



# YOUNG GREEN AND DIGITAL

THE GLOBAL CONFERENCE  
OF DECENT JOBS FOR YOUTH

**KIGALI, RWANDA  
22-23 MAY 2024**

- Stimulate innovative thinking and mutual learning.
- Drive collaboration and partnerships.
- Mobilize political will and resources to scale up action and impact.



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## GLOBAL CONFERENCE OF Decent Jobs for Youth

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VENUE: UBUMWE GRANDE HOTEL

KN 67 Street, Kigali, Rwanda

### AGENDA

Master of Ceremony: Mary Maina, USAID Hanga Akazi Activity

Day 1: 22 May 2024	
08:00	Registration (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
09:00	<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms Caroline Khamati Mugalla, Director of the ILO Country Office for the United Republic of Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda and the East African Community</li></ul> <p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms Mia Seppo, Assistant Director-General for Jobs and Social Protection, International Labour Organization</li><li>Mr Ozonnia Ojielo, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Rwanda</li><li>H.E. Ms Jeannette Bayisenge, Minister of Public Service and Labour, Government of Rwanda</li></ul>
09:40	<p><b>2. Video address</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Gilbert Houngbo, Director-General, International Labour Organization</li></ul>
09:45	<p><b>3. Coding a Greener Future: Inspiring Story from a Young Changemaker</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p>

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	<p>A young leader journey in the promotion of decent jobs for youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Gibson Kawago</b>, SDG Young Leader</li> </ul>
10:00	<p><b>4. Digital Horizons: Inclusive pathways for youth employment</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p>A high-level dialogue about innovative actions advancing a youth employment agenda that fosters opportunities in the digital economy.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms Eesha Moitra</b>, Youth Employment Officer at the Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Coffi Agossou</b>, Deputy Regional Director for Africa, International Labour Organization</li> <li>• <b>Mr Jurriaan Middelhoff</b>, Ambassador for Youth, Education and Work, Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Ms Nur Fathiha Binti Ayob Khan</b>, Head of the Project Management Unit, Social Security Organization, Malaysia</li> <li>• <b>Ms Shanitah Birungi</b>, Youth representative, National Organisation of Trade Unions, Uganda</li> <li>• <b>Mr Xuantong Zhang</b>, Youth representative, China Enterprise Confederation</li> </ul>
11:00	<b>Coffee break</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
11:30	<p><b>5. Seeding Success: Youth Employment in the Green Economy</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p>A high-level dialogue about innovative actions advancing a youth employment agenda that fosters opportunities in the green economy.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms Carlotta Osti</b>, Youth Employment Officer at the Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization</p> <p>Speakers:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Daniel Adugna</b>, Acting Head, Youth Division at the Women, Gender and Youth Directorate, African Union Commission</li> <li>• <b>Mr Sangheon Lee</b>, Director, Employment, Job Creation and Livelihoods Department, International Labour Organization</li> <li>• <b>Ms Rabiya Anwer</b>, Member of the Green Jobs for Youth Pact's Youth Advisory Group, Pakistan</li> <li>• <b>Ms Zamzam Ibrahim</b>, Member of the Green Jobs for Youth Pact's Youth Advisory Group, United Kingdom</li> <li>• <b>Mr Shadrack Mwadime</b>, Principal Secretary, State Department for Labour and Skills Development, Kenya</li> </ul>
12:30	<b>Group picture</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
12:45	<b>Networking lunch</b> (Rooftop)
14:00	<p><b>6. Decent Jobs for Youth Partners in Action: Impact at a Glance</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p>Highlights on our collective efforts to scale up action and impact on youth employment.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms Lena Yan</b>, Youth Employment Officer at the Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Adriana Zacarias Farah</b>, Global Coordinator for Global Opportunities for SDGs (GO4SDGs), United Nations Environment Programme</li> <li>• <b>Mr Gustavo García Bravo</b>, Director of Scholarships, Support and Financing, Institute for Youth Development, Guanajuato State, Mexico</li> <li>• <b>Ms Kathleen Elsig</b>, Director of Global Partnerships, World YMCA</li> <li>• <b>Ms Martha Melesse</b>, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre</li> <li>• <b>Ms Urmila Sarkar</b>, Global Lead on Programmes for Generation Unlimited, United Nations Children's Fund</li> </ul>

15:00

## 7. Partner-led parallel sessions I

Innovations from our partners with a special focus on effective practices and mechanisms to promote decent jobs for youth in the green and digital economy.

### A. Harnessing the potential of the digital economy for forcibly displaced youth

Room: Ikaze

**Session leads:** International Labour Organization, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and Finn Church Aid

**Moderator:** Mr Fladwel Rawinji, Digital Livelihood Specialist, Finn Church Aid

**Speakers:**

- Mr Joel Amani Mafigi, Co-founder and Executive Director, UNLEASHED- Potentials in Motion
- Mr Jurriaan Middelhoff, Ambassador for Youth, Education and Work, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Ms Lorraine Charles, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Naamal
- Ms Pearl Gakazi, Founder, Kolaborate
- Mr Salim Abdullahi Ismail, Technical Advisor, Dadaab Collective

### B. Towards a greener future: Equipping youth the right skills and capacities for a just transition

Room: Kivu

**Session leads:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, International Labour Organization, and Plan International

**Moderator:** Ms Zamzam Ibrahim, Member of the Green Jobs for Youth Pact's Youth Advisory Group, United Kingdom

**Speakers:**

- Ms Ana Maria Peña, Senior Youth Economic Empowerment Advisor, Plan International

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Ben Alexandre Mpozembizi</b>, National Project Officer in Education for Health and Wellbeing, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization</li> <li>• <b>Mr Takka Kizu</b>, Skills Development Officer, International Labour Organization</li> <li>• <b>Ms Valentine Nguva</b>, Industry Liaison Officer and Greening TVET Administrator, Kibondeni College</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>C. Green Horizons: Empowering Youth Entrepreneurs</b></p> <p>Room: Gazabo</p> <p>Session leads: Youth Business International and United Nations Development Programme</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr Mohamed Ageez</b> Member of the Green Jobs for Youth Pact's Youth Advisory Group, Egypt</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Anita Tiessen</b>, CEO, Youth Business International</li> <li>• <b>Mr Savinda Ranathungam</b>, Regional Youth Project Manager, UNDP in Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>• <b>Ms Xin Gao</b>, Youth Development Analyst, UNDP China</li> </ul>	
16:00	Coffee break (2 <sup>nd</sup> and lower ground floors)	
16:30	<p><b>8. Marketplace 1: Partner-led action on youth employment</b></p> <p>Room: Ikaze</p> <p>The marketplace is a space for partners to speak about their <a href="#">commitments</a>, innovations, and progress in translating the guiding principles of Decent Jobs for Youth into action.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr David Huysman</b>, Technical Specialist, International Labour Organization</li> </ul>	<p><b>9. Youth Roundtable 1: Empowered rural youth, driving inclusive employment and entrepreneurship</b></p> <p>Room: Gazabo</p> <p>The "Empowered Rural Youth" side event puts young people at the centre, amplifying their voices and experiences in driving inclusive employment and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Led by PROCASUR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Ariel Halpern</b>, Manager, Jobs Open to the Youth Project, PROCASUR</li> </ul>



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17:30	<p><b>10. Takeaways: reflections from young change makers</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p>Young changemakers reflect on the thematic sessions and offer their views on the key messages.</p> <p>Session Lead: United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr Miggade Valentino</b>, Global Focal Point for SDG 8, United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms Mayowa Kolawale</b>, Vice President, Business Development and Marketing, AIESEC</li><li>• <b>Ms Mengjia Ma</b>, General Manager, Shanghai Shengma Culture Creative Co. Ltd</li><li>• <b>Ms Viviane Sharlene De Koe</b>, Board Member, National Youth Council, Namibia</li><li>• <b>Mr Simon Marot Touloung</b>, Advocacy Coordinator, Global Refugee Youth Network</li><li>• <b>Mr Sileshi Umer</b>, Vice-chairperson, PROSPECTS Youth Network Committee, Ethiopia</li></ul>
18:30	<p><b>Evening reception</b> (Rooftop)</p> <p>Keynote by <b>Ms Julie Crowley</b>, High Commissioner for Canada in the Republic of Rwanda.</p>

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09:00	<p><b>Opening of day 2</b> (Kivu)</p>
09:10	<p><b>1. What works in youth employment?</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p>Launch of the ILO-World Bank systematic review and meta-analysis of youth employment interventions and discussion on evidence uptake to boost the impact of youth-targeted policies and programmes.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms Chiara Curcio</b>, Youth Employment Officer at the Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization</p>

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	<p>Presentation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Susana Puerto</b>, Head Youth Employment Accelerator, International Labour Organization</li> <li>• <b>Mr Michael Weber</b>, Senior Economist, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Mr Jonathan Stoeterau</b>, Economist, World Bank</li> </ul> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Jamele Rigolini</b>, Senior Advisor for Social Protection and Jobs, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Mr Sangheon Lee</b>, Director, Employment, Job Creation and Livelihoods Department, International Labour Organization</li> </ul>
10:00	<p><b>2. Partner-led parallel sessions II</b></p> <p>Innovations from our partners with a special focus on effective practices and mechanisms to promote decent jobs for youth in the green and digital economy.</p> <hr/> <p><b>A. Green Growth, Digital Futures: Integrated Agribusiness Hubs for jobs creation and youth empowerment</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p><b>Session leads:</b> International Fund for Agricultural Development, PROCASUR, and International Labour Organization</p> <p><b>Moderators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Chiara Curcio</b>, Youth Employment Officer at the Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization</li> <li>• <b>Mr Ariel Halpern</b>, Manager, Jobs Open to the Youth Project, PROCASUR</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Brian Chipili</b>, Technical Specialist on Youth Employment, International Fund for Agricultural Development</li> <li>• <b>Mr Hisham Zehni</b>, Lead Technical Specialist, Youth and Social Inclusion, International Fund for Agricultural Development</li> <li>• <b>Ms Elisenda Estruch Puertas</b>, Rural Economy Specialist, International Labour Organization</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p>



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- **Ms Sanda chpena**, Young beneficiary from Madagascar
- **Ms Gertrude Dzifa Torvikey**, Research Fellow, University of Ghana
- **Mr Hamid Ould Youcef**, Deputy Director, Agricultural training, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Algeria
- **Mr Narcisse Mouzong**, Field Project Coordinator, AGRO-PME Foundation, Cameroon
- **Ms Lenah Mwangi**, Founder, Inuka Agrisolution

### B. Job creation and entrepreneurship in the digital economy

Room: Gazabo

**Session leads:** Making Cents International, Education for Employment, IBM and International Labour Organization

**Moderator:** **Mr Jonas Bausch**, Youth Employment Specialist, International Labour Organization

Speakers:

- **Ms Ashley Barry**, Director of Strategy and Learning, Education for Employment
- **Mr Bai Yingxin**, Deputy Director, Employment Promotion Department, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, China
- **Mr Drew Gardiner**, Employment Specialist, International Labour Organization
- **Mr John Matogo**, Corporate Social Responsibility Leader for Africa and the Middle East, IBM
- **Ms Vicky Aridi**, Program Manager, YEO 2030, Making Cents International

### C. Disability inclusion in the digital economy: opportunities and challenges for youth

Room: Mutara

**Session leads:** International Labour Organization and The Challenge Group

**Moderator:** **Ms Peace Amaro**, Manager, Challenge Rwanda

Speakers:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Abiodun Emmanuel</b>, Technical Officer for Special Needs, Special Needs Initiative for Growth</li> <li>• <b>Mr Daniel Barakengera</b>, Executive Secretary, Self-Advocacy Initiatives for People with Disabilities</li> <li>• <b>Mr Gabriel Ekman</b>, Co-founder, BAG</li> <li>• <b>Ms Sarah Wang'ombe</b>, Technical Advisor for Economic Empowerment, Sightsavers</li> </ul>
11:00	<b>Coffee break</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> and lower ground floor)
11:30	<p><b>3. Partner-led parallel sessions III</b></p> <p>Innovations from our partners with a special focus on effective practices and mechanisms to promote decent jobs for youth in the green and digital economy.</p> <hr/> <p><b>A. Integrating Jobs and Social Protection Policies and Investing in Green and Digital Economies</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p>Session leads: International Labour Organization and World Bank</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms Pelin Türkalp</b>, Technical Officer, Employment, Job Creation and Livelihoods Department, International Labour Organization</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Faustin Mwambari</b>, Head of Employment Ecosystem Policy and Strategy Department, Ministry of Public Service and Labour, Rwanda</li> <li>• <b>Mr Jamele Rigolini</b>, Senior Advisor for Social Protection and Jobs, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Ms Michela Tomasella</b>, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to Rwanda</li> <li>• <b>Mr Sangheon Lee</b>, Director, Employment, Job Creation and Livelihoods Department, International Labour Organization</li> <li>• <b>Ms Wezzie Kayira Madzi</b>, Deputy Director of Planning, Ministry of Labour, Malawi</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>B. Empowering the future: green jobs for youth in a just transition</b></p>

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	<p><b>Room: Mutara</b></p> <p><b>Session leads:</b> International Development Research Centre and the INCLUDE Platform</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr Gibson Kawago</b>, SDG Young Leader</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Anika Altaf</b>, Coordinator, INCLUDE Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies</li> <li>• <b>Ms Julie Crowley</b>, High Commissioner for Canada in the Republic of Rwanda</li> <li>• <b>Mr Jurriaan Middelhoff</b>, Ambassador for Youth, Education and Work, Kingdom of the Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Mr Paul Okwi</b>, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre</li> <li>• <b>Ms Shamiela Reid</b>, Senior Project Manager, Indalo Inclusive South Africa</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>C. Green youth entrepreneurship: what works</b></p> <p><b>Room: Gazabo</b></p> <p><b>Session leads:</b> Food and Agriculture Organization and United States Agency for International Development</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Ms Marie Ange Mukagahima</b>, Founder and CEO, Zima Health Group</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Jessie Fagan</b>, Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization</li> <li>• <b>Mr Jean Muthamia-Mwenda</b>, Global Lead Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation</li> <li>• <b>Mr Tilahun Amede</b>, Director, AGRA</li> </ul>	
12:30	<b>Networking lunch</b> (Rooftop)	
14:00	<p><b>4. Marketplace 2: Partner-led action on youth employment</b></p> <p>In from of Kivu</p> <p>The marketplace is a space for</p>	<p><b>5. Youth Roundtable 2: Towards an African Youth Network for Social Justice</b></p> <p><b>Room: Kivu</b></p>

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	<p>partners to speak about their <a href="#">commitments</a>, innovations, and progress in translating the guiding principles of Decent Jobs for Youth into action.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr David Huysman</b>, Technical Specialist, International Labour Organization</li> </ul>	<p>A discussion with African youth on innovative ways to decent jobs for youth and social justice across the continent.</p> <p>Led by ILO Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Coffi Agossou</b>, Deputy Regional Director for Africa, International Labour Organization</li> <li>• <b>Mr Jonas Bausch</b>, Youth Employment Specialist, International Labour Organization</li> </ul>
15:00	<p><b>6. Partner-led parallel sessions IV</b></p> <p>Innovations from our partners with a special focus on effective practices and mechanisms to promote decent jobs for youth in the green and digital economy.</p> <hr/> <p><b>A. Economic Empowerment of Young Women: Lessons from Sexual and Reproductive Health and Digital Work</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p>Session leads: United Nations Population Fund and Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms Alice Higiyo</b>, Director of Smart Cities, Ministry of ICT and Innovation in Rwanda</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Umutoni Sandrine</b>, Hon Minister of State for Youth and Arts, Government of Rwanda</li> <li>• <b>Mr Michael Hou</b>, Senior Policy Associate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab</li> <li>• <b>Mr Mulualem Syoum</b>, CEO, AeTrade</li> <li>• <b>Dr Olugbemiga Adelakin</b>, UNFPA Representative to Rwanda</li> <li>• <b>Ms Benitha Isingizwe</b>, Youth-led Organization Leader and District Youth Council Coordinator, Voice of Youth</li> </ul>	

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- **Dr Renata Tallarico**, UNFPA Deputy Representative to Rwanda
- **Ms Kristin Kagetsu**, Co-Founder, Saathi Pads
- **Ms Hawi Girma Megersa**, Youth Champion & Peer Educator, UNFPA and DSW

### B. Youth rights at work

Room: Mutara

**Session leads:** United States Department of Labour and International Labour Organization

**Moderator:** **Ms Caroline Njuki**, Programme Manager, International Labour Organization

**Speakers:**

- **Mr Bruno Otiato**, Youth representative, Central Organization of Trade Unions, Kenya
- **Ms Eesha Moitra**, Youth Employment Officer at the Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization
- **Mr Tevin Richard**, Youth representative, Federation of Kenya Employers
- **Ms Sarah Sunderlin**, Senior International Relations Officer, United States Department of Labour

### C. Digital Public Works: An innovative option to combine social protection with work experience for youth?

Room: Gazabo

**Session lead:** World Bank

**Moderator:** **Ms Sifa Uwera**, Social Protection Specialist, World Bank

**Speakers:**

- **Ms Claudine Nyinawagaga**, Director General, Local Administrative Entities Development Agency
- **Mr Ivan Murenzi**, Deputy Director General, National Institute of Statistics Rwanda
- **Mr Jonathan Stoeterau**, Economist, World Bank

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Richard Nkurunziza</b>, Senior Manager Programs, Give Directly</li> <li>• <b>Mr Walter Odero</b>, Senior Economist, African Development Bank in Rwanda</li> </ul>
16:00	<b>Coffee break</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> and lower ground floor)
16:30	<p><b>7. Road to 2030: High-level discussion about what's next for Decent Jobs for Youth</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p>A strategic conversation among partners on next steps to boost youth employment action and impact through Decent Jobs for Youth.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms Susana Puerto</b>, Coordinator, Decent Jobs for Youth Secretariat, International Labour Organization</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Mia Seppo</b>, Assistant Director-General for Jobs and Social Protection, International Labour Organization</li> <li>• <b>Ms Gerardine Mukeshimana</b>, Vice-President, International Fund for Agricultural Development</li> <li>• <b>Ms Ann Hershkowitz</b>, Youth and Workforce Development Advisor, United States Agency for International Development</li> <li>• <b>Mr Jurriaan Middelhoff</b>, Ambassador for Youth, Education and Work, Kingdom of the Netherlands</li> </ul>
17:30	<p><b>8. Closing</b></p> <p>Room: Kivu</p> <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Mia Seppo</b>, Assistant Director-General for Jobs and Social Protection, International Labour Organization</li> </ul>



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