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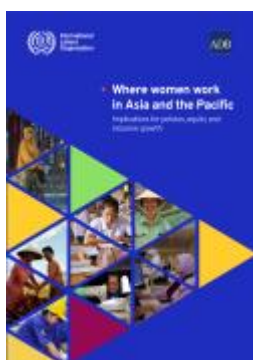
Dear Reader,

Highlights of this edition of our newsletter include:

- United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28), 30 Nov – 12 Dec: The ILO and the European Commission are hosting the Just Transition pavilion together with IOE, ITUC and UNFCCC. The pavilion will provide a space for ILO tripartite constituents and institutional partners to convene events, engage in informal exchanges and develop partnerships to advance climate action from the perspectives of ILO's mandate. More information about the ILO at COP28 available [here](#). Watch all ILO events at COP 28 [here](#).
- News: The 349th session of the ILO's Governing Body concluded with key decisions including endorsement of a Global Coalition for Social Justice, and held discussions covering, among others, the implementation of the [Quality Apprenticeships Recommendation](#), the [Youth Employment Action Plan](#), and the follow up to the [resolution concerning a just transition](#).
- ILO EMPLOYMENT podcast series: Global challenges – Global solutions: The future of work, new episode "[Artificial Intelligence and the future of work: A threat or a promise?](#)"

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LATEST PUBLICATIONS - PUBLICATIONS LES PLUS RÉCENTES - ÚLTIMAS PUBLICACIONES



[Where women work in Asia and the Pacific: Implications for policies, equity and inclusive growth](#)

This study analyses gender gaps in Asia and the Pacific's labour market and shows why removing the barriers preventing women accessing decent work, increasing pay, and improving working conditions can drive inclusive development and economic growth.



[Digital employment diagnostic guidelines](#)

This publication combines the latest insights, best practices, and methodologies for analysing digital employment and its impact on individuals, enterprises, and society. It provides a roadmap for policymakers, researchers, statisticians and practitioners to gather accurate and reliable data, measure the impact of digitalization on employment and develop evidence-based policies that can effectively address emerging issues and ensure decent working conditions for all.



[Impact of the Israel-Hamas conflict on the labour market and livelihoods in the Occupied Palestinian Territory](#)

The Bulletin offers an initial assessment of the impact of the Israel-Hamas conflict on employment and incomes in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. This assessment is based on secondary data, primarily sourced from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) Labour Force Survey, and takes into consideration a set of underlying assumptions.



[Aligning skills development and national social protection systems](#)

This paper provides initial information and examples on how social protection can be complemented by skills interventions to achieve better and more lasting outcomes in terms of decent work and a decent life. It seeks to develop a systematic conceptual framework on how social protection and skills development can reinforce each other to support employability, resilience and capacity for transition. This paper inaugurates the publications series which will be published under the [Global Accelerator](#).



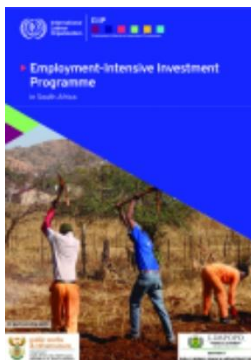
[Experiencias sobre formación y certificación para el trabajo de cuidados](#)

Todo sistema de gestión y regulación de la calidad para la atención a las personas en situación de dependencia define criterios relativos a la formación profesional de quienes prestan los cuidados. Sin embargo, existen considerables diferencias entre países en lo relativo a los estándares de la formación, la evaluación y la certificación de las competencias. En este documento se recogen experiencias que actualmente están en marcha, principalmente en instituciones públicas de América Latina. Con esta compilación se busca proporcionar una perspectiva general del contexto en el que se inscriben las políticas de formación y certificación, presentando también el detalle de las características de los servicios, los principales logros, retos y aprendizajes.



[Guía para el debate nacional sobre la incorporación o mejora de servicios de formación y certificación para los cuidados dirigidos a primera infancia, personas adultas mayores y personas con discapacidad](#)

Esta guía se dirige a todas las instituciones, organizaciones y personas que intervienen en el diseño y ejecución de políticas públicas orientadas a la mejora de servicios de cuidado.



[Employment-Intensive Investment Programme in South Africa](#)

The programme seeks to address the national challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality through employment creation in provision and delivery of public infrastructure works by application of labour-intensive methods. With ILO technical assistance, the Programme's scope and focus have continuously been adapted over the years to suit the changing priorities and objectives across its various phases. Access the brochure about the ILO/ Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP) support to the the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) [here](#).



[An appraisal of EIIP's longer-term development impacts](#)

The purpose of this study is to improve understanding of how the project implementation related activities of the Employment Intensive Investment Programme (EIIP) generate long-term development impacts which arise out of: (a) the benefits for users and the wider society of the improved assets, and (b) the employment and increased incomes of those employed on projects. A contribution of this document has been to identify areas in which there have been demonstrated development impacts and areas where there is potential of development impacts. The study proposes a number of recommendations offering a guide for direction for the EIIP programme going forward.

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

- **[Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions](#)**
The Global Accelerator is a joint UN initiative that aims to help countries in creating the millions of decent jobs needed to achieve the SDGs, primarily in the green, digital and care economies, and extend social protection to billions of people who are excluded. Subscribe to receive news about the Accelerator via [this link](#). Here's the latest:
 - Forthcoming event: 10 December. The Global Accelerator at COP 28 – Putting people at the centre of climate action. The event will focus on the contribution that the Global Accelerator can make to support people, workers and enterprises to ensure an environmental transition that is just and inclusive for all. [Info](#)
 - Recent event: 22 November. Policy Integration to Accelerate the 2030 Agenda: A Roundtable Discussion on Progress and Perspectives. [Info](#)
- **[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.
- **[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:** [Unlocking the potential of e-commerce and digital financial services in Kenya](#)
- **[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 is reinforcing local technical capacities and the institutionalization of Employment Impact Assessments in Cameroon](#)
 - **News:** [STRENGTHEN2 is building the technical capacity of national actors on Employment Impact Assessment and development policy simulation in Senegal](#)
 - **Report:** [Employment impact assessment of the Malawi M1 road rehabilitation project](#)
- **[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:
 - **Video:** [ILO ProAgro Ethiopia Project, Occupational Safety and Health \(OSH\) 2023](#)
 - **[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](#).
 - **Actualité:** [Vers la décarbonation de l'agroalimentaire](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS À VENIR - FUTUROS EVENTOS

30 November – 12
December

United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)

6 December. G7 Green jobs and skills: Increasing international cooperation and investment for just transitions. The panel session will involve leaders from G7 countries, partner countries and social partners to discuss progress on just transition and the importance of green jobs and skills strategies for achieving the SDGs. It will address how their

countries are investing in a low carbon economy to alleviate inequality and promote climate adaptation and mitigation. [Info](#)

10 December. The Global Accelerator – Putting people at the centre of climate action. The event will focus on the contribution that the Global Accelerator can make to support people, workers and enterprises to ensure an environmental transition that is just and inclusive for all. [Info](#)

5 - 6 December

1st Youth Employment Research Forum
Jointly organized by the ILO, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of the Government of Canada and the INCLUDE Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies, the Forum will discuss issues linked to the future of youth employment. The event will bring together researchers from across the globe, who are advancing the frontiers of knowledge on youth employment and contributing to the evidence base. Tagging to the forthcoming 20th anniversary edition of the ILO Global Employment Trends for Youth 2024, the research themes selected for discussion at the Forum have in common their exploration of “the dynamics of youth employment and its supporting policy framework”. [Info and registration](#)

7 December

Inaugural Webinar - Launching ILO Knowledge Sharing Portal on Skills & Labour Migration
The ILO, in collaboration with GIZ and AUDA-NEPAD, is organizing a special webinar to: share an overview of domestic work skills development programmes - opportunities and challenges; learn from emerging good practices from the region and beyond on domestic work training; provide opportunity for exchange and reflections from stakeholders as part of the webinar and launch of community of practice; and, introduce the portal of skills dimensions of labour migration of the African Skills Portal for Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship (ASPYEE) Platform. [Info and registration](#)

12 December

Virtual launch of the ILO report “Public employment services and active labour market policies for transitions: Responses to mega trends and crises”
This event will present the main findings of the first ILO global report on public employment services and active labour market policies. It is organized by the ILO, with the participation of the World Employment Confederation (WEC), The World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES), and the World Bank. [Info and registration](#)

13 - 15 December

Global Refugee Forum
The [Global Refugee Forum \(GRF\) 2023](#) will take place between 13 - 15 December in Geneva, with advance events on 12 December. The Forum will provide an opportunity to build on the significant progress made by governments and other stakeholders towards the implementation of pledges and initiatives announced since the first GRF in 2019. A side event titled “*Boosting refugees’ self-reliance through technical and vocational education and training*”

(TVET) is planned on 12 December. [Register via the GRF Education Campus.](#)

8 – 12 April 2024

ITC/ILO Course: Shaping and managing effective employment services

Organized jointly by ITCILO and ILO EMPLOYMENT, this course responds to repeated requests made by ILO constituents to strengthen the role of employment services and labour market policies to promote employment and decent work. This course is of particular interest to operational managers of public employment services. It also targets officers of ministries in charge of labour and employment, representatives of workers' and employers' organizations, staff of international organizations and other professionals dealing with the design and implementation of employment services and labour market programmes. Course available in English and French. Apply by 25 Feb 2024. [Read more](#)

RECENT EVENTS - EVÈNEMENTS LES PLUS RÉCENTS - ÚLTIMOS EVENTOS

20 - 22 November

[Sixteenth meeting of the Standing Working Group on Ageing. Item 3: In-depth policy discussion Overcoming old-age inequalities through decent work for all, ILO/EMPLOYMENT Dorothea Schmidt-Klau](#)

15 November

[The SKILLS Bridge Masterclass: Small Steps, Big Gains: Micro-credentials for Lifelong Learning](#)

13 November

[G7 knowledge exchange. Road to COP28 UAE: G7 Driving Collective Action and Financing on Just Transitions and Green Jobs and Skills](#)

7 November

[Webinar series on core skills: ILO soft skills modules - The InBusiness training programme experience in South-East Asia](#)

3 November

[2023 International Forum on Youth Entrepreneurship: "Youth entrepreneurship to promote sustainable development, empower youth development". Held in Dalian, China](#)

1 November

[Complexities of local peace: Climate change, forced displacement and decent work](#)

30 October - 2 November

[2023 World Youth Development Forum. Youth strength for solidarity and innovation: Striving together for Sustainable Development](#)

27 October

[Inter-agency career guidance event: Digital Technologies in Career Guidance – A conversation with Jaana Kettunen](#)

23 October	ILO in partnership with Government of France: What strategic and organizational choices should Public Employment Services make in the face of new challenges in the labour market?
17 - 18 October	Breaking barriers, building futures: ASEAN regional dialogue on young people's skills, employability and transition to decent work in ASEAN
13 - 15 October	Presentation by ILO EMPLOYMENT's Dorothea Schmidt-Klau at the Independent Ageing 2023 Convention, held in Aichi, Japan

NEWS - NOUVELLES - NOTICIAS

- [349th Session of the ILO Governing Body. ILO Governing Body closes; key decisions include endorsement of Global Coalition for Social Justice](#)
- [2023 World Youth Development Forum: ILO tops internship rankings](#)
- [Thematic Forum for Digital Development of the 2023 World Youth Development Forum is held at Beijing. The ILO contributed to this thematic forum](#)
- [Youth employment in ASEAN: ASEAN, UNICEF, ILO regional dialogue delivers joint recommendation to advance region's youth](#)
- [The Youth Network Committee in Ethiopia ensures youth-responsive implementation of PROSPECTS activities](#)
- [Interview with Mothunye Mothiba, Chief Executive Officer of Productivity South Africa in article titled "Improved productivity evidence for better policy making in South Africa"](#)

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- EMPLOYMENT Podcast series. Global challenges – Global solutions: The future of work:
 - [Artificial Intelligence and the future of work: A threat or a promise?](#)
 - [Jobs for Africa and beyond: The role of structural transformation and economic policies in the 21st century](#)
- ILO Voices Podcast series:
 - [Should retirement be retired? The pros and cons of older workers](#)

- [Le monde entier est en train de vieillir](#)
- Video: [Progress of the Youth Network Committee \(YNC\) in Ethiopia](#)
- Video: [ILO PROSPECTS Employment Intensive Investment Programme \(EIIP\) in Kenya](#)
- Video: [ILO PROSPECTS' apprenticeship programme in Uganda - Story of Benjamin](#)
- Replay: [ILO EMPLOYMENT Director Sangheon Lee at the opening event of "Simposio Regional 30"](#)
- Replay: [ILO EMPLOYMENT Director Sangheon Lee at the Annual Meeting of the Global Future Councils 2023, session 'From Abogamers to Prompt Engineers: Navigating a New World of Work'](#)