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Fourth ILO Employment Policy Research Symposium

Employment policies for a job-rich recovery and a better future of work

15-16 November 2021; ILO, Geneva (Room II - R3 South and online)

Agenda

Day 1

1130-1150 Opening session

Chair: Sangheon Lee, Director, Employment Policy Department, ILO

Speaker: Martha Newton, Deputy Director-General for Policy, ILO: *Setting the scene for the Symposium*

1150-1310 Session 1: SUPPORTIVE MACROECONOMIC FRAMEWORKS

Which combinations of fiscal and monetary policies can help set economies on a strong job-recovery path while ensuring inclusiveness, sustainability and stability? How can we mobilize domestic and international resources in emerging and developing countries where fiscal and financial space is more constrained?

Facilitator: Aurelio Parisotto, Employment Policy Department, ILO

Panellists:

- **Francesco Saraceno**, Deputy Department Director, OFCE Sciences-Po
- **Yan Islam**, Adjunct Professor, Griffith Asia Institute
- **Gilad Isaacs**, Institute for Economic Justice, University of the Witwatersrand
- **Valeria Esquivel**, Employment Policy Department, ILO

Q&A

1310-1400 Lunch break

1400-1530 Session 2: STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS, SECTORAL POLICIES AND JOBS

How can policy makers drive economic diversification, support sustainable enterprises and stimulate transformative investments in critical sectors, eg: green, digital and care services? How can we enhance the impact on the generation of productive and decent jobs?

Facilitator: Dorothea Schmidt-Klau, Employment Policy Department, ILO

Panellists:

- **Emanuela Pozzan**, Conditions of Work and Equality Department, ILO
- **Uma Rani Amara**, Research Department, ILO
- **Moustapha Kamal Gueye**, Enterprises Department, ILO (tbc)
- **Enrique Fernández-Macías**, Researcher, European Commission-Joint Research Centre

Q&A

1530-1615 Keynote address

Global recovery prospects and policies

Lone Christiansen

Deputy Division Chief, Research Department
and G20 FWG IMF representative

Day 2

1030-1115 **Keynote address**

COVID-19 recovery packages and progress on climate change

Brian O'Callaghan

Lead Researcher and Project Manager
Oxford University Economic Recovery Project

1115-1245 **Session 3: TRANSITIONS FOR WORKERS**

Have transitions become more and more difficult? Why do we have to assist workers in transitions? How do we assist workers of all ages in their transitions to new tasks and new jobs? How do we reach out to those most vulnerable?

Facilitator: Sher Verick, Employment Policy Department, ILO

Panellists:

- **Guillaume Delautre**, Employment Policy Department, ILO
- **Niall O'Higgins**, Employment Policy Department, ILO
- **Vicky Leung**, Employment Policy Department, ILO
- **Akiko Sakamoto**, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, ILO

Q&A

1245-1300 **Break**

1300-1430 **Session 4: LABOUR MARKET DATA GAPS**

How do we ensure timely and reliable labour market information to monitor and assess the employment impact of policies and improve policy design?

Facilitator: Steven Kapsos, Department of Statistics, ILO

Panellists:

- **Michael Weber**, Senior Economist, Jobs Group, World Bank
- **Olga Strietska-Ilina**, Employment Policy Department, ILO
- **Tony Bonen**, Director of Research, Data and Analytics, Labour Market Information Council of Canada
- **Juan Chacaltana**, Employment Policy Department, ILO

Q&A

1430-1515 **Tripartite Concluding session: STRENGTHENING THE ILO COMMITMENT TO THE GLOBAL CALL FOR ACTION**

Chair: Sangheon Lee, Director, Employment Policy Department, ILO