

Statement from the ILO

Briefing of member states on the preparations for STI Forum

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Dear excellencies, colleagues,

Thanks for giving the ILO the opportunity to address this forum. Congratulations to the co-coordinators on their appointment. We are very excited about the opportunity to collaborate in the thematic discussion on solutions and breakthroughs in AI that are currently improving work conditions, creating jobs and supporting economic growth as well as advancing health and well-being. It will also consider examples of national capacity development and funding models for promising applications.

The ILO published in 2023 the working paper on “Generative AI and Jobs: A global analysis of potential effects on job quantity and quality.”

Last September, The ILO Observatory on AI and Work in the Digital Economy aims to be the leading international knowledge hub on the world-of-work dimensions of artificial intelligence (AI) and the digital economy, serving as a platform for increasing the volume and profile of evidence, analysis and dialogue in these areas.

The Observatory is accessible through an online portal, backed by ILO’s expertise and engagement at global, regional and country levels. The portal brings together ILO’s research and policy/regulatory insights across four key areas: AI, algorithmic management, digital labour platforms and workers’ personal data.

By providing expert knowledge, including regulatory developments, as well as featuring key speakers/authors and emphasizing communication with ILO constituents and beyond, the Observatory is an enabler of policy and social dialogue on world-of-work dimensions of AI and the digital economy.

The virtual launch event for the ILO Observatory on AI presented the ILO’s new online portal and its strategy for disseminating the latest, cutting-edge knowledge and engaging with constituents and others in this area. It will also highlight key insights from the UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Technology and ILO constituents on the importance of these topics for promoting decent work and social justice in a time of rapid technological change.

We look forward to working with you on this thematic discussion.