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Dear Reader,

Highlights in this edition of our newsletter include:

- Coming this December: First edition of the Global Employment Policy Review 2020: Employment Policies for Inclusive Structural Transformation. Background information [here](#).
- Recently launched joint publication of the ILO/WWF: [NATURE HIRES: How Nature-Based Solutions can power a green jobs recovery](#)
- [Skills development and lifelong learning: Resource guide for workers' organizations](#)



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LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES



NATURE HIRES: How Nature-Based Solutions can power a green jobs recovery

Combining expertise on nature and employment, this joint World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) - ILO publication maps out the societal challenges where nature-based solutions can be effective, how they support job creation and how they have been used, providing evidence and examples as to how they integrally support the achievement of the SDGs and a sustainable response to the COVID-19 crisis. [Read more](#)

From crisis to opportunity for sustainable peace: A joint perspective on responding to the health,



employment and peacebuilding challenges in times of COVID-19

This joint paper by the ILO, the WHO, Interpeace and the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs examines key policy and programmatic considerations for international health and employment interventions responding to COVID-19 in conflict-affected countries. It outlines a range of important peacebuilding considerations and highlights significant contributions the WHO and the ILO are making to mitigate the impacts of the pandemic. [Read more](#)



Does economic growth deliver jobs? Revisiting Okun's Law. ILO Working Paper

This paper revisits the relationship between economic growth and employment creation as expressed in Okun's law by using the latest updated global ILO dataset for new and more detailed estimates. The analysis confirms that there are important variations across regions of the world and income levels in both magnitude and significance of this relationship: In developing and emerging countries, the Okun's coefficient is lower than in developed countries. Moreover, there are important differences depending on the labour market structures as given by the level of informality or the relative presence of SMEs in the labour markets. While further research is needed to better understand the relationship between economic growth and employment, especially in the presence of high informality (and SMEs), the analysis in this paper calls for greater caution in using Okun's coefficients to inform policy decisions. [Read more](#)

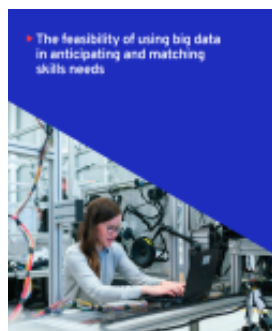


Skills development and lifelong learning: Resource guide for workers' organizations

This guide has been developed to build the capacity and engagement of workers' organizations in skills development and lifelong learning. The guide provides examples of how workers organisations are engaged in key areas of skills systems to highlight the importance of a rights-based approach to lifelong learning. [Read more](#)

The feasibility of using big data in anticipating and matching skills needs

This publication collects the contributions presented during the ILO workshop "Can we use big data for skills anticipation and



matching?" which took place on 19-20 September 2019 at the ILO headquarters in Geneva. [Read more](#)



Rapid assessment of ICT skills demands in Indonesia 2020

Infographics: This Rapid assessment of information and communication technology (ICT) skill demands was conducted by analysing available ICT job vacancies and direct surveys of companies. [Read more](#)



Rwanda: Youth labour markets and the school-to-work transition

This brief analyses the nature and duration of the school-to-work transition in Rwanda and compares it with other Sub-Saharan countries as well as reviewing the country's youth employment policy. [Read more](#)



Technical briefs produced by the ILO's Employment-Intensive Investment Programme:

- [Small-scale contractor development in the construction sector](#)
- [Green works: Creating decent jobs through investments: Promoting forest restoration, irrigation, soil and water conservation, and flood protection](#)
- [Local resource-based \(LRB\) approaches and community infrastructure: Addressing local needs through local resource-based approaches](#)
- [Public Employment Programmes \(PEPs\): Creating decent jobs through national investments](#)
- [Use of digital technologies in employment-intensive works](#)

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

- **Technical note:** [COVID-19 response and recovery in countries affected by disasters and climate vulnerability: Challenges and opportunities](#)
The aim of this note is to highlight the potential difficulties as well as the mutually reinforcing benefits of responding to the pandemic in disaster-prone countries.
- **Web page:** [Country assessments](#) using '[Rapid diagnostics for assessing the country level impact of COVID-19 on the economy and labour market - Guidelines](#)'. The guidelines are now available in [Arabic](#). Also, check out the latest country-level rapid diagnostics for the [Republic of Korea: A rapid assessment of the employment impacts of COVID-19](#).
- **Web page:** [COVID-19 and employment policies: Resources and tools](#)
- **Web page:** [The socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in fragile settings : Peace and social cohesion at risk](#)
- **Web page:** [Development and investment for a sustainable response to COVID-19](#)
- **Web page:** [EIIP's response to COVID-19](#)
- **Web page:** [ILO SKILLS response to COVID-19](#)

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

- **Publication produced under the joint ILO-EU STRENGTHEN project:**
 - [Employment effects in impact investments](#)
As part of this joint project, the ILO conducted two studies on the employment effects of impact investments, with a focus on the cashew value chain in Tanzania and a financial institution supporting smallholder schemes in Zimbabwe. The across case analysis concludes that the investments triggered not only an increase in employment numbers, but also improved skills of the labour force, management systems of the investee companies, and labour

practices. The findings are geared at informing the development of the EU's External Investment Plan.

- **Guía desarrollada por la Unidad de Apoyo a la Coordinación para la Paz y la Resiliencia (CSPR - DEVINVEST) con el apoyo del Departamento Federal de Relaciones Exteriores de Suiza en el marco de un programa conjunto de la OIT y la Oficina de Apoyo a la Consolidación de la Paz de la ONU para mantener la paz y fomentar el desarrollo mediante la creación de empleo en situaciones de conflicto:**

- [Manual: Cómo diseñar, seguir y evaluar resultados de la consolidación de la paz, en programas de empleo para la paz y la resiliencia](#)

Esta guía busca brindar orientación práctica y herramientas para evaluar la sensibilidad al conflicto e incluir resultados e indicadores de la consolidación de la paz en los programas de empleo que operan en contextos frágiles y conflictivos, particularmente los programas de Empleo para la Paz y la Resiliencia (EPR).

- **Publication produced by the ILO EIIP, funded by the German Development Bank/KfW:**

- [Employment Intensive Projects in Lebanon: Guidelines](#)

The ILO and Lebanon's Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Labour have issued [Guidelines](#) for Employment Intensive Projects (EIPs) in Lebanon. The guidelines aim to reinforce cooperation and harmonization between the Lebanese government, NGOs and development partners, and provide guidance on planning and implementation of EIPs.

- **Publication réalisée dans le cadre du projet «Appui à l'Initiative mondiale pour l'emploi décent des jeunes dans la région du Sahel» avec le soutien du gouvernement luxembourgeois:**

- [Rapport de l'enquête sur la transition vers la vie active \(ETVA\) au Burkina Faso – 2019](#)

Dans le cadre de ce projet, le BIT, a lancé l'Enquête sur la transition vers la vie active (ETVA) au Burkina Faso. L'Institut national de la statistique et de la démographique (INSD) a mise en œuvre cette enquête à l'échelle nationale. L'ETVA permet de collecter des données précises sur la transition des jeunes burkinabè qui quittent l'école pour s'insérer sur le marché du travail et ces résultats peuvent contribuer au développement de politiques liés à la question de l'emploi des jeunes.

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

27 November - 28
February

[South-South and triangular cooperation skills forum: A webinar series and virtual skills fair](#)

The event aims to foster the development of human capabilities in developing countries with a focus on Africa by enhancing their capacity to find solutions to specific development needs and to challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. **Read more**

2 December

[Trade for peace through decent work](#)

The WTO Accessions Division is organizing a series of lectures, dialogues and roundtables on issues of interest to all relevant stakeholders interested in the Trade for Peace Initiative. To contribute to the peace-building objective, the ILO and WTO are joining hands through a panel discussion, where they will discuss Trade for peace through decent work. **Read more**

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

16 October

Webinaire: [Résultats de l'enquête de transition vers la vie active \(ETVA\) des jeunes au Burkina Faso.](#)

22 October

Virtual round-table: [Boosting decent jobs and enhancing skills for youth in Africa's digital economy.](#) Organized by The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth, ILO, the International Telecommunication Union, and the African Union.

26 October - 18
December

ITC/ILO: [E-learning course on training for prevention and emancipation from forced labour and modern slavery.](#)

2 November

[Youth at Heart Forum](#) on the findings of the [Global Survey on Youth and COVID-19](#). Organized by The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth and ILO-PROSPECTS.

2 November - 18
December

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

4 November

Webinar: [From crisis to opportunity for sustainable peace:](#)

	Addressing interactions between health, employment and peacebuilding challenges in times of COVID-19 . Organised by the ILO, the WHO, the UN Peacebuilding Support Office and Interpeace as part of Geneva Peace Week .
9 November - 18 December	ITC/ILO: E-learning course on skills dimensions of labour migration to promote decent employment for all .
9 November - 12 December	ITC/ILO: Global online forum on impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the informal economy: main findings and way forward from a south-south perspective .
16 November	Webinar: Nature Hires: How Nature-based Solutions can power a green jobs recovery , organized by the ILO and World Wide Fund for Nature as part of London Climate Action Week .
18 November	Interactive lab: UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development interactive lab on youth surveys, data & COVID-19 . Organized by The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth together with the United Nations Major Group on Children and Youth and the United Nations Human Rights Office.
19 November	Meeting: Virtual meeting of the Global Interdisciplinary Policy Research Network on Youth Transitions .
19 November	Meeting: First meeting of the ILO Skills Innovation Network core group .
18 November	Webinar: Skills development and lifelong learning: The role of trade unions .
16 - 20 November	Online bootcamp: ILO Skills Challenge and Innovation bootcamp .
16 October	Challenge call: Launch of the first Cambodia Skills Challenge Innovation Call .
14 October	Webinar: Innovations and strategies for recognition of prior learning (RPL) .

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- **Press release:** [ILO and UNICEF MOU to strengthen skills and lifelong learning](#)
- [Decent Jobs for Youth blog series: Youth rights & voices](#)
 - [Tackling youth vulnerabilities in the Macedonian labour market](#)
 - [Education data in Sub-Saharan Africa is critical to facilitate youth access to decent jobs](#)
 - [Youth-led entrepreneurship: Driving micro-movements for change](#)
 - [Six lessons in creating decent work through start-ups and small and medium enterprises](#)

Read the weekly blogs [here](#).

- **ILO/HQ:** [Skills and lifelong learning critical for all workers](#)
- **ILO/Indonesia:** [The ILO encourages more women to start careers in ICT sector jobs](#)
- **ILO/EU:** [New EU-ILO Mainstreaming Employment and Trade and Investment \(METI\) Programme launched at the Union for the Mediterranean \(UfM\) Trade ministerial meeting](#)
- **ILO/German Development Cooperation/KfW:** [How decent work supports Jordan's most vulnerable communities](#)
- **ILO/German Development Cooperation/KfW:** [ILO and Lebanon issue guidelines for Employment Intensive Projects](#)
- **ILO/Government of Japan/MOLE:** [ILO, Japan, MOLE provide emergency employment amid COVID-19 in BARMM](#)
- **ILO/LAC:** [Protección Social es fundamental para la reactivación económica: Alicia Bárcena, CEPAL](#)
- **UN:** [Investing in people through the ILO's employment-intensive investment approach](#)

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- **Podcast:** [Global challenges – Global solutions: How Nature-based Solutions can power a green jobs recovery](#)
- **Stories of resilience:** Refugees and forcibly displaced youth amidst COVID-19. Produced by ILO-PROSPECTS, the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 - [How young Kenyans cope with COVID-19](#)
 - [COVID-19: the resilience of young Lebanese and Syrian refugees](#)
 - [Impact of COVID-19 on young refugees and forcibly displaced youth in Uganda](#)
- **Video:** ILO-PROSPECTS programme: [The impacts of COVID-19 on young refugees in Lebanon](#)
- **Video:** [Voices: Interactive assessment tool on Making TVET and skills development inclusive for all](#)
- **Video:** [From pandemic to business opportunity](#)
- **Video:** [E-formality for enterprise and employment formalization](#)

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