



What's up on work in agriculture?

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ILO to launch new gender report for International Women's Day

The report, A quantum leap for gender equality: For a better future of work for all, brings together research, data and insights gained through the ILO's Women at Work Centenary Initiative, launched in 2013. It outlines both the issues and the bold measures required to achieve the transformation necessary for gender equality in the world of work.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_673700/lang--en/index.htm

Tags : Gender

Despite Gains, Women Face Setbacks in Legal Rights Affecting Work

Globally, women are accorded only three-quarters of the legal rights that men enjoy according to a new index released by the World Bank today, constraining their ability to get jobs or start businesses and make economic decisions that are best for them and their families.

"If women have equal opportunities to reach their full potential, the world would not only be fairer, it would be more prosperous as well," said World Bank Group Interim President Kristalina Georgieva. "Change is happening, but not fast enough, and 2.7 billion women are still legally barred from having the same choice of jobs as men. It is paramount that we remove the barriers that hold women back, and with this report we aim to demonstrate that reforms are possible, and to accelerate change."

Links : <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2019/02/27/despite-gains-women-face-setbacks-in-legal-rights-affecting-work>

Tags : Gender

TSS 482 visa changes



The dairy industry is taking positive and comprehensive steps to address the widespread skills shortage in the dairy industry which has occurred as a result of larger and more complex enterprises and this announcement will greatly assist the dairy industry in this transition phase.

Links : https://www.thepeopleindairy.org.au/announcements/482_visa_changes

Tags : Migration, Skills and training, Policy

Young Americans leaving desk jobs to start farming



For only the second time in the last century, the number of farmers under 35 years old is increasing, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's latest Census of Agriculture. Sixty-nine percent of the surveyed young farmers had college degrees – significantly higher than the general population

Links : <http://wvhub.org/washington-post-young-americans-leaving-desk-jobs-to-start-farming/>

Tags : Youth

Leveraging socio-cultural push and pull factors to benefit women in agribusiness

Women form an integral part of the agricultural sector globally, and specifically in ACP countries. In sub-Saharan Africa, women account for as much as 50% of the total agricultural labour force. Yet many of them face diverse challenges that prevent them from thriving and unleashing their full potential, not just in agricultural production, but also in agribusiness. Among the challenges women face are limited capacity - including low financial literacy, lack of access to credit and business assets, little or no control over income and other resources, lack of leadership skills and business acumen, and low self-confidence and negotiating skills.

Often, these constraints are due to inequitable gender norms, attitudes and stereotypes, which are embedded in socio-cultural aspects of many communities in ACP. These affect women's access to productive resources and credit, control over income, and intra-household division of duties, causing

gender disparity in employment and economic opportunities. Such factors severely compromise women's agribusiness prospects, with the majority of their ventures tending to be informal, performing poorly, and with a high risk of failure.

Links : <http://www.cta.int/en/gender/all/article/leveraging-socio-cultural-push-and-pull-factors-to-benefit-women-in-agribusiness-sid066cebec2-1d9e-4930-ac81-51fd59f9ec2e>

Tags : Gender

Why expanding value chain access is important for young agripreneurs

Government and development partners keen to address youth unemployment and promote youth entrepreneurship should recognise that the negative perception among youth regarding agriculture and agribusiness as a potential career path is partly driven by the difficulty they encounter in penetrating markets with their products. Even with market access, not all youths will find agriculture, agribusiness, or the value added food sector attractive. Crucially, they have strong potential in helping young people to become thriving agripreneurs, through the provision of training and opportunities to develop their skills, as well as by linking youth to key players in the agricultural value chain.

Even with market access, not all youths will find agriculture, agribusiness, or the value added food sector attractive. If we are to encourage greater participation in the sector - which will be critical for food security in Africa - we will need to provide incentives. That means ensuring a degree of guaranteed market access, coupled with supplier development related technical assistance and debt and equity capital. The aim is to provide certain minimum levels of profitability and sustainability for youth-led enterprises. Such a scenario is likely to change the way that youths in Africa think of agriculture. From being a dead-end prospect with few opportunities, it could well emerge as the career path of choice for a large sector of the continent's young people.

Links : <http://www.cta.int/en/blog/all/article/why-expanding-value-chain-access-is-important-for-young-agripreneurs-sid095e18780-12be-49da-867a-121a26eb90ee>

Tags : Youth, Value chains, Entrepreneur

Where passion is profitable - why agripreneurship is so rewarding

Young, imaginative, resourceful and risk-loving defines a growing band of young entrepreneurs in the business of farming. Unlike their parents and grandparents, whose work in agriculture was often one of drudgery and poverty, the new generation farmers and agripreneurs love what they do.

"I would not give up farming for anything else," says Mene Blessing, a social entrepreneur and scientist with a background in chemistry and livestock feed formulation. Blessing is Chief Operating Officer and co-founder of Vetsark, a Nigerian veterinary company helping farmers to prevent pests and diseases.

"I realised that one of the biggest problems farmers had was controlling pests and diseases, and decided on providing a solution," said Blessing. "Agripreneurship is attractive because there are many gaps within the agriculture sector in Africa that need to be filled."

Links : <http://www.cta.int/en/blog/all/article/where-passion-is-profitable-why-agripreneurship-is-so-rewarding-sid008cf3bc2-fd0c-4ff9-887a-168d125d8dbe>

Tags : Youth, Entrepreneur

Opportunities and risks of digitization in the agricultural sector

IAMO researcher Dr. Ivan Duric spoke about the need to familiarise agricultural workers with new technologies. Employees should be made aware of the appropriate handling of digital innovations and the related data protection guidelines. Several research projects at IAMO are currently investigating the impact of political developments on digitization, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of new technologies in terms of food and job security.

Links : <https://www.iamo.de/en/press/news/article/opportunities-and-risks-of-digitization-in-the-agricultural-sector/>

Tags : Skills and training, Innovation

Digital tools for an organic farm

Suzana, with support from a consultant and the Swiss company, was able to prepare a cost-benefit analysis of manual work versus using an automatic sorter. They identified an optical colour sorter machine that would be able to detect and sort over 123 different types of crops, herbs and agricultural products by their size, colour and form.

“With a loan from the bank, she invested in the optical photo selector. Even though the price tag was hefty at 75 000 Euros, I am now able to easily select and pack beans at the same time meeting the quality standards of my customers,” says Suzana.

Links : <http://www.fao.org/fao-stories/article/en/c/1184155/>

Tags : Gender, Hired work, Innovation

Increase smallholder farmers’ access to mechanisation

Hello Tractor and the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU have announced a partnership to increase smallholder farmers’ access to mechanisation services and youth employment opportunities. The partnership will enable Hello Tractor to expand its services across Nigeria and Kenya to connect 5,000 smallholder farmers to mechanisation services, as well as to create jobs for youth as tractor operators and booking agents

Links : <https://agrinatura-eu.eu/2019/03/increase-smallholder-farmers-access-to-mechanisation/>

Tags : Rural Employment, Youth, Innovation

Working together for the sustainable mechanization of farming in Africa

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the African Conservation Tillage (ACT) Network today signed a Memorandum of Understanding to encourage greater access for small-scale farmers to sustainable farm mechanization, such as two-wheeled tractors and other labour-saving machines.

The partnership also seeks to link the use of farming machinery to Conservation Agriculture which is a farming system that promotes minimum soil disturbance and the planting of complementary plant species to enhance biodiversity and natural biological processes.

In Africa, smallholder farmers use their own muscle power, such as hand hoes, for around 65 percent of the total labour needed for land preparation, with draught animal power accounting for 25 percent and engine-powered machines just 10 percent. In South Asia by comparison, human muscle power is used for 30 percent of land preparation work, while engine power represents 40 percent, and in Latin America and the Caribbean engine power is used for half of all land preparation.

Links : <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1179418/icode/>

Tags : Innovation

Diversité des formes d'installation en élevage dans les territoires méditerranéens



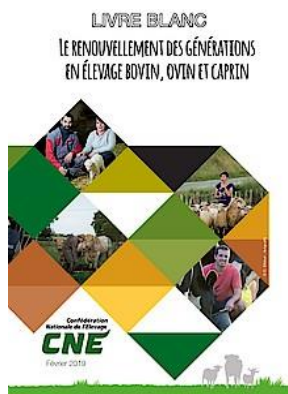
Issu d'un travail de recherche & développement conduit par l'UMT PASTO, ce document fait un état des lieux de la dynamique d'installation en zone pastorale. Des rencontres avec des experts de l'installation et l'analyse des trajectoires de jeunes installés permettent de mettre en lumière la diversité des formes et conditions d'installations mais aussi leurs spécificités.

Links :

http://idele.fr/index.php?id=313&no_cache=1&tx_atolidelesolr_atolidelesolr%5Bcontroller%5D=IdeleSolr&tx_atolidelesolr_atolidelesolr%5Baction%5D=recommends&tx_atolidelesolr_atolidelesolr%5Bcontent%5D=34291&cHash=1f5ee393766f11858ac483ad204a9437

Tags : Youth

Livre Blanc CNE - Renouvellement des générations en élevage



Alors qu'en 2019, près de 50 % des éleveurs de ruminants ont plus de 50 ans et que les reprises - installations sont bien moins nombreuses que les départs à la retraite, ces interrogations n'ont jamais tant été d'actualité. Tous les ans, des milliers de jeunes font le choix de l'élevage, s'installent ou deviennent salariés mais de manière insuffisante pour endiguer le « choc de transmissions » d'exploitations qui s'annonce avant 2030. Pour maintenir en vie la production de lait et de viandes en France, des mesures urgentes doivent être prises.

Ils dressent un état des lieux des reprises - installations d'exploitations et de la place du salariat dans les exploitations aujourd'hui, tirent les conclusions d'enquêtes de terrain menées sur le sujet, identifient les différents freins à la transmission et formulent 24 propositions concrètes qui visent à mieux

conseiller, suivre, inciter, encourager les futurs éleveurs, maximiser leurs chances de concrétiser leur projet et de pérenniser leur activité.

Les professionnels du secteur appellent aujourd'hui de leurs vœux un sursaut collectif en faveur du renouvellement des générations d'éleveurs.

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Dernières nouvelles de la productivité

Selon des statistiques récemment publiées par le département américain de l'Agriculture (USDA), la productivité totale des facteurs en agriculture dans les pays à faible revenu, qui comprennent la plupart des Etats d'Afrique subsaharienne, ne parvient pas à décoller. Son augmentation est très insuffisante pour répondre aux besoins alimentaires, en pleine expansion. En outre, la productivité du travail agricole, qui détermine le niveau de revenu des agriculteurs, reste très inférieure à celle observée dans les pays émergents et les pays à haut revenu.

Links : <http://www.fondation-farm.org/zoe.php?s=blogfarm&w=wt&idt=3664>

Tags : Work productivity

Relever le défi de l'emploi en investissant dans les filières alimentaires au Sahel

Face à la pression démographique, au changement climatique, à la montée des conflits, les défis à relever par les pays Sahéliens sont immenses. L'un des principaux défis est la formation et l'emploi des jeunes. L'économie alimentaire, qui emploie déjà deux personnes sur trois, est l'une des voies offrant les perspectives les plus prometteuses. Productivité agricole et structuration des filières, attractivité des métiers, sont au cœur des enjeux, selon le Ministre de l'Agriculture du Mali, qui s'est exprimé lors de la conférence « Sahel, terre de défis et d'opportunités agricoles ». Retour sur les principaux points de son intervention lors de cette conférence organisée le 27 février par le Cirad et l'Agence française de développement (AFD) au Salon de l'agriculture à Paris.

Links : <https://www.cirad.fr/actualites/toutes-les-actualites/communiques-de-presse/2019/relever-le-defi-de-l-emploi-en-investissant-dans-les-filiere-alimentaires-au-sahel>

Tags : Rural Employment, Youth, Value chains, Policy

Les clés du succès dans l'entrepreneuriat agricole en Afrique

Le cabinet de conseil APEXAGRI et la fondation FARM ont associé leurs connaissances complémentaires des filières agricoles et agroalimentaires africaines pour mettre en valeur les expériences d'entrepreneurs locaux. Les entretiens réalisés auprès de vingt responsables dans treize pays d'Afrique mettent en lumière leur détermination et leur implication, mais aussi les difficultés auxquelles ils sont confrontés pour la pérennisation de leurs activités et la réussite de leurs projets de développement.

Links : <http://www.fondation-farm.org/spip.php?article1020>

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