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On the sidelines of the seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD7), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the African Union (AU), together with numerous additional partners, launched the Flagship Initiative to Accelerate Youth Employment in Agriculture and Agribusiness in Africa.

Africa has the youngest population in the world, with more than 600 million young people in the labour market.

Based on the principles of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, the Initiative aims to enhance the business ecosystem by creating more jobs and opportunities for African youth. Its main focus is to provide technical assistance, capacity development and knowledge exchange to youth enterprises by prioritizing agricultural value chains. As such, responsible agricultural investment to develop rural areas and reduce urban-rural disparity through public-private partnerships is fundamental.

Links : <http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1206388/icode/>

Tags : Rural Employment, Youth, Value chains

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Dairy farmers around the world are struggling to attract and retain talented staff, and New Zealand is no different. It's clear that our dairy workplaces must change - if not now then in the near future - to meet the evolving expectations of farmers and farm employees.

DairyNZ has been carrying out a New Workplace Design research project to learn what talented people are seeking in a job and what an attractive dairy farm workplace will look like in 20301. We've used stakeholder workshops, interviews with farmers and workplace experts, and design-thinking processes to uncover the major dairy workplace trends.

Links : <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/news/latest-news/dairy-workplaces-of-the-future/>

Tags : Hired work, HRM, Health and decent work, Skills and training, Innovation

Nebraska Rural Poll releases data from immigration impact survey

In March 2019, the Nebraska Rural Poll mailed surveys to 6,260 households in rural Nebraska and found rural Nebraskans have mixed opinions regarding immigration's impact on Nebraska.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Agricultural Economics partners with Nebraska Extension and the University of Nebraska's Rural Futures Institute to collect data through an annual survey called the Nebraska Rural Poll. They send surveys to randomly selected households in non-metropolitan counties so local and state leaders understand the issues, challenges and concerns of Nebraska's rural communities.

According to the data, 38% agree that immigrants have a positive impact on rural Nebraska, while 30% disagree. Additionally, about 33% agree that on balance immigration has benefitted rural Nebraska, while 27% disagree.

Links : http://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/nebraska-rural-poll-releases-data-from-immigration-impact-survey/article_a12a6a68-cdf8-11e9-817f-13ab0c01a582.html

Tags : Migration

Who owns farmer data? Exploring the rights and codes of conduct for transparent agricultural data sharing

In response to this matter, a workshop was organised by the Association for Technology and Structures in Agriculture (KTBL), together with the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN) and CTA on 25-26 July 2019, in Darmstadt, Germany. The workshop brought together lawyers, farmer group representatives, policy makers, researchers and data specialists from Europe and Africa with additional colleagues joining by videoconference from Australia and Kenya. Under the theme 'Legal and Policy Aspects of Open Data in Agriculture Affecting Farmers', the workshop explored how to unblock legal and policy bottlenecks that limit data exchange optimisation in agriculture - both in developed and developing countries. The goal was to empower farmers and raise awareness and about their rights within the data value chain, promote dialogue between all the actors involved in agricultural data sharing, and enhance the role of farmers' associations in setting codes of conduct.

Links : <https://www.cta.int/en/blog/all/article/who-owns-farmer-data-exploring-the-rights-and-codes-of-conduct-for-transparent-agricultural-data-sharing-sid00667e698-f9c6-4a78-b48c-9b6cfc7b9330>

Tags : Value chains, Policy, Innovation

ILO welcomes G20 commitment to human-centred future of work policies

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder has welcomed the Declaration by G20 Labour and Employment ministers, committing to human-centred future of work policy priorities focused on demographic change, gender equality and women's empowerment, responding to new forms of work, and adapting to demographic change and longer working lives.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_717345/lang--en/index.htm

Tags : Gender, Health and decent work

"Tackling the large gender gap in unpaid work is possible"

Women spend far more time than men on household chores and other unpaid work, which means they have less time to devote on paid employment, ILO Director-General Guy Ryder said. Speaking at a meeting of G20 Labour and Employment Ministers in Japan, he outlined steps that can address this gender gap.

Links : http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/how-the-ilo-works/ilo-director-general/statements-and-speeches/WCMS_717361/lang--en/index.htm

Tags : Gender

Comment ont évolué les expositions des salariés du secteur privé aux risques professionnels sur les vingt dernières années ?

Dans le secteur privé, la plupart des expositions des salariés aux contraintes physiques ont baissé entre 1994 et 2017, à l'exception du bruit. L'exposition à au moins un produit chimique concerne un tiers des salariés en 2017, un niveau légèrement inférieur à celui de 1994. L'exposition à au moins un produit cancérigène concerne encore 10 % des salariés, soit 1,8 million de personnes. Sur les vingt dernières années, le signalement des expositions à des agents biologiques a augmenté.

Links : <https://dares.travail-emploi.gouv.fr/dares-etudes-et-statistiques/etudes-et-syntheses/dares-analyses-dares-indicateurs-dares-resultats/article/comment-ont-evolue-les-expositions-des-salaries-du-secteur-prive-aux-risques>

Tags : Health and decent work