résumé technique: Travaux verts

Cette note technique du Programme HIMO montre comment les travaux verts ont un grand potentiel pour relever les défis environnementaux tout en créant de l'emploi grâce à l'utilisation des approches à haute intensité de main-d'œuvre. Ce contenu est également disponible en [anglais](#).



Résumé technique: Développement des petits entrepreneurs dans le secteur de la construction

Cette note technique succincte explique comment l'OIT soutient le développement des capacités des petits entrepreneurs locaux et des entrepreneurs émergents dans le secteur de la construction. Ce contenu est également disponible en [anglais](#).



Résumé technique: Emploi d'urgence dans le cadre du Programme HIMO

Cette note succincte explique le cadre politique qui soutient cette composante du programme HIMO, le bienfondé de son approche avec des exemples concrets. Ce contenu est également disponible en [anglais](#).

Brochure du Programme HIMO : Créer des emplois grâce à l'investissement public

Cette brochure fournit des informations sur les principales composantes du Programme d'investissement à haute intensité de main-d'œuvre (HIMO) de l'OIT.



Paz sostenible a través del trabajo y el empleo decente

Esta publicación considera cómo el subempleo y los déficits de trabajo decente pueden exacerbar, particularmente en tiempos de COVID-19, agravios, desigualdades, agitación, conflicto y violencia.

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](#)

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

- **[UN Women - ILO Joint Programme. Promoting decent employment for women through inclusive growth policies and investments in care](#)**

The joint programme supports governments, women's organizations, development and social partners in implementing gender-sensitive policy responses to the COVID-19 crisis and ensuring a job-rich and inclusive recovery. The following new policy tools have been prepared under the joint programme:

- [How to assess fiscal stimulus packages from a gender equality perspective](#): Aims at embedding gender equality concerns in national fiscal stimulus packages as well as in the design of national policy responses. Also available in [French](#) and [Spanish](#).
- [Assessing the gendered employment impacts of COVID-19 and supporting a gender-responsive recovery](#): Offers analytical frameworks and data suggestions to enable assessment of the gender differentiated employment effects of the COVID-19 crisis at the country level. It also identifies policy options to promote gender - responsive national employment strategies. Also available in [French](#) and [Spanish](#).
- [A guide to public investments in the care economy](#): Aims to provide a methodology for identifying the coverage gaps in care economy; estimating the costs of public investments and expenditures for eliminating these coverage gaps; and assessing the various economic returns to such investments in the short- and the long-run. Also available in [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

- **[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. Learn more [here](#).

- **[ProAgro Ethiopia – 'Promotion of Decent Work in Agribusiness' project](#)**

The projects aims to support the Government of Ethiopia by contributing to the creation of more and better jobs in the agribusiness sector. The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development's (BMZ) Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation. For project highlights from December 2020 to May 2021, click [here](#). To learn more about the "ProAgro: Promotion of Decent Work in Agribusiness" programme click [here](#).

- **[Employment impact assessment to maximize job creation in Africa \(STRENGTHEN 2\)](#)**

The STRENGTHEN 2 project is a joint initiative of the European Union and the ILO that focuses on employment impact assessments to promote the creation of more and better jobs in sub-Saharan African countries. Read more about the project [here](#). Fact sheet on the project available [here](#).

- **[Mainstreaming Employment into Trade and Investment in the Southern Neighbourhood \(METI\)](#)**

Funded by the European Commission (EC) and implemented by the ILO, METI aims to better enable policy-makers 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. Read more [here](#).

- **[Rural youth employment in Africa](#)**

Within the framework of the '[Boosting decent employment for Africa's youth](#)' partnership between INCLUDE, IDRC, ILO and Decent Jobs for Youth, a new evidence synthesis paper has been published on the potential of the rural economy to provide decent employment and the outcomes associated with various types of employment for rural young people in Africa. [Read more.](#)

- **[ERA Agro-Forestry Project](#)**

The ERA-AF project in Timor-Leste, is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the ILO as a component of the Partnership Support for Agro-Forestry (PSAF) Ai ba Futuru. [The March newsletter HAMETIN](#) provides further information.

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

28 May

[ILO – IZA Institute of Labor Economics webinar: Taking stock of the COVID-19 crisis: the impact on the labour market and how countries have responded](#)

This webinar aims at sharing insights on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the labour market over 2020-21 and highlighting how governments have responded through various economic and employment policies. It will also underscore the key issues that stand at the centre of recovery efforts and the policy and research areas that need to be addressed over the coming months and years. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

14 June - 23 July

[Online course: Monitoring & evaluation of youth employment programmes in Nigeria](#)

The ILO in partnership with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) is organising an online training

course intended to capacitate participants to develop and implement results measurement plans for youth employment programmes and contribute to the monitoring and evaluation framework of the Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan (NIYEAP). More information and registration [here](#).

7 – 8 July

Digital Inclusion Summit, leaving no one behind

The Summit will shape collectively a framework of action, inspired by good practices across the globe, and provide the necessary tools and practices to foster digital inclusivity.

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

18 - 20 May

[South-South Knowledge Sharing Forum on "What works in e-formalization for Asia and the Pacific"](#)

17 May

[Webinar on promoting social cohesion and peaceful coexistence through TVET](#)

10 and 17 May

[ILO – European Commission Joint Research Centre \(EC/JRC\) technical workshop: New labour market transition patterns](#)

6 May

[Peace and Resilience Talk: Introducing the "Peace and Conflict Analysis – Guidance for ILO's programming in fragile and conflict-affected contexts"](#)

29 April

[The ILO launches its compendium on "Employment and decent work in refugee and other forced displacement contexts"](#)

21 – 22 April

[Skills Virtual Fair: South-south and triangular cooperation](#)

20 April

[Webinar: Supporting youth employment in developing countries through apprenticeship programmes](#)

15 April

[ILO – EC/JRC technical workshop: The effects of automation in the apparel and automotive sectors and their gender dimension](#)

14 April

[Webinar: From crisis to opportunity for sustainable peace: A joint perspective on responding to the health, employment and peacebuilding challenges in times of COVID-19](#)

12 – 23 April

[Rural development academy in Africa – innovation and digital technologies in the future of skills development](#)

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- [ILO launches a call for ideas and solutions to support e-formality through skills development in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)
- Just launched: [New ILO Skills and lifelong learning knowledge sharing platform](#)
- Just launched: The [Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth](#) and UNICEF led [Generation Unlimited](#) launched a brand new knowledge facility, [YouthForesight](#)
- [Decent Jobs for Youth Blog Series: Youth Rights & Voices](#): Read the weekly blogs [here](#)
- [Lifelong learning is key to development and resilience in the Global South](#)
- [Girls in ICT Day: Pursuing passion in technology: The journey of a female tech entrepreneur](#)
- [IsDB commits to Decent Jobs for Youth to economically empower young people and support their transition to decent jobs](#)
- [Improving access to water and healthcare in East Darfur and West Kordofan: Contractors training kicks off in Sudan](#)
- [Japan and ILO to support environmental and socio-economic resilience of Sudan](#)
- [Lanao del Sur launches biggest water system with ILO, Japan, MOLE](#)
- [ILO highlights the role of employment in infrastructure development at the UN Environment Management Group meeting](#)
- [ILO addresses the Geneva Science-Policy Interface at the event on "Governing in the Age of Complexity: Building Resilience to COVID-19 and Future Pandemics"](#)
- [The Government of Japan partners with the ILO to support disaster resilience through waterworks restoration in Ethiopia](#)
- [Local communities benefiting from market linkages to agro-forestry areas in Timor-Leste](#)

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- **Podcast:** [Global challenges – Global solutions: Is the future ready for youth? Youth employment policies for evolving labour markets](#)
- **Video:** [What the ILO does on skills development and lifelong learning?](#)
- **Video:** [YouthForesight platform: Collective knowledge that works for youth](#)

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