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Dear Reader,

Highlights of this edition of our newsletter include:

- Event replay: [SDG Action Weekend, High Impact Initiatives: Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)
- News: [21 million euros pledged at UNGA for Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)
- Event highlights of the ILO at the [4th edition of the Finance in Common Summit](#), 4-6 September, Cartagena, Colombia: [Day 1](#), [Day 2](#), and [Day 3](#)
- ILO EMPLOYMENT podcast series: Global challenges – Global solutions: The future of work, new episode “[The quest for social justice: the role of research and dialogue](#)”, with Sangheon Lee, Director ILO EMPLOYMENT, and Mikel Landabaso, Director, Fair & Sustainable Economy of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

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**LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES**

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### [Financing mechanisms for promoting social inclusion in skills and lifelong learning systems: Global overview of current practices and policy options](#)

The report analyses pros and cons of practices around the world, shedding light on the policy options to improve access to and participation in skills development and lifelong learning of disadvantaged people. It is the first global study that analyses the effectiveness of existing financing instruments targeting individuals, training providers and enterprises. It recommends how these instruments should be contextualized and better applied in developed and developing countries to ensure that training reaches those who need it the most.



### [Note Statistique - Les apprentis dans les pays où l'économie informelle est importante](#)

Cette note statistique compare les données tirées d'enquêtes sur la main d'œuvres compilées par le BIT dans 27 pays (26 pays d'Afrique et 1 pays d'Asie du Sud). Elle montre comment ces enquêtes peuvent être utilisées pour dresser un panorama de l'apprentissage, en particulier dans les pays dont l'économie informelle est importante, tout en soulignant les limites rencontrées. La note fournit également des conclusions et des recommandations basées sur une analyse comparative entre pays. Egalement disponible en [anglaise](#).



### [Investing in career guidance. The case for workers](#)

This leaflet advocates for quality career guidance for workers in the framework of lifelong guidance systems. Based on the collective work of the member organizations of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Career Guidance, it describes how workers can benefit and the main ingredients that contribute to quality in career guidance.



### [Inter-Agency Brief - Global Careers Month: Challenges, opportunities and priorities](#)

This brief synthesizes the results of discussions held during the first [Global Careers Month](#) organized between 8 November and 13 December 2022 under the aegis of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Career Guidance, in cooperation with professional associations and practitioner-led private organizations operating in the field of career development. It provides a fresh insight on challenges, opportunities and priorities for career guidance system development at global and regional levels.



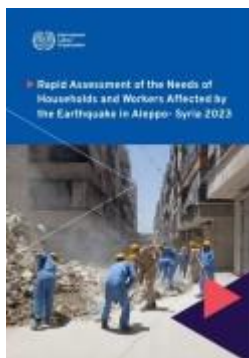
### [Myanmar: Labour market update 2023](#)

This ILO brief draws together information from a multitude of sources to capture and present key insights on the economic and labour market situation in Myanmar against the continuing backdrop of unrest and socioeconomic turmoil.



### [Pakistan: Employment outlook in a setting of austerity](#)

This ILO brief examines the labour market trends in Pakistan and presents estimates of the impacts of the current economic crisis on employment outcomes in the near term. With employment shares declining and unemployment on the rise, the austerity-driven limitations on social outlays are expected to feed a downward spiral in labour market outcomes that could push the country's progress toward decent work and inclusive growth backward by decades.



### [Rapid assessment of the needs of households and workers affected by the earthquake in Aleppo, Syria 2023](#)

This report aims to better understand the needs of households and workers affected by the February 2023 earthquake which struck the Syrian city of Aleppo, parts of which were severely damaged. A survey was carried out with 402 households, representing over 2,000 individuals, to gather insights into the earthquake's impact on the workforce composition, income sources, productive assets, and livelihoods.

## **PARTNERING FOR ACTION - PARTENARIAT POUR L'ACTION - COLABORACIÓN PARA LA ACCIÓN**

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- [Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)  
The Global Accelerator, launched in September 2021 by the UN Secretary-General, signals the UN system's collective response for addressing the multiple challenges that threaten to erase development progress. The aim is to direct investments to help create millions of decent jobs, primarily in the green, digital and care economies, and to extend social protection to the over 4 billion people currently excluded. Here's the latest:
  - The Global Accelerator was featured among the 12 High Impact Initiatives at the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Action Weekend, a pre-SDG Summit 2023 event. Germany, Belgium and Spain pledged 21 million euros to the initiative.

- Event replay: [SDG Action Weekend, High Impact Initiatives: Global Accelerator](#)
  - Press release: [21 million euros pledged at UNGA for Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)
  - News: [ILO welcomes G20 support for just transition measures](#). G20 Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to promote inclusive growth, sustainable development and decent work and their support for the UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions
  
- **[EU-ILO “Building partnerships on the Future of Work” project](#)**

This project funded by the European Union (EU) aims at contributing to shaping the future world of work in compliance with the [ILO Centenary Declaration on the Future of Work](#). It does so by promoting a global approach to the changing world of work, and by finding workable and sustainable solutions to key challenges related to the changing nature of work. Here's the latest from the project:

  - **Meeting report:** [Policy dialogue between the EU and NEDLAC on Algorithmic management practices in logistics and healthcare sector](#)
  - **Research paper:** [Resilience or need? COVID-19, informality and the probability of being employed](#)
  
- **[The PROSPECTS Opportunity Fund project for the “Promotion, Inclusion and protection of refugees and host communities in the gig economy”](#)**

The project promotes advocacy, policy-oriented research and dialogue on prospects for safer, more inclusive digitally enabled income opportunities for refugees. It is being implemented by the ILO and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) as part of the Partnership for Improving Prospects for Forcibly Displaced Persons and Host Communities (PROSPECTS) and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands. The Opportunity Fund project works in eight priority countries: Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Sudan and Uganda. Here's the latest from the project:

  - **News:** [Community of Practice on Digital Skills and Jobs kicks-off with a discussion on digital entrepreneurial activity in Kenya](#)
  - **News:** [Assessing the potential of online labour platforms to connect displaced talent with decent jobs](#)
  - **News:** [ILO-UNICEF Learning Lab explores effective approaches to develop digital skills to empower refugees and host communities](#)
  
- **[Employment impact assessment to maximize job creation in Africa \(STRENGTHEN 2\)](#)**

STRENGTHEN 2 is a joint initiative of the European Union and the ILO that focuses on job creation through investments. The project is a strategic partnership with the overall goal of leveraging employment impact assessments to promote the creation of more and better jobs in sub-Saharan African countries. Here's the latest:

  - **News:** [STRENGTHEN2 attended the International Input-Output Association Conference in Alghero, Italy](#)
  - **News:** [The STRENGTHEN2 project concluded its third mission to Malawi](#)

- **Publication:** [STRENGTHEN2 Employment Impact Assessment Methodologies](#)
- [Mainstreaming Employment into Trade and Investment in the Southern Neighbourhood \(METI\)](#)  
METI is a programme funded by the European Commission and implemented by the ILO. It aims to better enable policymakers 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.
- [ProAgro Ethiopia](#)  
The project aims to support the Government of Ethiopia by contributing to the creation of more and better jobs in the agribusiness sector. The project is designed under the framework of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development's (BMZ) Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation. Here's the latest:
  - **News:** [ProAgro Ethiopia project conducted the third Amhara Region Technical Advisory Group \(TAG\) meeting](#)
  - **News:** [ILO pursues its support of decent job creation in the agribusiness sector](#)
- [Le projet ProAgro Maroc](#)  
Le projet ProAgro Maroc propose une stratégie intégrée combinant soutien à la mise en œuvre de politiques d'emploi, développement des compétences, développement de chaînes de valeur agro-industrielles et formation à l'entrepreneuriat. Comme le projet ProAgro Ethiopia ce projet est financé par l'Initiative spéciale sur la formation et la création d'emplois du ministère fédéral allemand de la Coopération économique et du Développement (BMZ). Pour plus d'informations sur le projet, cliquez [ici](#).
- [Apprenticeships Development for Universal Lifelong Learning and Training \(ADULT\)](#)  
This project aims to generate new ideas and policy options to modernize apprenticeships to meet the needs of all segments of the population in existing and new economic sectors, including the digital and green economy for countries at various stages of development. It also explores how apprenticeship systems can equip both youth and adults with the skills relevant to the future of work, thereby facilitating their access to and transitions in the labour market. [More information](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

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26 September

**ILO/WAPES webinar: "Empowering Labour Markets through ILO Convention No. 88 and Employer Outreach: A Global Perspective"**

This webinar focuses on public employment services' (PES) successful outreach to employers in alignment with ILO Conventions Nos 88 and 181. The event draws on international evidence to shed light on practical collaborations. It focuses on

how PES, aligned with C.88, can actively support employers seeking diverse talent pools, such as apprentices, trainees, young professionals, and persons with disabilities. Interpretation in Spanish and French available. [Register](#)

27 September

**Virtual event: Greening TVET and skills development to equip and capacitate future workforce for a just transition**

Jointly organized by the ILO in collaboration with the [RES4Africa Foundation](#), the event aims to shed light on the importance of greening TVET and skills development in preparing the current and future workforce with the necessary skills for a sustainable, just and inclusive transition. The discussion will feature experts (UN-wide, developing partners, social partners and countries) who will provide insights and knowledge on this subject. There will be a detailed presentation of the ILO tool, which was published in 2022 and launched at COP27, titled "Greening TVET and skills development: A practical step-by-step guidance tool". The tool is designed to assist TVET stakeholders in integrating skills for the green transition into their programmes in a comprehensive and systematic manner. [Register](#)

2 - 13 October

**ITC/ILO: Academy on skills development**

The Academy on Skills Development is the flagship programme of ITCILO's capacity building portfolio on Skills and Lifelong Learning. This intensive two-week experience will explore [ILO's new Strategy on Skills and Lifelong Learning for 2022-30](#), providing participants with ideas to shape effective policies and with best practices from all over the world. Course is available in [English](#) and [French](#). Apply by 25 September. [More information](#)

23 October

**ILO Webinar: France Travail**

France Travail is a new initiative undertaken by the government of France aimed at reforming its employment services. The project is based on an international benchmark study on employment services conducted by the inspection services of the ministries concerned. Findings of the study, including lessons learned, will be presented during the webinar. Representatives of selected European public employment services will contribute to the discussions, including presenting their models. Webinar details forthcoming. Interested? Contact: [employment@ilo.org](mailto:employment@ilo.org)

16 - 20 October

**UNCTAD: 8th World Investment Forum (WIF): Investing in Sustainable Development. Abu Dhabi, UAE. ILO event at WIF: "FDI, ESG AND INCLUSIVITY - Promoting decent work and social development"**

Organized in partnership with the ILO and CUTS, this session aims to take stock of recent developments in the promotion of decent work and social development through international investment and inclusive global supply chains. It will discuss human capital and skill development as inalienable components of the Environmental, Governance, and Social (ESG) framework. The session will also address ways that ESG conditionalities can lead to concerns about trade and investment

barriers, and options to mitigate such concerns. The event will take place on 17 October, 15:30 - 17:00 GST. [Information](#)

16 October – 24  
November

**ITC/ILO Course: Sectoral approaches to skills development**

This course will help participants better understand the characteristics, methodologies, institutional arrangements, skills governance mechanisms such as sector skills councils, and sectoral skills development modalities needed for identifying labour market imbalances in terms of skills development at a sectoral level, in addition to recognizing the current and future skills needed at a sectoral level in a broader macroeconomic policy framework. Apply by 13 October. [Read more](#)

16 – 20 October

**ITC/ILO Course: Jobs measurement and employment impact assessment**

Employment impact assessments are key to increasing the effectiveness of policies intended to promote decent jobs. This course aims to improve the design and implementation of policies for the creation of decent jobs by building the capacity of all relevant stakeholders to identify, measure and assess the effects on employment of economic, sectoral, trade-related and labour market policies. [Read more](#)

16 October - 10  
December

**ITC/ILO: E-learning course on skills anticipation and matching**

The course is designed to help participants understand the central importance of identifying current and future skill needs and labour market imbalances in a broader policy framework, and to acquire basic knowledge. Key learnings include about quantitative and qualitative methods, tools for skill needs anticipation and matching supply and demand of skills on the labour market. Apply by 4 October. [Read more](#)

30 October – 1  
December

**ITC/ILO Course: Employment in times of digitalization and artificial intelligence**

The objective is to better understand the scope of the digital revolution and its impact from a decent work perspective, e.g., the impact on labour markets, jobs, skills, specific groups and public employment services. This training will also highlight “digital divides” across groups, sectors and countries, while presenting ILO diagnostic tools to analyse the impact of digitalization on employment and policy dimensions to harness the benefits of the digital economy. Apply by 20 October. [Read more](#)

8 November – 5  
December

**ITC/ILO Course: NEETs - challenges and responses for labour market inclusion**

This course provides a platform for sharing of knowledge and experience of policy approaches and instruments for tackling the challenges of youth Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). A variety of policy instruments will be discussed, including early intervention, activation, labour market integration, and outreach. Apply by 8 November. [Read more](#)

## RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

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22 September	<a href="#">Unlocking Africa's Industrial Potential: IDDA III High-Level Event</a>
17 September	<a href="#">SDG Action Weekend, High Impact Initiatives: Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions</a>
11 - 14 September	<a href="#">Geneva Trade Week 2023, Geneva Graduate Institute, World Trade Organization, International Trade Centre</a>
4 - 6 September	<a href="#">4th edition of the Finance in Common Summit. Cartagena, Colombia</a>
29 August	<a href="#">Masterclass Series: The SKILLSBridge. "Empowering Sector Skills Bodies: Strategies to Overcome Challenges and Improve Effectiveness"</a>
12 August	<a href="#">2023 International Youth Day on Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World</a>

## NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

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- [G20 Leaders' Summit: ILO welcomes G20 support for just transition measures](#)
- [Earthquake adds further financial burden to already struggling households and workers in Aleppo](#)
- [Malawi Government Urges Collaboration to Enhance Technical Education and Skills](#)
- [Harmonizing lives: ILO promotes social cohesion among refugees and hosts in Uganda](#)
- [Skills and Enterprise: ILO and the Government of Bangladesh launch skills and economic livelihoods project for women and youth in Cox's Bazar](#)
- [Effective financing mechanisms for skills development can tackle inequality woes, says a new ILO report](#)
- [Empowering youth in Kenya with market-driven digital skills](#)
- [ILO forecasts Pakistan unemployment up 1.5 million since 2021](#)
- [Myanmar labour market remains fragile in challenging conditions](#)



- [Young Refugee Leaders Speak Up: Promoting Meaningful Youth Engagement](#)
- [Article by ILO EMPLOYMENT's Dibyaudh Das, titled 'There cannot be decent work for all without decent work for youth'](#)
- [Employment Intensive Investment Programme \(EIIP\) - Afghanistan News Brief, Issue 4](#)

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- EMPLOYMENT Podcast series. Global challenges – Global solutions: The future of work. ["Working in apparel and footwear manufacturing: How does technological upgrading and automation affect women? "](#).
- ILO at the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Finance in Common Summit, Cartagena, Colombia:
  - [La OIT en la Cumbre Finanzas en Común 2023 - Día 1](#)
  - [La OIT en la Cumbre Finanzas en Común 2023 - Día 2](#)
  - [La OIT en la Cumbre Finanzas en Común 2023 - Día 3](#)
- Replay: [Geneva Trade Forum. Plenary I: The Role of Trade & Trade Policy in Advancing Action on the SDGs: How to Boost Coherence and Cooperation? | Geneva Trade Platform, with the participation of ILO EMPLOYMENT Director Sangheon Lee, begins at 01:09](#)
- Video: [ILO PROSPECTS skills programme trainee shines at WorldSkills Kenya](#)
- Video: [Promoting Rights at Work for Youth in Iraq](#)
- Video: [Message from ILO Director-General, Gilbert F. Houngbo on International Youth Day, 12 August](#)

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