



**SDGs in
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Jobs and Social Protection

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CONCEPT NOTE



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



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Background

Social protection and decent job creation can generate shared prosperity, help develop trust in institutions and make societies more resilient against shocks. The digital, energy and “green” transitions have direct implications for employment and income security and are not automatically inclusive processes. Social protection, vocational training and other labour market policies are part of the solution: they help mitigate the financial and social consequences of job losses, particularly in declining sectors and realize the job creation potential of emerging sectors, making the transition just and inclusive. Effective and sustainable financing strategies are essential. The UN Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions provides an integrated policy framework to deliver inclusive societal, economic and environmental transformations. It supports Governments in expanding social protection to people who are unprotected and in the creation or formalization of decent jobs.

Challenge and objective

Existing challenges in many countries include poverty and inequality, which current social protection and employment interventions struggle to address. Cause and consequence of this are social protection financing gaps, social protection coverage gaps, and a lack of decent jobs, and ultimately the persistence of informality.

In addition, countries face economic and structural transitions, including digitalization and automation, as well as the climate transition including energy transition, and demographic transition including a youth bulge in some countries, ageing populations in others, and the potential for growth in the care economy.

This poses threats and opportunities for poor households, women and youth, informal workers, micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises, and other marginalized groups and populations at risk of being impacted negatively by the transitions.

The objective of the course is to give participants an idea of what needs to happen at country level, with the support of the UN Global Accelerator, in order to tackle these persistent challenges and in order to make the ongoing transitions just for workers and their families.

Solutions

Based on real work taking place at country level, participants will be given an overview of integrated approaches to address the challenges outlined above. This includes examples from the 3 pillars of the Global Accelerator (integrated policies, integrated financing, and enhanced multilateral cooperation).

Format and audience

Persons convinced that social justice is key to achieving the SDGs. Persons interested in the world of work, decent work, social protection, making ongoing economic transitions just for workers and their families.

Resources

- <https://unglobalaccelerator.org/>
- <https://www.ilo.org/>

More and registration

For more information and to sign up to attend, please visit:
<https://sdgs.un.org/2024/SDGsinPractice>

Contact

For any questions, please contact the session organizer, contact@unglobalaccelerator.org.

Programme

Time	Item
08.30	Welcome and overview of the session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bhavika Kohli, Research Department, ILO
08.40	Linking the SDGs to social justice and the world of work <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bhavika Kohli, Research Department, ILO
09.10	The Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anna Brachtendorf, Universal Social Protection Department, ILO
09.35	The role of workers' organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beatrice di Padua, Economic and Social Policy Department, International Trade Union Confederation
09.50	Group work
10.05	Q&A
10.20	Closing

SDGs in Practice

The SDG Learning, Training and Practice (or **SDGs in Practice** for short) is a series of capacity-building and knowledge-learning training sessions focused on essential topics related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, held annually as a Special Event in the margins of the United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

The training sessions are facilitated by the New York Office of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

The SDG in Practice aims to:

- Facilitate the acquisition by a wide range of practitioners of knowledge and skills needed for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Foster networking opportunities, encouraging the sharing of experiences and collaboration among peers.
- Provide insights into practical actions, tools, and innovative solutions for SDG implementation.