Partnering with youth for decent work— International Youth Day 2012

The International Youth Day (IYD) 2012 is celebrated every year on 12 August. This year’s IYD topic was “Building a Better World: Partnering with Youth”. On this occasion, the APYouthNet in cooperation with the Asia-Pacific UN Interagency Group on Youth have organized a talk show on the topic of “Partnering with youth for decent work” which was recorded live at the IYD event celebration in Bangkok.
You can watch the show here: www.apyouthnet.ilo.org/podcast/iyd . The panel for this programme were: Ms Nanda Krairiksh, Director Social Development Division ESCAP; Ms Fa Khan, student at Bangkok's Pan Asia International School; and Mr Matthieu Cognac, ILO Youth Employment Specialist.
The ILO also participated in a Google Hangout on youth employment held by UN DESA on youth related issues.

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Сайн байна уу from Ulaanbaatar! In 2011 Mongolia was the fastest growing economy in the world and is expected to grow more rapidly in the coming decade due to the expansion of the mining sector. Yet, youth employment is one of the biggest challenges for Mongolia. Young women and men account for 24.6 per cent of Mongolia's unemployed. Thirteen per cent of young people are neither in the labour force nor in education which includes discouraged and disabled people. In 2007 more than 28 per cent of unemployed youth have been seeking employment for more than one year and an additional 37 per cent for more than three years. Rural youth are in a particularly precarious situation as they are disadvantaged in terms of access to quality education and employment opportunities. Young people in rural areas have 40 per cent lower wages than the rest of the population and working in the livestock sector means an income lower by 40 to 140 per cent than in other sectors. Mongolia is strongly committed to the Decent Work Agenda. The country was one of the first to develop a Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP 2006–2010). The new DWCP cycle 2012–2016 is currently being prepared and youth employment is one of the programme’s priority.

We look forward to working together with the APYouthNet community on this important issue.

Apprenticeship systems in Asia-Pacific

This paper is a summary of the Australia–ILO online discussion (25 June to 6 July 2012) on “Apprenticeships in Asia-Pacific – What works and why?”. The discussion received more than 90 contributions from trade unions, employers’ organizations, governments, civil society organizations, academia and ILO staff. The moderators would like to thank all participants for their contributions to the discussion and input to the final paper!

Recommended resources

ILO, September 2012 – Tackling the youth employment crisis: A macroeconomic perspective
This ILO working paper is a revised and substantially expanded version of a background note that was prepared for the youth employment report that was presented and deliberated at the 101st International Labour Conference.

ILO, September 2012 – Global Employment Outlook
This paper is an update of the Global Employment Trends Report 2012 and shows that youth unemployment will get worse as the spillover from the euro crisis spreads to the developing world.

APYouthNet team, September 2012 — Policy brief: Youth employment in Mongolia
This brief provides an overview of Mongolia’s youth labour market, related policies and recommendations.

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