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Dear Reader,

Motivated by the International Day of Persons with Disabilities which had its theme “Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”, this issue contains a number of knowledge products produced by the Department that help promote equality of opportunities and a world of work that includes everyone. In addition, we highlight new publications and update you on events, news and multimedia products.



Wishing you an auspicious start to the New Year!

The Employment Policy Department

LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES



Public employment services: Joined-up services for people facing labour market disadvantage

This technical note shows how public employment services go beyond traditional ways of working, moving towards joined-up services to help people facing complex barriers to employment find work and build skills, with the aim of achieving more sustainable positive outcomes. The note explores the meaning of “joined-up services” and presents selected country case studies that offer insights from experience to policy-makers, practitioners and others interested in developing services to maximize the level of support available to disadvantaged jobseekers. [Read more](#)

Information Note: Training for Rural Economic Empowerment (TREE)

This Information Note presents the Training for Rural Economic Empowerment (TREE) programme of the ILO, which aims to promote rural employment using a community-based approach to skills development. It outlines some of the challenges faced in efforts to improve rural livelihoods, presents an overview of the



TREE programme, describes some national experiences in implementing TREE and summarizes the programme's contribution to supporting the ILO's Decent Work Agenda. It is intended to inform ILO constituents, skills development specialists and training practitioners about the programme and its potential to support national rural skills initiatives. [Read more](#)



Skills for Employment Policy Brief - Skills for rural employment and development

This policy brief explains why action is needed to improve rural skills development in the context of the broader development challenges faced by rural communities. It outlines some of the key characteristics of education and training in rural communities, and sets out a range of policy options open to governments and social partners seeking to improve rural skills and employment opportunities. It is illustrated with examples of good practice, and concludes with a review of the support provided by the ILO for training in rural communities. [Read more](#)



Making apprenticeships and workplace learning inclusive of persons with disabilities

Persons with disabilities face many challenges to entering the labour market, including negative preconceptions about their work capacities and lower educational achievements due to exclusionary training practices. Apprenticeships and workplace learning can effectively respond to many of the challenges by improving their vocational skills of disabled persons and proving their professional potential to employers. [Read more](#)



Promoting decent work for indigenous and tribal people through employment and investment programmes

This Policy Brief provides insights into the various construction projects supervised by the Employment Intensive Investment Program of the ILO in favour of Indigenous and Tribal People. [Read more](#)

Information note: Global skills partnership for migration

The Global Skills Partnership signed by ILO, UNESCO and IOM, was launched at a side event held during the [Intergovernmental Conference on the Global Compact for Migration](#), from 10 to 11 December. Its aim is to mobilize technical expertise of the three organizations in support of governments, employers, workers and their organizations, educational institutions and training



providers, and other stakeholders to develop and recognize the skills of migrant workers, with a particular focus on women and youth. [Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

ILO's Centenary year to officially open on 22 January, 2019. Geneva, Switzerland.

The ILO will be celebrating its 100th anniversary throughout 2019 with a series of global, regional and national events. The “ILO100” celebrations will begin on 22 January, 2019 with the launch of the report by the [Global Commission on the Future of Work](#) in Geneva. [Read more](#)

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

3 December

[Research workshop: Assessing the impact of employment programmes on peacebuilding. Geneva, Switzerland.](#)

The joint event was organized by the ILO's Research Department, in collaboration with the Development and Investment Branch (DEVINVEST)/Employment Policy Department. The event provided an opportunity for a researcher from the International Security and Development Center (ISDC), and ILO specialists from the Employment Policy Department, the Evaluation Department and the Research Department to share their views on the linkages between the employment promotion and peace processes. [Read more](#)

5 December

Chinese government launches new policy guidance on promotion of all-round public employment services (PES). China.

Three government entities – the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security (MOHRSS), the National Development and Reform Committee and the Ministry of Finance jointly launched the Guidance on Promotion of All-round Public Employment Services (PES). The policy guidance aims at implementing reforms across the board to improve service quality and contribute to the goal of full and productive employment. It also attaches great importance to the development of public-private partnerships in the delivery of employment services, and the role of technology in the design and delivery of services (internet plus PES). For background information, including ILO support to the MOHRSS in organizing a consultative workshop on PES practices and

policies held in July 2018 click [here](#).

3-5 December

[Global education meeting 2018. Brussels, Belgium.](#)

UNESCO's Global Education Meeting brought together a diverse group of partners to take stock of progress towards achieving the global education targets and commitments in the 2030 Agenda and identify strategic priority areas. The ILO's input ranged from strategies to improve the professional status of teachers to skilling, reskilling, lifelong learning and youth employment. The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth was introduced as an implementing platform to connect and assist member states in reaching education and decent work targets within the 2030 Agenda. [Read more](#)

7 December

[Global opportunity youth convening. Philadelphia, United States.](#)

This event marked the inaugural youth convening of the recently announced Global Opportunity Youth Initiative, the initiative to respond to youth unemployment, launched by the Aspen Forum for Community Solutions, with support from Prudential Financial, and in partnership with YouthBuild International and Global Development Incubator. The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth was invited to participate to exchange of ideas and to forge relationships with the group of youth delegates coming from twelve different countries, investigating synergies and laying the groundwork for a long-term global youth network. [Read more](#)

11-12 December

[Expert group meeting: Youth social entrepreneurship and the 2030 Agenda. New York, United States.](#)

The Division for Inclusive Social Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations organized an Expert Group Meeting at the United Nations' headquarters in New York under the theme Youth Social Entrepreneurship and the 2030 Agenda. The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth was invited to sit in the Expert Group Meeting that brought together experts and representatives from academia, United Nations entities, and intergovernmental organizations as well as young social entrepreneurs. The results of the meeting will support the preparation of the 2019 World Youth Report on the same theme. [Read more](#)

29-30 November

[The football for good summit 2018. Berlin, Germany.](#)

This Summit 2018 comprised a series of events, ranging from capacity building workshops to regional meetings of the streetfootballworld network, with a particular interest in how football can maximise its contribution to 2030 Agenda. The summit brought together the world's top leaders in the field of football for good, representing more than 50 countries from five continents, developing a vision to maximise football's contribution to building inclusive, peaceful and fair societies. [Read more](#)

30 November

[Global South-South Development Expo 2018. New York, United States.](#)

On the occasion of the Global South-South Development Expo 2018 in New York, a side event on Public Service Innovation through South-South Network was held to develop a deeper understanding and broader exchange in the Global South by identifying vital and novel innovations for scaling-up public service innovation. The side event provided a platform to facilitate match-making among participating countries and other relevant stakeholders, in order to explore more broadly the role of public service innovations in the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Director of the ILO Country Office for Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, and Sierra Leone presented the work of the ILO in supporting the Government of Nigeria in the development and review of the Nigerian Youth Employment Action Plan, highlighting the South-South and Triangular Cooperation modalities that contributed to the process. [Read more](#)

15-17 November

[Egypt entrepreneurship summit. Luxor, Egypt.](#)

The EES 2018 followed the overarching theme of “Bridging the Gap: International and National Best Practices”. It was a call to jointly create a global vision on the development of young entrepreneurs, a key priority for policymakers and government around the world. It emphasised the need for stronger partnership, increasing the exchange of international and national best practices. The Summit featured the four distinct themes of the GEW 2018: women, youth, inclusion and ecosystem development. The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth was presented on 15 November by Mr. Dragan Radic, Head of the Small and Medium Enterprises Unit at ILO Geneva. [Read more](#)

18-19 October

[X Conference of Iberoamerican Ministries of Employment. La Antigua, Guatemala.](#)

This conference brought the opportunity to discuss key questions regarding youth employment and decent jobs in the LAC region, with the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs at the core. A final declaration was agreed by all governments, making reference to the Global Initiative in point 8: “Promoting the human development of young people, by the strengthening of a comprehensive youth approach as part of the public employment and social security policies, taking into account the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth”. [Read more](#)

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- [Change is coming to the world of work and technology is driving the change.](#) The article provides highlights of the November Employment Policy Department Seminar Series entitled “Technology and the Future of Work - With a little help from my friends” featuring Mr. Iarla Flynn from Google, Director of Public Policy in Nordics/Benelux. [Read more](#)

- [Curating a vision with young African entrepreneurs](#). This blog post reflects on the Youth Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment Forum, 13-14 November in Dakar, Senegal which offered the opportunity to forge new synergies for the future of entrepreneurship, together with young African entrepreneurs from the region. [Read more](#)
- [Panamá lanza plataforma tecnológica para mejorar la oferta formativa del país](#). Una herramienta tecnológica que permitirá mejorar la vinculación entre la oferta formativa y la demanda del sector productivo en Panamá, fue lanzado por el Ministerio de Trabajo y Desarrollo Laboral (Mitradel), con el apoyo de la OIT. La plataforma - Talento Humano Panamá- servirá para que empresas puedan localizar al personal especialista en labores técnicas. (A technological tool that will allow for improvements in better linking training with the demands of the production sector in Panama, was launched by the Ministry of Labor and Labor Development, with the support of the ILO. The platform - Human Talent Panama - will be useful in helping companies locate personnel specializing in technical areas.) [Enlace a la plataforma de Talento Humano Panamá](#). [Lee mas](#)
- [Stemming the brain drain: Improving skills for migrants and refugees](#). An ILO initiative is helping migrants and refugees get recognition for their existing skills and learn new ones - creating a 'brain gain' for them and their host countries. [Read more](#)
- [Des emplois qui changent des vies: Construire la Mauritanie: Structuration et plaidoyer pour l'emploi décent](#). En partenariat avec l'Union Européenne, le Bureau International du Travail en Mauritanie a entrepris des actions de formation en modalité Chantier Ecole. Ces programmes de promotion de l'emploi permettent d'accroître les opportunités d'emplois et améliorer l'accès des jeunes vulnérables au marché du Travail mauritanien et impacter positivement leurs quotidiens en améliorant leurs conditions de vie. [Lire plus](#)
- [Highlights of new study assessing the impact of increasing domestic processing of cocoa in Ghana on employment and job creation presented during high-level meeting](#). The study examines the impact on employment and jobs based on increases in cocoa beans processed and exported as semi-finished products. It was conducted by the project "Strengthening the Impact on Employment of Sector and Trade Policies" (STRENGTHEN), a joint ILO and European Union global initiative. [Read more](#)
- [ILO attends the Tokyo international conference for African development \(TICAD\) ministerial meeting](#). During the International Conference held from 6 to 7 October, the ILO delivered a statement on the centrality of employment to overcome development challenges in Africa, stressing the importance of job creation for youth and the need for multi-sectoral strategies for effective structural transformation and for ensuring inclusive growth. [Read more](#)

- [Video: What role do apprenticeships play in the future of work?](#)
- [Video: Why are apprenticeships important?](#)
- [Video: Plataforma de Talento Humano Panamá.](#)
- [Podcast: Future Skills and Educational Ecosystems for Societal Transformation: How to thrive in a complex world.](#) Dr. Pavel Luksha, the founder of Global Education Futures and Professor of Practice at the Moscow School of Management Skolkovo, discusses key ideas stemming from research undertaken by Global Education Futures. The discussion also focused attention on new policy principles conducive to the ecosystem model of education. (Part of the Employment Policy Dept. seminar series.)
- [Podcast: Panel Discussion: Jobs For Peace and Resilience.](#) The panel discussion was opened by UN Special Envoy on Syria, Mr. Staffan de Mistura, and focused on the value added of decent work and employment creation initiatives in reinforcing social cohesion, building peace and ensuring resilience to future shocks in countries affected by conflict and fragility. The event was co-organized by the ILO, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Graduate Institute's Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland during the Geneva Peace Week 2018.
- [Video: Employment creation for youth to build sustainable peace in The Gambia.](#) Infrastructure construction works were launched in April 2018 to create employment opportunities for youth in The Gambia through ILO's employment-intensive approach.
- [Photo album: Future Skills and Educational Ecosystems for Societal Transformation: How to thrive in a complex world.](#)



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