



# February Newsletter

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**New THEMATIC NOTE**

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# Digital Jobs for Youth with Disabilities

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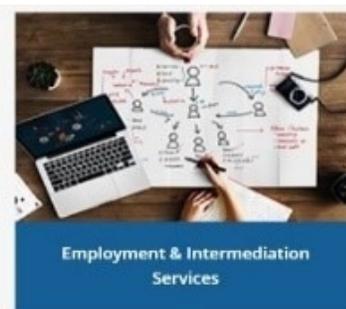
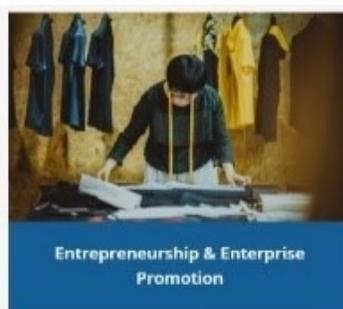
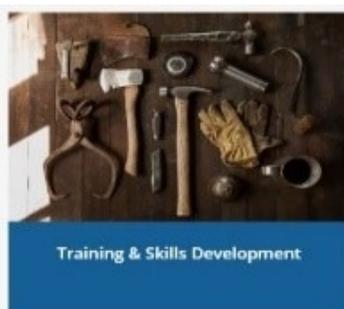
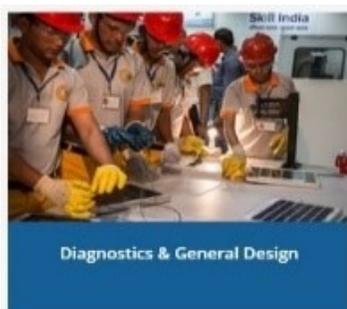


The S4YE team has partnered with the Global Disability Advisor’s team (Social Sustainability and Inclusion Global Practice) at the World Bank and launched a **Working Group on Jobs for Youth with Disabilities**. Members include Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Education for Employment (EFE), Digital Development Divide (DDD), Enablecode, Youth Business International (YBI), Leonard Cheshire, Humanity & Inclusion(HI), Partnership on Employment & Accessible Technology (PEAT), Cisco, Fingertalk Enterprise & V–Shesh.

The Working Group's first thematic note on [Digital Jobs for Youth with Disabilities](#) aims at promoting disability-inclusive design among youth employment practitioners. The Note highlights **five strategies used to connect youth with disabilities to digital jobs**. These include using disability-sensitive design in training programs, providing accessible environments, exploring opportunities in the gig economy and outsourcing jobs, using digital entrepreneurship and e-commerce, and engaging private sector employers

For more resources - the **new section in our Knowledge Repository** features relevant toolkits on [Jobs for Youth with Disabilities](#).

## S4YE Knowledge repository - 70+ NEW RESOURCES



We have recently added **over 70 new resources** to the [Youth Employment Knowledge Repository](#) - an easily navigable platform for practitioners to access practical tools and resources on youth employment.

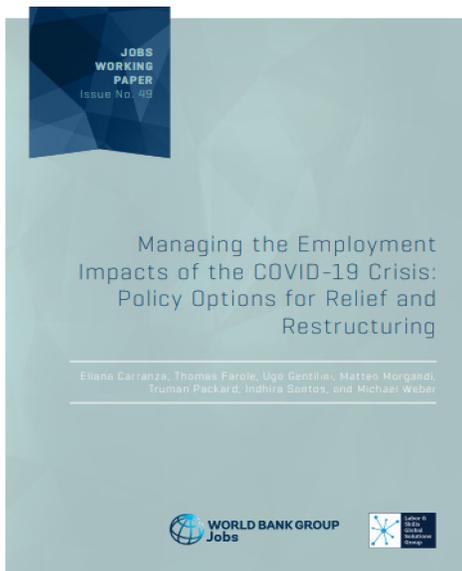
The Repository houses over 300 practical toolkits, guidance notes, and resources carefully curated to help project teams design, implement, and scale programs. These resources were developed by a wide range of organizations, including Accenture, USAID, GIZ, International Youth Foundation, Youth Business International, Mastercard Foundation, among others.



### Four new sub-categories:

- [Youth with Disabilities](#),
- [Digital Economy](#),
- [Green Economy](#), and
- [Agriculture](#).

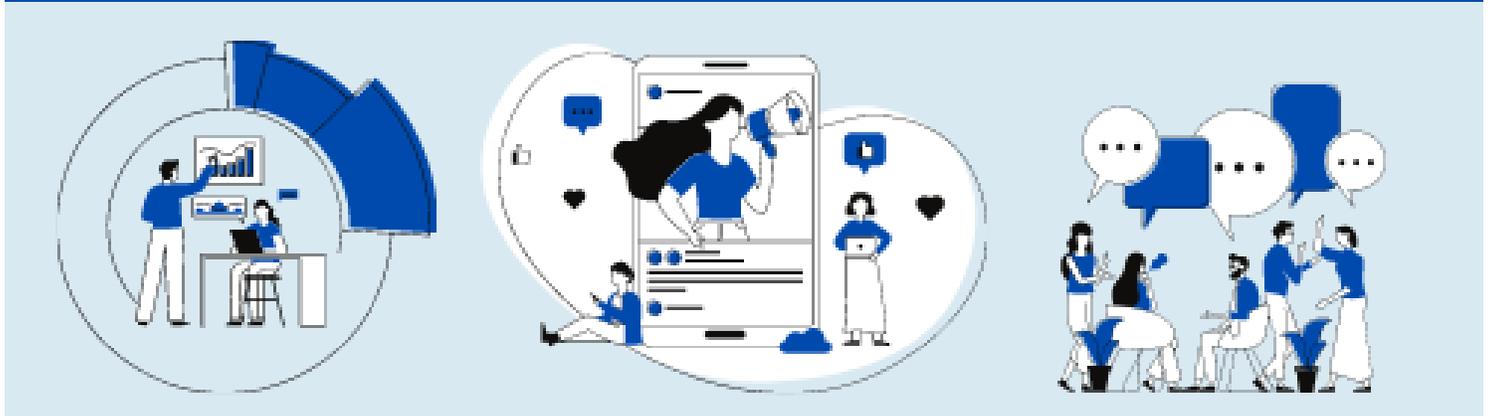
### Selection of new reports:



- [Key soft skills for cross-sectoral youth outcomes](#) (USAID),
- [Digital Skills Assessment Guidebook](#) (ITU),
- [What Works In Rural Youth Employment Promotion?](#) (GIZ),
- [Green Reboot For Emerging Markets](#) (IFC),
- [Employability Tool: Bridging Education to Employability](#) (IFC),
- [Managing the Employment Impacts of the COVID-19 Crisis: Policy, Options for Relief and Restructuring](#) (WB),
- [e-Economy Africa 2020](#) (Google and IFC).

## COURSERA'S NEW ONLINE LEARNING INITIATIVE TO REACH 1 MILLION UNEMPLOYED LEARNERS

### S4YE - Insights from the Private Sector Webinar Series



*S4YE - Insights from the Private Sector Webinar Series* recently featured **Coursera**, showcasing lessons learnt from launching and scaling its Workforce Recovery Initiative in the wake of COVID, and highlighting how **IFC** and the private sector are working with governments on reskilling/upskilling the workforce.

The Coursera's [Workforce Recovery Initiative](#) enables governments to provide unemployed workers free access to their course catalog, helping them develop the knowledge and skills needed to become re-employed quickly. Coursera activated more than 220 programs for governments across 100+ countries, benefiting more than 1 million learners to date.

**Shannon Atkeson** (EdTech Sector Lead for the Disruptive Technologies, IFC), **Matthew Klein** (Head of International Public Sector Practice, Coursera) and **Chad Pasha** (Senior Advisor Government Partnerships, Coursera) discussed practical design elements required to structure large-workforce development programs, the role of government agencies, and learnings from the Philippines, Costa Rica, and Malaysia.

Full access to the presentation [here](#) and the full recording [here](#).

**You Don't Want To Miss This!**

# WHAT WORKS IN RURAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION? LESSONS FROM GIZ IN AFRICA

Thursday, March 4, 2021

9:30 am - 10:30 am EST

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The experts from **GIZ** will share the learnings from their latest report [What Works in rural youth employment promotion?](#). The webinar will also feature projects from African countries - **Employment Promotion Programme (EPP III) Sierra Leone & Agricultural Value Chains for Sustainable Development (A4SD)** - presenting their 'integrated' approaches, results and critical success factors, including COVID-19 adaptation.



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**Webinar**

## CREATING AND SCALING MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS

Lessons from Global Mentorship Initiative on how to design a successful  
Mentorship Model to support underserved students



**Thursday, March 18, 2021 | 10:00am EST – 11:00am EST**

### Webinar

**Global Mentorship Initiative (GMI)** is a non-profit organization that provides guidance and business skills to underserved college students through online mentorship. It uses an online mentorship model that makes it easy for business professionals to be great mentors without a significant time commitment. The team partners with universities in the US and around the world with a mentorship program that includes 14 one-hour structured online sessions designed to provide real value to the student as they prepare for their job search.

**Join us this Thursday** to learn about the GMI mentorship model, get to know the practical examples of how the team has scaled the program, hear about mentors' and students' experiences and challenges for young people entering the workforce today, and how companies and NGOs are partnering to build a global mentorship ecosystem.

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## S4YE Partners Update

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**EMERGING EDTECH APPROACHES AROUND THE WORLD AND LEARNINGS FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA**

**— SPEAKERS —**

**Opening Address and Moderated by**  
  
**Manish Kumar**  
 MD & CEO,  
 National Skill Development Corporation

**Keynote Address by**  
  
**Subramanian Ramadorai**  
 (Chairman of Governing Board,  
 Tata Institute of Social Sciences)

**Panelists**

  
**Indrani Choudhury**  
 Chief Learning Officer  
 Microsoft

  
**Krishna Kumar**  
 Founder & CEO  
 Simplilearn

  
**Namita Datta**  
 Head & Program Manager,  
 Solutions for Youth  
 Employment, World Bank



## Webinar on EdTech Approaches by NSDC

Industry 4.0 has drastically altered the way we work. And this pattern has accelerated significantly post Covid-19 with innovative digital technologies disrupting, both, the world-of-work and the world-of-learning. In an effort to understand and meet the evolving industry demand, the National Skill Development Coalition (NSDC) organized a *Webinar Series on Education Technology and Skill Development* focusing on the future design and implementation of interventions pertaining to skill development in India.

[Webinar recording >>](#)

## New report by "la Caixa" Foundation and UNDP

UNDP and "la Caixa" Foundation have just released a joint publication on *Open Innovation Platforms for Sustainable Development*. It touches upon Open Innovation Platforms' mechanisms to design interventions for sustainable development and new ways of management of network by hierarchical organizations involved in platform business models, among others.

[Read more >>](#)

## In the News

- [Youth, Women and Market Systems Development in Agriculture and Supporting Markets](#), USAID
- [Engaging Young Agripreneurs: Options to Include Youth in Private Sector Extension and Advisory Services in Rwanda and Uganda](#), USAID
- [The role of digital labour platforms in transforming the world of work](#), ILO
- [UNESCO Launches the findings of the Artificial Intelligence Needs Assessment Survey in Africa](#)
- [The Journey of a 6-Month Youth Entrepreneurship Training: Rethinking Innovation through Coaching, Mentorship, and Beyond](#), UNDP Accelerator Lab, Sierra Leone

- [Africa's Development Dynamics 2021, Digital Transformation for Quality Jobs](#), OECD

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