

World Youth Skills Day 2021

Reimagining Youth Skills Post Pandemic

Virtual, global event

15 July 2021, 11:00 am – 12:30 ppm (EDT)

Provisional Agenda

The World Youth Skills Day 2021 will celebrate the resilience and creativity of youth through the crisis. Participants will take stock of how TVET systems have adapted to the pandemic and recession, think of how those systems can participate in the recovery, and imagine priorities they should adopt for the post-COVID-19-world.

Main expected outcomes

- Assess the situation of young people regarding skills and work during and after the COVID-19 pandemic; learn how they have been living through the crisis; highlight success stories of youth innovation and resilience;
- Debate on prospects for skills development and the world of work as economies recover, and on the effectiveness of national recovery plans and support from development partners.
- Reflect on how TVET stakeholders can collaborate to scale up skills development and help reconcile the short-term need for economic recovery with the urgent need for accelerating the transition to sustainable development.

Organizers

The World Youth Skills Days is co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Portugal and Sri Lanka to the United Nations, together with UNESCO, ILO and the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.

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	<p>Moderator: Moderator: Ms. Sinead Bovell, Canada</p>
11.00 – 11.10	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly (Video-message)</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General (TBC)</p> <p>Ms. Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth</p>
11:10 – 11:50	<p>Interactive panel 1: Skills for today and the future</p> <p><i>School and workplace closures are leading to learning and training losses. Major life-cycle transitions are made difficult if not impossible, including graduation from general education or TVET at secondary or tertiary level, residential autonomy, and labour market insertion. Illness or death of relatives, a lack of socialization with peers, and lasting uncertainty about the end of the pandemic are impacting the mental well-being of young people. This will have durable consequences both on their personal and professional lives. This segment will discuss skills, especially core skills, that are needed today and skills that will be needed in the future. The ILO’s recently developed global framework on core skills for life and work in the 21st century will also be launched.</i></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Peter Mohan Maithri Pieris, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN</p> <p>Ms. Anel Bakytbekkyzy, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations</p> <p>Ms. Martha E. Newton, Deputy Director-General for Policy, ILO</p> <p>Ms. Rabiya Anwer, Employers Federation of Pakistan</p> <p>Ms. Isabelle-Sophie Viktoria Gagel, DGB Youth, Germany, Member of the ITUC Youth Committee</p>
11:50 – 12:30	<p>Interactive panel 2: Partnerships for scaling up youth skills development</p> <p><i>Skills development has a key part to play in fostering the resilience of young people. It is crucial for all stakeholders to ensure the continuity of skills development, especially through distance training, to guarantee the safety of trainees and workers, and to introduce training programmes to bridge skills gaps, for instance in the health sector. Recovery plans need to guarantee funding for skills development, and to develop programmes for young people training for or employed in the most severely affected sectors. This segment will reflect on TVET stakeholder partnerships for scaling up youth skills development.</i></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Francisco Duarte Lopes, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations</p> <p>Member State Representative : Colombia (TBC)</p> <p>Ms. Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO</p> <p>Mr. Ahmed Nasir, Head of Institute, Maldives Polytechnic</p> <p>Ms. Emanuelle Favre, SVP Human Resources, Dior</p> <p>Ms. Yousra Assali, Champions Trust Regional Representative for Middle East and North Africa</p>
12:30	<p>Wrap-up of the interactive panels and closing remarks</p> <p>Mr. Zahin Razeen, Bangladesh (TBC)</p>

