



6th ILO SURVEY ON NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

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ILO Survey on National Strategies for Youth Employment

This survey is addressed to government entities responsible for the improvement of youth employment outcomes at the national level. Its main purpose is to gather information on existing national strategies for youth employment to inform the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda.

1. Background

In September 2015, at the 70th Session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is a plan of action that comprises 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets to be implemented by all countries and all stakeholders acting in collaborative partnership.

The [Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators](#) (IAEG-SDGs), composed of UN Member States, including regional and international agencies as observers, is responsible for developing and bringing to fruition the global indicator framework of the 2030 Agenda. The IAEG-SDGs has identified one or several “custodian agencies” for each of the 232 global SDG indicators. These agencies are expected to regularly collect and report information and maintain global databases which can be used for global SDG reporting.

The ILO is the custodian UN agency for youth employment-related indicators including Indicator 8.b.1. This indicator measures the “*Existence of a developed and operationalized national strategy for youth employment, as a distinct strategy or as part of a national employment strategy*”.

2. Objectives

This survey seeks to capture information on national strategies to promote youth employment. It has the following 4 objectives:

1. Identifying and **collecting officially adopted documents** that articulate a set of measures and provisions to promote youth employment.
2. **Mapping and categorising** the reported initiatives of officially adopted documents in relation to SDG indicator 8.b.1 of target 8.b (*By 2020, develop and operationalize a global strategy for youth employment and implement the Global Jobs Pact of the International Labour Organization*).
3. **Establishing a baseline** against which progress of the national initiatives to promote youth employment and **monitoring progress** on a yearly basis until 2030.
4. **Taking stock of youth-specific measures to support youth employment during crises.**

3. Use of information

Information collected through this survey will be primarily used to report on SDG indicator 8.b.1 to the Sustainable Development Goals Monitoring Section of the UN Statistical Division. It may also be used to update ILO databases, and to identify good practices for future consideration of ILO tripartite constituents.

4. Survey implementation schedule

This survey is administered annually from 2020 to 2030. Governments of ILO Member States are invited to complete it every year.

5. Concepts and definitions

For the purpose of this survey, the following concepts and definitions apply:

Developed national strategy – an officially-adopted document that articulates a set of measures and provisions aimed at promoting youth employment within a defined timeframe. It explicitly mentions youth as a target. It may exist on its own or as part of a wider employment or development strategy.



Officially-adopted document – a text adopted by the responsible government entity/authority. The following types of documents can be considered:

- National Strategy/Policy for Youth Employment
- Youth Employment Law/Act
- National Action Plan for Youth Employment
- Youth Development Policy/Strategy/Plan
- National Employment Strategy/Policy
- National Development Strategy/Plan

Set of measures – a mix of policy measures which may include economic policies for youth employment, labour market policies targeting young people, or policies to enhance youth employability, promote youth entrepreneurship, or protect youth rights at work.

Provisions – arrangements foreseen to implement policy measures illustrated by the availability of an action plan with a monitoring framework, resources earmarked, and institutional responsibilities clarified.

Operationalized strategy – there is evidence (official statement, technical/financial progress report, others) of implementation of the measures and provisions in the strategy.

6. General instructions

The survey is divided in 2 parts and it has 14 questions. **Please complete PART II only if you answered “Yes” to Question 1.** Inputs from other line ministries and institutions, as appropriate, may be required to ensure a consolidated and coordinated national response. The expected time to complete the survey is 1 hour.

7. Deadline

Please send your answers no later than **20 December 2024**.

8. ILO Survey Contact

Please return the completed questionnaire to the following e-mail address: yes@ilo.org

If you need assistance from the ILO to complete the survey, please contact the Youth Employment Survey team at yes@ilo.org.



9. Respondent Contact Information

The ILO may contact you for further information or for clarification on the answers that you provided. For this purpose, please provide us with your contact details.

Country	
Organization (e.g. ministry)	
Branch/unit	
Title	Mr / Ms
Name of respondent	
Job title	
Postal address	
e-mail	
Phone number	

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

PART I

1. Does your country have an officially-adopted¹ national strategy that articulates a set of measures and provisions to promote youth employment?

Yes

No

If “Yes” please go to question 1.1.

If “No”, please go to question 1.2.

1.1 Please select the type of document(s), indicate the title, the timeframe, and attach the relevant document(s) and add the web link(s):

Type of document	Title	Timeframe	Attachment / Web link
National Strategy for Youth Employment			
National Action Plan for Youth Employment			
Youth Employment Law/Act			
Youth Policy/Strategy/Plan			

¹ A text adopted by the responsible government entity or authority.



National Employment Policy (addressing youth employment)			
National Development Strategy/Plan (addressing youth employment)			
Other (please specify)			

1.2 Has your national government taken any actions towards adopting such a strategy in the next 2 years?

Yes

No

1.3 If yes, please indicate which of the following actions have been carried out (mark all that apply with "X"):

	Discussions within the government
	Consultations with national-level stakeholders (e.g. employers' and workers' associations, youth councils, etc.)
	A draft strategy already exists
	Other (please specify)



1.4 Has your government taken any measures to specifically support youth employment in times of crisis?

- Yes No

1.5 If yes, please list them below.

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PART II – To be completed only if you replied “Yes” to question 1.

2. Has an action plan(s) been adopted for the implementation of the strategy (it can be part of the strategy or a separate document)?

- Yes No

2.1 If yes, please identify which of the following provisions are contained in the plan (mark all that apply with “X”):

	Monitoring framework (timeline and activity/outcome indicators, for example, youth labour market indicators)
	Funding (indicative budget to implement the plan)
	Institutional responsibilities (for example, ministries/agencies in charge of implementing specific activities)
	Other, specify:



3. Have specific financial resources been allocated for the implementation of the provisions in the strategy?

Yes

No

3.1 If yes, please indicate the ministry/agency responsible for the budget.

4. Is there evidence of the implementation of the provisions mentioned in the strategy (e.g. progress, implementation, or impact reports)?

Yes

No

4.1 If yes, please attach the relevant documents and/or include the web link:

5. Does your country include youth as a target group in an adopted National Development Plan or Strategy and/or National Employment Policy?

Yes

No

5.1 If yes, please indicate the title(s), attach the relevant document(s), and add the web link if available:

7.2 Please add any other relevant information below.

8. Please indicate the key areas of intervention in the strategies to promote youth employment in your country (mark all that apply with “X”).

Macroeconomic and Sectoral policies <i>(e.g. fiscal, investment, or sectoral policies)</i>	
Enterprise Development <i>(e.g. Enterprise start-ups by young people, measures to promote registration of existing companies in the informal economy, access to finance, access to non-financial services, etc.)</i>	
Education, Training and skills development <i>(e.g. TVET, career education and career guidance, apprenticeships, internships, scholarships, lifelong learning, etc.)</i>	
Labour Demand <i>(Incentives for employers to recruit young people, incentives to promote transition of informal young workers to the formal economy, etc.)</i>	
Labour Law and Legislation <i>(Contractual arrangements for young people, anti-discrimination legislation, occupational safety and health for young workers, etc.)</i>	
Labour Market Policies <i>(Public employment services, public works, active labour market programmes, income and social protection, wage policy, collective agreements on youth employment, etc.)</i>	
Other (please specify)	

9. To what extent are social partners (national employers' and workers' organizations) involved in the development and implementation of the national strategy to promote youth employment in your country?

Please indicate in the table using the following 0-4 scale:

4: Fully involved

3: Partially involved (only for some elements of the strategy)

2: Consulted

1: Informed

0: Not involved

	Employers	Workers
Formulation of youth employment strategies <i>(e.g. national action plan for youth)</i>		
Development of youth employment programmes <i>(e.g. sectoral programme with a clear target to employ X number of youth)</i>		
Implementation of youth employment strategies/programmes <i>(e.g. social partners as official implementers of the strategy or programme)</i>		
Assessment of youth employability <i>(alignment of youth qualifications and skills to labour market needs)</i>		
Monitoring and evaluation of youth employment interventions <i>(e.g. active labour market programmes)</i>		
Awareness raising, marketing and promotion of youth employment <i>(e.g. campaign to promote youth employment)</i>		

10. Are any youth-led organisations (for example, youth councils) involved in the development and/or implementation of national strategies for youth employment?

Yes

No

10.1 If "Yes", please select the relevant option(s)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fully involved
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partially involved (only for some elements of the strategy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Informed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not involved

10.2 Please add any other relevant information below (e.g. names of youth-led organizations involved).



11. Have any initiatives been taken to create or strengthen national partnerships to promote youth employment (for example, partnership with national chambers of commerce and industry, international development agencies, etc.)?

Yes

No

11.1 If "Yes" please briefly describe them.

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12. Does the national strategy to promote youth employment in your country include measures for inclusiveness of youth groups identified as particularly vulnerable or disadvantaged?

Yes

No

12.1 If "Yes", please select which groups (mark all that apply with "X")

	Young women
	Young migrants
	Youth NEETs
	Youth with disabilities
	Low skilled youth
	Rural youth
	Other (please specify)



13. Is there support from the ILO or other international agencies to promote youth employment in your country?

Yes

No

13.1 If yes, please mention which agency and what kind of support.

14. Please add any additional information related to youth employment in your country.

Thank you for completing the survey. Please return it to the e-mail address shown below no later than 20 December 2024 at:

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