



What's up on Work in Agriculture?

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A road map for the future of work

As the ILO approaches its centenary in 2019, we pause to reflect on progress made and draw out the lessons from our unique history. We have much to celebrate. Yet, as we look around us, we see that there is still much to be done. How do we equip the ILO and its constituents to take advantage of the opportunities that digitalization and automation create for the greater inclusion of enterprises and workers? How do we harness their potential to expand the choices available to balance work and private life and reduce working hours, particularly in the developing world? How do we address the challenges that processes of technological, demographic and climate change present for our workplaces and our labour markets? How can we shape a future we want?

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_617841/lang--en/index.htm

Tags : Policy

Harmonised Unemployment Rates (HURs) - OECD

The OECD unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point in December 2017, to 5.5%. Outside the euro area, the unemployment rate fell by 0.3 percentage point in Israel (to 4.0%) and by 0.1 percentage point in Canada (to 5.8%), Korea (to 3.6%) and Mexico (to 3.4%). The OECD unemployment rate for youth (people aged 15 to 24) also fell in December, by 0.2 percentage point to 11.6%, 1.0 percentage point below its December 2016 level.

Links : <http://www.oecd.org/employment/harmonised-unemployment-rateshurs-oecd-updated-february-2018.htm>

ILO in action: Youth employment

The ILO has had a long-standing commitment to promote decent work for youth. Supported by a unique tripartite structure that brings together the key players in the world of work, ILO's activities on youth employment span over advocacy, knowledge development and dissemination, policy and technical advice and capacity building services.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/multimedia/video/institutional-videos/WCMS_617376/lang--en/index.htm

Can U.S. Organic Production Keep Up with Growing Demand?

Co-authors of the Choices Magazine article and AAEA members say that “organic production is often more profitable for farmers, but the challenges of learning, implementing, and certifying new production methods can be daunting.” Delbridge went on to say, “add to this the discomfort of doing things differently from your neighbors and the fear that profits will shrink if too many farms adopt organic practices, and you can understand why many farmers hesitate to make the change.”

Links : <http://www.aaea.org/publications/publications-update/can-us-organic-production-keep-up-with-growing-demand>

Tags : Identity

Young people call for action on decent work, at UN youth forum

As part of the debates, a group of nearly 200 participants took part in an interactive conversation - an IDEATHON - led by the International Labour Organization (ILO), focusing on the role of science, technology and innovation in boosting youth engagement, development and resilience. The conversation linked to the work of the ILO and multiple partners through the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth, building on two of its thematic priorities: digital skills for youth and access to decent work for youth in fragile situations.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_617145/lang--en/index.htm

Tags : Youth, Health and decent work, Skills and training

Ensuring a dynamic skills-training and life-long learning system in Switzerland

Switzerland makes more use of its human resources than most other OECD countries. Labour force participation is high and the unemployment rate low for most segments of society. This ensures a high standard of living for most Swiss people.

Links : http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/economics/ensuring-a-dynamic-skills-training-and-life-long-learning-system-in-switzerland_438423d9-en

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