

March 2012— Youth Employment Month at the ILO

DECENT WORK

A better world starts here.

In the run-up to the annual International Labour Conference (ILC), the ILO is consulting young people from around the globe, during March's "Youth Employment Month". The national consultations will culminate in a major Youth Forum in Geneva in May, with some one hundred young people from employers', workers' and youth organizations from across the world taking part. The key issues discussed at the Forum will be presented at the ILC which brings together representatives from governments, employers and workers. There will be ten national events in the Asia-Pacific region, click [here](#) to go to the events' web sites.

ILO Video Contest: Decent Work for Youth

Are you between 18 and 29? Are you struggling to find a job? Or are you working under poor conditions? Want to make a difference? Share your views and get a chance to present your video at the Youth Employment Forum in Geneva. Videos must be submitted no later than 10 April 2012 at 23.59 GMT. For details on how to participate in the video contest, please consult the instructions [here](#) or contact the Youth Employment Programme of the ILO at: youth@ilo.org.

POSTCARD FROM...Timor-Leste

by the ILO Timor-Leste

Elo husi Dili—Greetings from Dili!
Timor-Leste is a young country recovering from a history of conflict and upheaval. As for most countries in the region, unemployment is a major issue for Timorese youth. More than ten per cent of the young people between the ages of 15 and 29 are unemployed. As a response, the Youth Employment Promotion (YEP) Programme, funded by AusAID and executed by the ILO, was launched in 2008. During the last four years, the YEP Programme, in close partnership with the Government of Timor-Leste and employers' and workers' associations devised and implemented a number of strategies to address the youth employment challenge. These strategies include: support of the establishment of the National Labour Force Development Institute; building a labour-market oriented competency-based vocational training system; and improved access to accurate labour market information through the creation of Employment and Career Guidance Centres. These programmes are combined with demand-side oriented strategies including the promotion of self-employment and entrepreneurship. In addition, the YEP Programme organized labour intensive programmes that provided temporary jobs to around 40,000 youth.



We look forward to hearing back from the APYouthNet community!

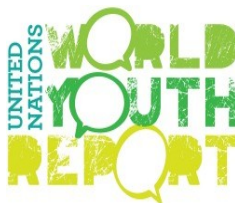
Just out: APYouthNet podcast #4 — Youth Entrepreneurship in Asia and the Pacific

APYouthNet has just released its latest podcast on "Youth Entrepreneurship in Asia and the Pacific". The participants Mr Passakorn Supepre (Thai youth entrepreneur), Dr Kiatanantha Lounkaew, (labour economist from the Dhurakij Pundit University Thailand), and Mr Matthieu Cognac (ILO Youth Employment Specialist) discussed the issue of youth entrepreneurship and its potential role for creating decent work for young women and men in Asia-Pacific.



from left to right: Mr Passakorn Supepre, Ms Sophy Fisher, Mr Matthieu Cognac (Photo © ILO)

Recommended resources:



NEW! *UN World Youth Report 2011* explores the transition of young people from schools and training institutions into the world of work. The report is based on contributions to the 4-week [e-discussion](#) on youth employment, organized by the United Nations Programme on Youth.



The *Global Employment Trends 2012* report offers the latest global and regional information and projections on several indicators of the labour market, including employment, unemployment, working poverty and vulnerable employment.