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Covid-19: Taking stock of the impact on Employment and Employment Services

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Employment Confederation (WEC) are jointly organizing a webinar on the overall impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on employment and employment services. It brings together social partners, representatives from public and private employment services, government policymakers and academia to discuss the role of employment services during and beyond the Covid-19 crisis.

Key takeaways

The webinar will aim to shed light on:

- How the pandemic has impacted employment and disrupted employment services across the world;
- The key policy responses to keep employment services up and running;
- How social dialogue can improve the resilience of employment services; and
- The on-the-ground experience of employment agencies in four countries amidst the pandemic.

SAVE THE DATE

June 17, 2020 – h 10.00 CET

Registrations are open until June 16 2020.

The Webinar will be hosted in the ZOOM platform.

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PROGRAMME

10:00 – Introduction

Setting the scene

- Mr Miguel Peromingo, Moderator

10:10 - Covid-19: The impact on employment

ILO's insights, impact estimates, and strategy to overcome the COVID-19 crisis across labour markets, sectors and groups of workers and businesses.

Speakers:

- Mr Sangheon Lee, Director, ILO Employment Policy Department

10:25 - Covid-19 and Employment Services: Impact and Policy Responses

Employment services, both public and private, play a key intermediary role in managing labour market transition and cushioning economic disruption for workers and businesses. Yet, like all, employment services have been impacted by the pandemic. The World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES) and WEC will make an analysis of the impact on public and private employment services and their responses to the pandemic.

Speakers:

- Ms Eve-Marie Mosseray, Executive Secretary, WAPES
- Mr Denis Pennel, Managing Director, WEC
- Q&A Session

10:50 – How have employment services responded?

As the pandemic hits societies and labour markets, employment services took action. This session will present four on-the-ground responses from public and private employment services.

Speakers:

- Mr Charles Cameron, RCSA (Australia)
[Queensland Jobfinder - Partnership between Public and Private Employment Services](#)
- Ms Femke Kooijman, ABU (The Netherlands)
[Reallocation of workers to essential sector](#)
- PES Experience 3 (TBC)
- PES Experience 4 (TBC)

11:25 – Social Dialogue during Covid-19: lessons learned from Italy

In one the most affected countries by the pandemic, Italian employers and workers' organizations share their experience of how they teamed up to better support agency workers facing decreasing working hours.

Speakers:

- Mr Luca Barilà, National Secretary, Felsa Cisl

- Mr Agostino DiMaio, Managing Director, Assolavoro
- Mr Gianni Rosas, Director, ILO Rome (TBC)
[ILO insights on the role of partnership working in employment services in Italy](#)
- Q&A Session

11:45 Wrap Up

Speakers:

- Mr Sangheon Lee, Director, ILO Employment Policy Department
- Ms Annemarie Muntz, President, WEC

11:55 – End

ABOUT THIS SERIES OF WEBINARS

The Covid-19 pandemic is causing unprecedented turmoil in the labour markets. Recent estimates by the ILO show that 2.7 billion workers, representing 81 per cent of the global workforce, were affected by the full or partial lockdown measures implemented to contain the pandemic and an equivalent of 305 million full time jobs will be lost in the second quarter of 2020. Workers in the informal and gig economies are the hardest hit as are the workers in worst affected sectors such as retail, trade, transportation, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing. Low- and middle-income countries face particular risks of high numbers of workers falling into poverty, unemployment and threatened livelihoods during recovery. This results from the disproportionate share of informality in total employment and poor access to health services and social protection. As many countries ease lockdowns and mobility restrictions, workers start to go back to work. Return-to-work policies and activation measures for the unemployed, including those that lost their jobs or have to change jobs or occupations due the pandemic, should be well reflected.

In the framework of the ILO-WEC collaboration, a series of webinars are organised throughout the summer of 2020 to exchange knowledge and discuss policy options for a sustained recovery and reintegration of workers in decent employment. The outcomes of the discussions will inform support actions to the constituency of both organizations and promote further collaboration between them. The webinars will address the impact of the pandemic on employment, employment services and social protection and will take stock of responses, initiatives and lessons learned that could inspire the road to recovery.

For any information about the webinar, please contact employmentservices@ilo.org