



International
Labour
Organization

SKILLS

ILO Skills and Lifelong Learning Newsletter

Registration is now open for the Continental virtual conference on skills anticipation and matching in Africa

The Conference, a two days virtual event, will take place on 16 and 17 September 2021 and will bring together policy makers and labour market actors to discuss challenges that African countries face in addressing the persistent imbalance between the demand and the supply of skills on the African continent.



[Register here](#)

Upcoming events

Ongoing - 30
September

[OIT/CINTERFOR: Equidad de género, desarrollo de competencias STEAM y FP](#)

06-08 September

[World Employment Forum 2021](#)

08 September

[Digitalization and TVET](#)

20 September

[ITC/ILO: Skills anticipation and matching](#)

20 September

[ITC/ILO: E-learning course on financing skills development](#)

20 September

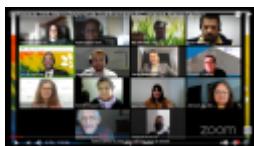
[ITC/ILO: E-learning course on the management of vocational training centers - Advanced](#)

22 September

[LKDF Forum 2021: Digital Skills for an Inclusive Future](#)

27 October

[ILO: Career development support at the heart of lifelong learning systems](#)



Towards a Regional Qualifications Framework (RQF) in Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish only)

ILO/Cinterfor in collaboration with the Organization of American States (OAS) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) organized a series of [webinars](#) to discuss the design of a RQF together with new employment and training policies. The last session focused on common challenges faced by Latin American countries; the progress made by the Pacific Alliance in the development of a RQF; and the experience of the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ). [Learn more](#)



Investing in skills pays off: Pavel's testimony

The ILO's European Union funded Skills 21 project supported building the capacity of TVET instructors in designing online materials, learning the latest software, and building online learning platforms. [Read more](#)



Seventy students graduate from the industrial welding skills programme in Kenya

The ILO collaborated with the East African Institute of Welding (EAIW), the Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) and the county governments of Turkana and Garissa to introduce a six-month welder training programme to empower youth, provide them with employment-relevant skills and address the mismatch between skills and jobs in the labour market. [Read more](#)



ILO's Start Your Business training programme enhanced entrepreneurial skills to a young female worker in Iraq

Nasreen Hassan, who recently took part in ILO's Start Your Business (SYB) training programme, explains how her business idea to advance medical engineering can change lives and create employment in Iraq. [Read more](#)



Closing workers' skills gap through industry engagement

The roles of industries and businesses are crucial in skills development programmes to effectively address Indonesian labour market mismatches, says a recent ILO webinar. The ILO's Industry Skills for Inclusive Growth Phase 2 project in Indonesia organized an

interactive discussion to raise the awareness of policy makers, industrial associations and relevant stakeholders regarding the important involvement of industries in tackling problems related to skills mismatch in the labour market. [Read more](#)



ILO, UK and Indonesia team up to build highly skilled and globally competitive maritime workforce

New partnerships will have a critical bearing on Indonesia's maritime industry, says the coordinating minister for maritime affairs and investment. The ILO's Skills for Prosperity Programme in Indonesia, the Batam State Polytechnic (Polibatam) and the Maritime State Polytechnic of Indonesia (PoliMarin) launched new skills development partnerships to provide technical support for curriculum development and enhancement and capacity building for lecturers and academic staff. [Read more](#)



Strengthening digital TVET in Ukraine

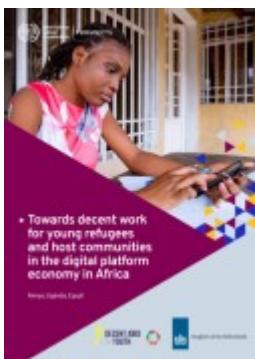
To support the continuity of learning during the pandemic and to modernise TVET beyond the duration of the pandemic, the ILO is assisting the Ukrainian Ministry of Education and Science in the development of quality e-Learning solutions for TVET. [Read more](#)



Core skills and their importance for training and employment in times of COVID-19 (Spanish only)

ILO/Cinterfor in collaboration with ChileValora, SENA in Colombia and the vocational learning initiative "ILO-SENA API" in Brazil, organized a videoconference to address the importance of soft skills for training and employment in a post-Covid 19 world. Nearly 500 people from 15 countries in the region attended the event. [Read more](#)

Latest publications



ILO: Towards decent work for young refugees and host communities in the digital platform economy in Africa: Kenya, Uganda, Egypt

This report explores job creation in the gig economy from the unique experiences and perspectives of youth and refugees, as well as from the viewpoint of digital labour and e-commerce platforms, digital training providers, start-up incubators, social partners, and policymakers.

ILO/Cinterfor: Pre-apprenticeship programs (PAPs) for Latin America and the Caribbean



during and after the COVID-19 crisis

The objective of this report is to provide a starting point for a transformation process in the VET systems in Latin American and the Caribbean, to offer attractive educational solutions for different groups of young people, and to lay a solid foundation for developing a future skilled workforce that meets the requirements of the private sector translating into growing economies in the region. Also available in [Spanish](#).



OIT: Estudio sobre género en la formación profesional - Centroamérica y República Dominicana (Spanish only)

This study and collection of best practices describe progress on gender equality in seven vocational training institutes organized within REDIFFP, the network of vocational training institutes in Central America and the Dominican Republic. See also the Executive summary ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)), and collection of good practices ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)).



ILO: Tripartite Sector Skills Bodies

Sector Skills Bodies (SSBs) aim to increase and strengthen the involvement of industry in the way skill systems are governed and operate. This policy brief outlines some of the issues that need to be addressed when establishing and operating tripartite SSBs, examines the different mandates and structures that have been adopted internationally and presents a number of key actions that will improve the likelihood of sustainable SSBs being established.

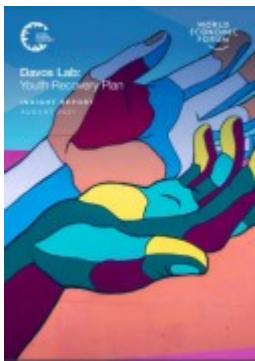


ILO: Pathways to Employment: What works, what does not, and how can we innovate?

This policy brief highlights the mandate and role of the ILO in actualizing decent employment opportunities for the Egyptian youth and workshop objectives. It provides policy and programme-related recommendations to help promote and achieve sustainable employment in Egypt.

UNICEF: Empowering the workforce of tomorrow: The role of business in tackling the skills mismatch among youth

This report provides concrete recommendations for actions that businesses can take to help address the “skills mismatch” that young people all over the world are encountering. It also highlights the scale of the skills mismatch challenge globally, its root causes and the impacts it has on youth, business and society more broadly.



UNESCO/UIL: Integrated approaches to literacy and skills development

This report showcases 21 adult education programmes that demonstrate promising approaches to integrating literacy, life skills and vocational skills in various country contexts around the world. It also offers insights into how integrated learning programmes can be designed and implemented.

World Economic Forum: Youth Recovery Plan

Young people are the most affected demographic when it comes to the world's rising socio-economic, political and environmental crises. Yet, they are also the best placed to lead the transition to a more equitable world. This is one of the key findings of the world's first Youth-Driven Recovery Plan developed by the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community. It features the insights and ideas of more than 2 million people, who participated in surveys and dialogues in more than 150 cities and 180 countries.

Skills Innovation Facility



3rd ILO Skills Challenge Innovation Call: Discover the Skills Innovation Network and become a member/partner



Multimedia



Meet the specialists: Discover the ILO SKILLS Branch work in Central & Eastern Europe

Quick links

- Read YouthForesight Newsletter [here](#) & subscribe [here](#)

Follow us



[Unsubscribe](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)

International Labour Organization
4 route des Morillons
CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland
skills@ilo.org
#ILOSkills2030