



INNOVATIONS FOR DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH

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The Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth

The challenge

Worldwide, over 66 million youth are without a job and nearly 145 million youth are working, yet living in poverty. These figures embody a massive waste of potential and a threat to social cohesion. Despite widespread recognition of how vital it is to invest in both the quantity and the quality of jobs for youth, efforts remain fragmented and low-scale.

The response

Decent Jobs for Youth is the global initiative to scale up action and impact on youth employment under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Launched in 2016, with endorsement from the executive heads of the United Nations, **Decent Jobs for Youth** is a unique platform to address fragmentation and catalyse innovative action at all levels.

An inclusive alliance

Decent Jobs for Youth brings together the resources and expertise of diverse partners to maximize the positive impact of investments into youth employment. Decent Jobs for Youth recognizes the key roles of governments, social partners, the UN System, youth and civil society, the private sector, regional institutions, parliamentarians, foundations, academia and the media. Partners are united by their adherence to 15 guiding principles, which form the foundation of effective, collaborative action.

The strategy



Building a strategic alliance to advocate, ensure policy convergence, stimulate innovative thinking and mobilize resources



Scaling up evidence-based action and impact across key thematic priorities in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



Sharing and applying knowledge by capturing, analysing and sharing best practices, highlighting innovative approaches and facilitating learning



Mobilizing resources by securing high-level commitments from national, regional and international actors

Priorities for action

Decent Jobs for Youth focuses on pressing challenges and promising opportunities.



Green jobs for youth



Digital skills for youth



Quality apprenticeships



Youth in fragile situations



Youth transitioning to the formal economy



Youth in the rural economy



Youth entrepreneurship and self-employment



Young workers in hazardous occupations

Our achievements and the road ahead

With the commitment of 22 entities of the United Nations, **Decent Jobs for Youth** set in motion working groups to advance the strategy.

In 2016, the United Nations partners set the foundations of the strategic multi-stakeholder alliance, the engagement principles and key communication elements of **Decent Jobs for Youth**. Active and purposeful inter-agency collaboration has been a constant asset of the partnership and a flagship for multi-sectoral collaboration accelerating progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In 2017, **Decent Jobs for Youth** partners launched thematic plans of action anchored in rigorous and empirical evidence. The plans highlight what works, identify innovations, and offer concrete ideas to scale up action and impact across the priority areas:

1. [Digital skills for youth](#)
2. [Quality apprenticeships](#)
3. [Youth in the rural economy](#)
4. [Green jobs for youth](#)
5. [Youth entrepreneurship and self-employment](#)
6. [Youth transitioning to the formal economy](#)
7. [Youth in fragile situations](#)
8. Youth in hazardous occupations (coming up!)

With a concrete value proposition, **Decent Jobs for Youth** launched its engagement platform, expanding the alliance with strategic partners from governments, social partners, youth and civil society, private sector and beyond.

Launched in November 2017, www.decentjobsforyouth.org is built around our [partners' commitments](#) to take joint action on youth employment at local, country, regional and global level in line with the Global Initiative's strategy and guiding principles. Commitments to **Decent Jobs for Youth** are recognized as direct contributions to the UN Partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Today, **Decent Jobs for Youth** is an inclusive alliance that has secured over 25 pledges for action that aim to improve the quantity and the quality of jobs for over 16 million young women and men around the world.

Moving forward the focus is on scaling up action and impact at country level.

In 2018, with the support from the governments of Spain and Luxembourg, **Decent Jobs for Youth** will be transforming evidence into action at country level. Partners will direct efforts towards identifying **innovations that work and that can be scaled up effectively**. This includes driving discussions about innovative financing for youth employment and exploring cutting-edge mechanisms with potential for wide replication and high impact on labour market outcomes of youth.

Event objectives

The event brings together partners of **Decent Jobs for Youth** and other key youth employment actors to:

- **Stimulate innovative thinking and collaboration** on youth employment
- **Exchange lessons learned and good practices on innovative financing** to scale up action on youth employment.
- **Collaborate and network**, launch new commitments for **Decent Jobs for Youth**, and highlight how existing commitments translate our guiding principles into action.

Event highlights

- **Young global leaders** sharing experiences and inspiring action on decent jobs for youth.
- **Co-designed expert sessions on innovative action and financing** for decent jobs for youth.
- **Launch of new partner commitments** towards **Decent Jobs for Youth**.
- A conversation about the promotion of **youth employment in the football world**, *by invitation only*.
- **One-on-one networking** session for pre-arranged meetings with other participants to explore collaboration opportunities on decent jobs for youth.
- **Marketplace sessions**: An interactive format with multiple presentations being held simultaneously to share ongoing and upcoming work in support of decent jobs for youth.
- **Media Zone on Decent Jobs for Youth**.

Participation

The event will provide a global platform for governments, social partners, youth and civil society, private sector, UN entities and others to foster collaboration on decent jobs for youth under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Date and Venue

The event will be held in **Room II** at the **International Labour Office in Geneva** from **2-3 May 2018**. The address is **4 route des Morillons, Geneva, Switzerland**.

Languages

The event will be held in **English**, with interpretation available in **French** and **Spanish** for selected sessions. Participants are kindly asked to inform the organizers in advance if they require sign language interpretation or any other special arrangements to make the event accessible for all.

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AGENDA

Master of Ceremony: Gunilla von Hall, foreign correspondent for the Svenska Dagbladet newspaper in Geneva

Day 1: Innovative Action Day – Wednesday, 2 May 2018	
08:30	Registration – R2 South, ILO Welcome coffee – Bar des délégués – R3 South, ILO
09:00	1. Opening - Salle II Welcome by Sangheon Lee, ILO's Director of the Employment Policy Department. Opening remarks by Moussa Oumarou, ILO's Deputy Director-General for Field Operations & Partnerships.
09:15	2. A Future with Decent Jobs for Youth - Salle II Panel discussion on the future of youth employment and the role of decent work. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Socorro Flores Liera, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations Office in Geneva• Roberto Suárez Santos, Acting Secretary-General of the International Organisation of Employers• Plamen Dimitrov, President of the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions in Bulgaria• Anna Fendley, young trade unionist, Legislative Representative for the United Steelworkers• Noella Moshi, young social entrepreneur and Programs Lead at West Africa Vocational Education Academies Moderated by Gunilla von Hall, Svenska Dagbladet
10:30	3. Coffee break – Bar des délégués R3

10:50	<p>4. Partners in Action: Innovating for Decent Jobs for Youth - Salle II</p> <p>Partners highlight their innovative contributions to Decent Jobs for Youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonio Correa do Prado, Deputy Director for Social Policies and Rural Institutions at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations • Kathryn Rowan, Vice President for Human Resources for the Americas and Global Youth Initiative Human Resources Lead, Nestlé • Florencia Spangaro, Director of Programs at the Citi Foundation • Alejandra Sáenz, Employment Director, International Youth Organization for Ibero-America <p>Moderated by Susanna Pak from the International Trade Centre</p>
11:45	<p>5. Priorities for action on youth employment - Salle II</p> <p>Dynamic and engaging session highlighting achievements and the road ahead for Decent Jobs for Youth as well as eight lightning talks on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Digital skills for youth Kemal Huseinovic, Chief of the Infrastructure, Enabling Environment and E-Applications Department of the International Telecommunications Union 2) Quality apprenticeships Srinivas Reddy, ILO's Chief of the Skills and Employability Branch 3) Youth in the rural economy Mariangels Fortuny, ILO's Head of Forestry, Agriculture, Construction and Tourism Unit 4) Green jobs for youth Vic Van Vuuren, ILO's Director of the Enterprises Department 5) Youth entrepreneurship and self-employment Ashish Shah, Director Division of Country Programmes at the International Trade Centre 6) Youth transitioning to the formal economy Frédéric Lapeyre, ILO's Head of Informal Economy Unit and Chief of the Development and Investment Branch (OIC) 7) Youth in fragile situations Donato Kiniger-Passigli, ILO's Senior Specialist Crisis Response 8) Youth in hazardous occupations Beate Andrees, ILO's Chief of the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch <p>Moderated by Sukti Dasgupta, ILO's Chief of the Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch</p>
12:30	<p>6. Networking lunch - Bar des délégués R3</p>

13:30	<p>7. Statement by Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth - Salle II</p> <p>Introduced by Gunilla von Hall, Svenska Dagbladet</p>
13:40	<p>8. Creating space for innovation - Salle II</p> <p>A conversation with Heidi Strawson, Global Giving Lead at Accenture</p> <p>Moderated by Gunilla von Hall, Svenska Dagbladet</p>
14:00	<p>Thematic partner-led sessions on priorities for action, Block 1</p> <p>9. Quality Apprenticeships: Challenges and innovations - Salle XI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deborah Martierrez, U.S. Department of Labor • Regula Schegg, Global Apprenticeship Network • Zuzana Vaněčková, European Youth Forum <p>Moderated by Ashwani Aggarwal, International Labour Organization</p> <hr/> <p>10. Creativity and innovation in rural youth employment programmes - Salle II Only English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith Lee, Mastercard Foundation • Anita Tiessen, Youth Business International • Peter Wobst, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations • Yann Wyss, Nestlé <p>Co-moderated by Francesca Dalla Valle, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and El'vis Beytullayev, International Labour Organization</p> <hr/> <p>11. Young workers in hazardous occupations - Salle VII Only English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabio Segura, Jacobs Foundation <p>Moderated by Benjamin Smith, International Labour Organization</p>
14:45	<p>12. Quick coffee – Bar des délégués R3</p>

15:00	<p>Thematic partner-led sessions on priorities for action, Block 2</p> <p>13. Digital skills for youth - Salle II Only English</p> <p>Moderated by Susan Schorr, International Telecommunications Union</p>
	<p>14. Connecting the dots: youth employment, environment and innovation - Salle XI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francesca Dalla Valle, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations • Florencia Spangaro, Citi Foundation • Mito Tsukamoto, International Labour Organization • Catherine Saget, International Labour Organization <p>Moderated by Camilla Roman, International Labour Organization</p> <hr/> <p>15. Youth transitioning to the formal economy - Salle VII Only English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frédéric Lapeyre, International Labour Organization • Peter Shiras, International Youth Foundation <p>Moderated by Vicky Leung, International Labour Organization</p>
15:45	<p>16. Marketplace: commitments and actions - ILO Library</p> <p>Chats about ongoing and upcoming youth employment action and commitments highlighting innovations, achievements and collaboration opportunities.</p> <p>Moderated by Susanna Pak from the International Trade Centre</p> <p>1) AIESEC: Youth Global Employability English</p> <p>How can better learning opportunities for youth contribute to making them more employable? AIESEC presents its Insights on the Global Talent Impact Research, where AIESEC surveyed young people on the outcomes of their professional exchange experience.</p> <p>Presented by Dafne Sartorio, AIESEC</p> <p>2) EFE: The future of decent jobs for youth in the MENA English</p> <p>EFE presents its commitment and roadmap to connecting unemployed young people to the world of work in the Middle East and North Africa through world-class skills training, job placements and business creation.</p> <p>Presented by Salvatore Nigro, EFE, Jihane Lahbabi, EFE Maroc, and Lamia Chaffai, EFE Tunisia</p> <p>3) FAO: Commitment to Decent Rural Youth Employment English</p> <p>FAO presents its commitment to Decent Jobs for Youth, highlighting its strategy on decent rural youth employment. FAO maps its achievements and future commitments aimed at fostering decent employment opportunities for young people in rural areas.</p> <p>Presented by Peter Wobst, FAO</p>

4) **Generation Spain: Tackling a Global Problem: An Innovative Approach** | English, Spanish

No one organization can solve the youth unemployment problem alone. Generation has taken a unique approach, adopting a social franchise model to implement the “Generation methodology” through public, social, and private sector partners.

Presented by Carlos Bertran, Generation Spain

5) **ITC: Investing in market-relevant skills and entrepreneurship** | English

Addressing skills gaps and promoting entrepreneurship contribute to improved economic opportunities for youth and stimulate productive engagement in value chains. ITC presents the current approach and achievements of The Gambia Youth Empowerment Project.

Presented by Madhu Fernando, ITC

6) **Mercy Corps: Youth Employment and Fragile Contexts: Examples from the Middle East** | English

There’s no one size fits all: employment programming in fragile environments is highly contextual. Mercy Corps highlights examples from the Middle East as varied as digital skills building to engendering social cohesion.

Presented by Nathalie Gunasekera, Mercy Corps

7) **Save the Children: Dooit: It’s simple to save and gain the skills you need for success!** | English

Financial habits reinforce the key skills that employers need and are most associated with youth workforce success. Save the Children partnered with GEM to develop an Android mobile application, named Dooit, to provide guidance on financial management.

Presented by Silvia Paruzzolo, Save the Children

8) **Save the Children, Denmark: Partnership between the IT company Coders Trust and Save the Children empowering youth on ICT in Bangladesh** | English

Coders Trust has formed a partnership with Save the Children and DANIDA to empower deprived young men and women to become active and productive citizens, fuelling the inclusive growth of the ICT sector in Bangladesh and globally.

Presented by Helle Gudmandsen, Save the Children, Denmark

9) **SOS Children's Villages International: YouthCan! Multi-stakeholder partnerships for youth employability** | English

YouthCan! is a global partnership that supports disadvantaged young people to successfully manage the transition from school to independent adulthood. The risk of unemployment and social exclusion is especially high for young people at risk of losing parental care or for those who have already lost it.

Presented by Patricia Molano, SOS Children’s Villages International

10) **YBI: Thriving in the new digital economy: Innovations to support youth entrepreneurs and the organizations that serve them** | English

Youth Business International showcases ways in which members are using digital technology to serve youth entrepreneurs and adapt curriculums to equip youth

	<p>with skills needed in the digital age. YBI presents the digital acceleration project that will be launched with Accenture and MIF.</p> <p>Presented by Anita Tiessen, YBI, and Christina Kappaz, YBI</p>
16:55	<p>Thematic partner-led sessions on priorities for action, Block 3</p> <p>17. Youth entrepreneurship and self-employment - Salle II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathalie Gunasekera, Mercy Corps • Karen Moore, Mastercard Foundation • Marlen de la Chaux, International Labour Organization • Rhizlan El Alaoui, Quicktech Morocco <p>Moderated by David Cordobés, International Trade Centre</p> <hr/> <p>18. Youth employment for peace and resilience: Innovative approaches for impact and evidence in fragile situations - Salle XI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina Kappaz, Youth Business International • Nour Shammout, Abdul Latif Jameel, Poverty Action Lab <p>Co-moderated by Kawtar Zerouali, United Nations Development Programme, and Donato Kiniger-Passigli, International Labour Organization</p>
17:45	<p>19. Innovative action takeaways: reflections from young leaders - Salle II</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Digital skills for youth Delila Kidanu, External Relations Manager at ThinkYoung 2) Quality apprenticeships Zuzana Vaněčková, Board Member at the European Youth Forum 3) Youth in the rural economy Jonas Bausch, ILO's Youth Employment Officer 4) Green jobs for youth Nour Shammout, Policy Manager at the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab 5) Youth entrepreneurship and self-employment Madhu Fernando, ITC's Associate Programme Officer 6) Youth transitioning to the formal economy Dafne Sartorio, Global Vice President for Global Talent, AIESEC 7) Youth in fragile situations Viridiana Murillo Robledo, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth 8) Youth in hazardous occupations Zainab Abudeeb, Assistant General Secretary for working youth at the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions <p>Moderated by Susana Puerto, Coordinator of the Global initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth</p>

18:45	20. Evening reception – Reception room 11 th floor South, ILO
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Day 2: Innovative Financing Day – Thursday, 3 May 2018

08:00	<p>1. One-on-One meetings - ILO Library</p> <p>Coffee and pre-arranged one-on-one meetings among partners of Decent Jobs for Youth in the ILO Library space, surrounded by almost 100 years of knowledge on what works in the world of work</p>
09:00	<p>2. Rethinking financing for youth employment in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Salle II</p> <p>A fireside chat on opportunities and challenges for more and better investments on youth employment in the context of the 2030 Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Luisa Silva, Director of the UNDP Office in Geneva • Meredith Lee, Associate Director, Country Program Management at the Mastercard Foundation • Rie Vejs-Kjeldgaard, ILO’s Director for Partnerships and Field Support
09:45	<p>3. Innovations and new approaches in the financial sector contributing to youth employment - Salle II</p> <p>A fireside chat glancing over new approaches and innovations in the financial sector and their adaptability to boost youth’s employability and decent work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hille Henebry, Senior Project Manager, Financial Sector and Development, KfW • Sarita Bartlett, Head of Environmental, Social and Governance, OBVIAM • Craig Churchill, ILO’s Head of Social Finance Programme
10:30 – 12:00 Football for Decent Jobs for Youth meeting (invitation only) - Salle VII	
10:30	<p>4. Coffee break - Espace Gobelins</p>
11:00	<p>5. Results-based financing: promoting and measuring decent jobs for youth - Salle II</p> <p>Panel conversation on lessons from results-based financing experiences and opportunities for replication and scale in the youth employment field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debra Hevenstone, Lecturer at Bern University of Applied Sciences, Department of Social Work • Milena Castellnou, Manager at Instiglio • Leo Van Loon, CEO of BuzinezzClub

	Moderated by Vic Van Vuuren, ILO's Director of the Enterprises Department
12:00	6. Networking lunch - Espace Gobelins, R2
13:00	<p>7. Impact investing and crowdfunding: challenges and opportunities - Salle II</p> <p>Panel conversation on lessons from impact investing and crowdfunding as well as opportunities for replication and scale in the youth employment field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Teresa Zappia, Chief Investment Officer at BlueOrchard • Alice Gugelev, Director of the Global Development Incubator • Patrick Elmer, Founder and Director at iGravity <p>Moderated by Patricia Richter, ILO's Senior Technical Officer at the Social Finance Programme</p>
14:00	<p>8. World Café: Leveraging innovative financing to scale up action on youth - Espace Gobelins, R2</p> <p>Coffee and takeaways from previous sessions and replicability for high impact on labour market outcomes of youth.</p> <p>Moderated by Valter Nebuloni, ILO's Head of the Youth Employment Programme Unit</p>
15:30	<p>9. Marketplace: Joint action for Decent Jobs for Youth - ILO Library</p> <p>Chats to identify collaboration opportunities across thematic priorities of Decent Jobs for Youth.</p> <p>Moderated by Susanna Pak from the International Trade Centre</p> <p>1) FAO and ILO: Promoting decent jobs for youth in the rural economy: creativity and innovation English, French, Spanish</p> <p>FAO and ILO present the thematic plan on youth in the rural economy, paying particular attention to innovative approaches, and how other organizations and actors could contribute and become partners.</p> <p>Presented by Peter Wobst, FAO, Mariangels Fortuny, ILO</p> <p>2) ILO and iGravity: What can we learn from (and for) ILO's engagement with the financial sector for youth employment? English</p> <p>The session presents ILO's work on financial education for youth as well as social performance standards and their operationalization in lending and impact investing. It explores where the financial industry stands today regarding these two topics and what trends might create future opportunities.</p> <p>Presented by Patricia Richter, ILO, and Patrick Elmer, iGravity</p>

3) ITC, ILO, UNCDF, UNCTAD, UNIDO: Action for youth entrepreneurship and self-employment | English

This marketplace session provides an opportunity to explore collaboration on creating an enabling business environment; facilitating access to markets, networks, knowledge and skills; and improving access to finance for youth.

Presented by David Cordobés, ITC, and Marlen de la Chaux, ILO

4) The Aspen Institute and Global Development Incubator: Global Opportunity Youth Coalition | English

The Global Opportunity Youth Coalition is launching a call-to-action to accelerate jobs for youth. It works with city-based coalitions of government, business, and education leaders to develop and support systemic reforms that create pathways for young people into the economy.

Presented by Jamie McAuliffe, The Aspen Institute, and Alice Gugelev, Global Development Incubator

5) UNDP and ILO: Youth Employment for Peace and Resilience | English, French, Spanish

The marketplace presentation focuses on the thematic area on youth in fragile situations. It provides an overview of the most important employment promotion instruments for peace and resilience and highlights current initiatives that provide opportunities for collaboration.

Presented by Luisa Bernal, UNDP, and Felix Rüdiger, ILO

6) UN Environment and ILO: Green jobs for youth | English

The marketplace session provides an opportunity to discuss selected initiatives and approaches that promote green jobs for youth. In particular, it zooms in on the Partnership for Action on Green Economy, a joint UN initiative, and innovations in public employment programmes.

Presented by In Woo Jung, UN Environment, Mito Tsukamoto, ILO, and Camilla Roman, ILO

7) UNESCO and ILO: Quality apprenticeships | English

The marketplace session discusses approaches to strengthen quality apprenticeships and aims at identifying collaboration opportunities around the thematic plan on quality apprenticeships.

Presented by Ashwani Aggarwal, ILO

8) WHO and ILO: The OECD - ILO - WHO Working for Health programme | English, French

The marketplace presentation introduces the Working for Health programme that supports the stimulation of investments in the health and social sector workforce, leading to the creation of health sector jobs and boosting opportunities for decent jobs for youth and economic growth.

Presented by Basem Mohamed, WHO, Delphine Santini, ILO, and David Kapya, ILO

16:30	<p>10. Road to 2030: What's next for Decent Jobs for Youth - Salle II</p> <p>A strategy conversation on next steps to boost youth employment action and impact through Decent Jobs for Youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irina Akinshina, Director of Human Resources at LITASCO, Lukoil • Frank van Rompaey, Representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to the UN in Geneva • Yushi Torigoe, Deputy to the Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunications Union • Akustina Morni, Youth Employment Specialist at the International Organisation of Employers • Luiz Gustavo de Padua Walfrido Filho, Youth Secretary at the General Union of Workers in Brazil • Salvatore Nigro, Global Vice-president at Education For Employment • Patricia Molano, Head of International Corporate Partnerships and Philanthropy at SOS Children's Villages International <p>Moderated by Sukti Dasgupta, ILO's Chief of the Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch</p>
17:30	<p>11. Closing - Salle II</p> <p>Sukti Dasgupta, ILO's Chief of the Employment and Labour Market Policies Branch</p>

Speakers bios

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Zainab Abudeeb is the Assistant General Secretary for working youth at the General Federation of Bahrain Trade Unions. She also serves as vice-chair of International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) for Asia Pacific Youth Committee and is a member of the ITUC Global Youth Committee. She holds a bachelor's degree in Human Resources Management and has been in the trade union movement for eight years.



Ashwani Aggarwal is a Skills Development Systems Specialist and global lead for work-based learning including on quality apprenticeships at the International Labour Organization (ILO). He served as ILO's Youth Employment Coordinator for Africa and Senior Skills and Employment Specialist in Africa. Before joining the ILO, Ashwani worked in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the private sector in India where he managed key components of a World Bank's vocational training project. He has provided policy advice and capacity development services on skills development and youth employment to over 30 countries in all regions and established innovative skills policy systems and programs with positive impacts on employment outcomes and social inclusion. His areas of work range from quality apprenticeships and training for rural economic empowerment to recognition of prior learning and informal apprenticeships. Ashwani holds a Ph.D. degree in Technical Vocational Education and Training policy, systems and institutions and is an avid researcher and his work has been captured in various publications.



Irina Akinshina, is the director for Human Resources at LITASCO, SA, the international marketing and trading company of LUKOIL. She is a Member of CIPD association and holder of degrees in Corporate Economics and Legal Support. She joined LUKOIL in 2002 and worked for a number of years in HR for different Upstream Projects. In 2008, she joined LITASCO SA (International Trading branch of LUKOIL). Since 2014, she leads the HR function in LITASCO SA and specializes in Organizational Management, Compensation & Benefits, Motivation and Performance Management.



Beate Andrees is the Chief of the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work Branch of the International Labour Organization's ILO Governance and Tripartism Department. The Branch promotes policy development, carries out research, and provides technical advisory services on child labour, forced labour, non-discrimination and freedom of association and collective bargaining. Previously, Beate acted as the head of the ILO Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour. In this role, she coordinated the ILO's efforts towards the adoption of a new Protocol and Recommendation on contemporary forms of forced labour in June 2014 and managed technical cooperation programmes in various countries. Before joining the ILO, she worked for the German Parliament and as a lecturer at the Free University of Berlin. She has published widely on issues related to fundamental labour rights, migration and human trafficking.



Sarita Bartlett is the head of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) at Obviam. She became interested in responsible investing more than twenty years ago when she sought to combine her background in economics and finance with her passion for the environment, social and human rights issues. Her work includes using systematic approaches to identifying, mitigating and managing ESG risks and associated reputational risks, as well as identifying and promoting ESG-related opportunities. Prior to joining Obviam, she held a similar position at the state-owned Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries (Norfund). She previously developed and managed Storebrand Investments' pioneering social responsible investments, headed KPMG's Sustainable Advisory Services in Norway and has held board and advisory positions in corporates, financial institutions, and non-profit organisations.



Dafne Sartorio is the Global Vice President for Global Talent at AIESEC. With Global Talent, AIESEC provides 5,000+ professional leadership development experiences for young people every year. Dafne is also responsible for AIESEC's Global Impact Research on youth employability. Dafne is from Brazil.



Jonas Bausch works in the Youth Employment Programme of the International Labour Organization. He conducts research on impact assessments of youth employment programmes and analyses of labour market policies. He also supports ILO constituents and other youth-serving organizations in improving their result measurement systems and serves as lecturer and facilitator in related trainings and workshops. Jonas holds a research master in economics from the Tinbergen Institute in Amsterdam.



Carlos Bertran is the CEO of Generation Spain. Previously, Carlos served as the inaugural COO, building a team and organization that now operates in seven cities and has more than 1,000 graduates. Generation Spain is part of Generation, a non-profit that recruits, trains, and places unemployed and underemployed young adults in jobs and has grown to be the largest global demand-driven youth employment organization in just three years of operation. Prior to Generation, Carlos spent 16 years working with Laureate Education, the largest private higher education group in the world, with responsibilities in three countries, building and turning around businesses. He holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Universidad Pontificia Comillas (ICADE).



El'vis Beytullayev is the Rural Economy Specialist at the Forestry, Agriculture, Construction and Tourism Unit of the International Labour Organization's Sectoral Policies Department. El'vis has been working at the ILO since 2009. He is involved in various global and country-level initiatives on the promotion of decent work in rural areas. He leads the ILO's programme on plantations, which includes, among others, work in Indonesia's palm oil sector and Malawi's tea industry. Previously, he served as an External Relations Officer at the ILO's Partnerships and Development Cooperation Department, where he was responsible for United Nations affairs and ILO collaboration with other UN entities. Prior to joining the ILO, El'vis worked as a researcher at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Brussels, Belgium, focusing on the linkages between economic and social issues and security. He received his PhD from the Centre of International Studies at the University of Cambridge and worked as a post-doctoral researcher at Cambridge and Harvard Universities.



Milena Castellnou is a Manager at Instiglio and coordinates and oversees the technical work in Results-Based Financing Projects. Her work has focused mainly on designing Results- Based Financing instruments, such as Impact Bonds, Performance Based Grants and Performance Based Contracts. She worked on the design of the Colombian Social Impact Bond (SIB), which was the first Social Impact Bond to be launched in a developing country in March 2017. This SIB aimed to boost employment for vulnerable population in three cities of Colombia. She has also worked with the Ministry of Education of Peru on the re-designing of a Performance Based Grant between the central and local Governments to enhance nationwide education outcomes in primary and secondary schools, and with the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Moroccan Government on the possibility to use RBF to catalyze employment outcomes with a focus on scale and replicability. Lastly, she has also provided guidance to World Vision Canada on the opportunity to invest in the Kangaroo Mother Care DIB in Cameroon and led the due diligence on the deal. Milena’s professional background includes academic, legal and private sector work, as she formally worked for the Human Rights Law Centre of the University of Nottingham, Asylum Access Ecuador and BDRC Continental. Milena holds an LLM in Public International Law from University of Nottingham and a Master’s degree in Latin American Studies from Sciences Po, Grenoble.



Lamia Chaffai is the CEO of Education For Employment - Tunisia. She previously worked at the Tunisian Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training, Ministry of Communication Technologies, and the Tunisian Internet Agency. She holds degrees from the National Engineering School of Monastir and the Université de Technologie de Compiègne. She is the founding CEO of EFE-Tunisie and has led the organization since May 2012.



Marlen de la Chaux’s work at the International Labour Organization focuses on enterprise and value chain development. She is interested in how young people create businesses in adverse environments and has worked with entrepreneurs in different contexts, from Nairobi’s technology start-up community to refugee camps in Kenya. She also worked with young women across Burkina Faso. Prior to joining the ILO, Marlen worked for the German Federal Ministry of the Interior and for the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She holds a PhD and MPhil from the University of Cambridge, UK.



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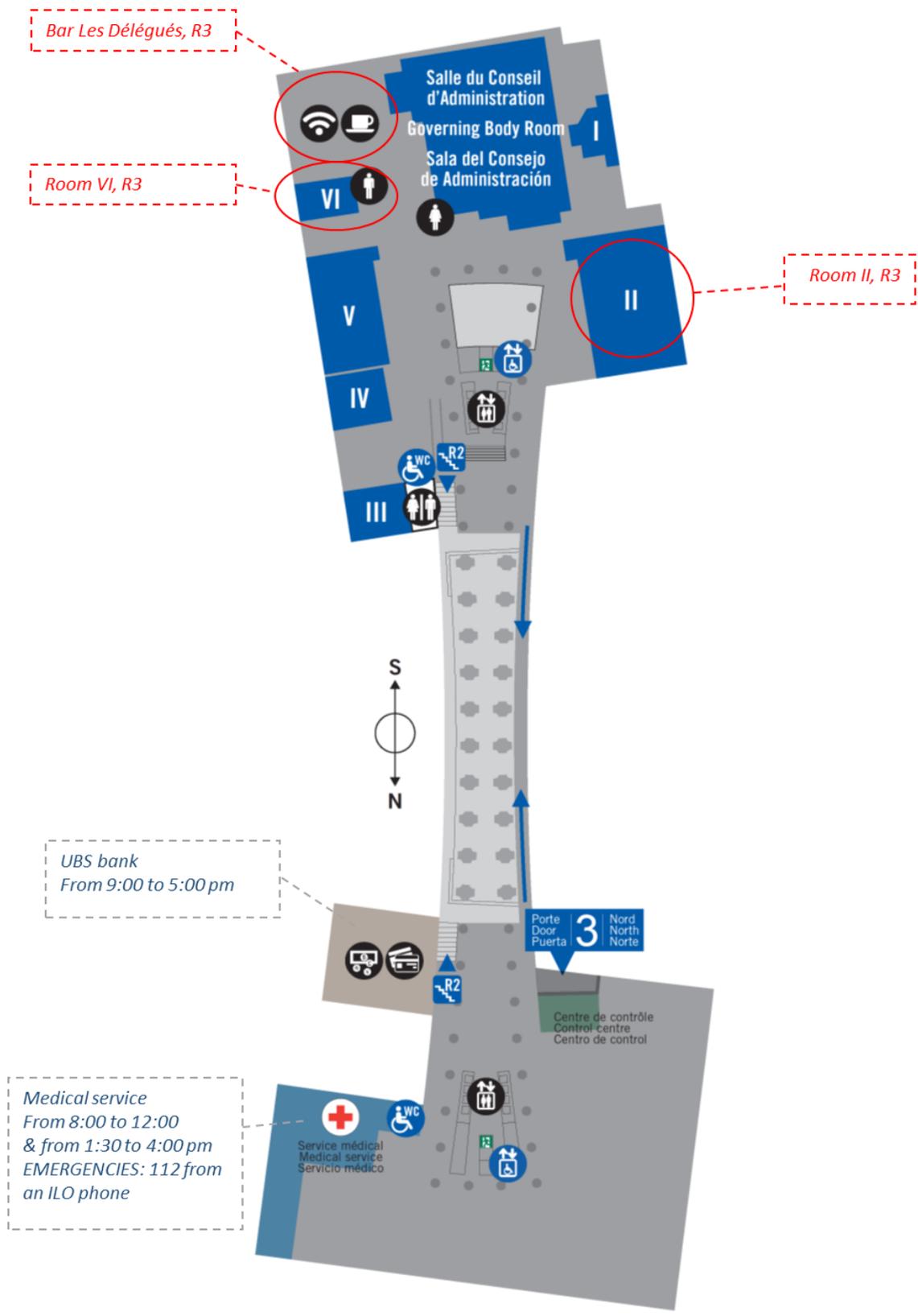
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