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# Inclusive Development News

Social and Economic Inclusion for All



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## Introduction

Welcome to the sixth edition of Inclusive Development News covering a range of topics on employment, labour rights, trade and investment, social protection and inequalities, of the Directorate-General for International Partnerships of the European Commission. This edition's spotlight focuses on inequalities with a new manual, research event and results. We also have articles introducing new guides on employment, a new programme on social protection, inclusive communications for people with disabilities, the international year for the eradication of child labour and other interesting announcements, publications, upcoming events and much more!

## From our reporters

### **Solving the big development challenges**

The second volume of a new guide on promoting employment and decent work has been published.

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### **Reducing inequalities is essential to ensure sustainable development benefits all, especially those furthest behind**

A new guide aiming to strengthen how development cooperation can more effectively address and tackle inequalities, has been published by the European Commission.

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### **A new programme is helping expand social protection through increased and more reliable public financing**

Today, only 45% of the world's population are covered by at least one social protection benefit, while the remaining 55% – 4 billion people – are left unprotected.

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## How to be heard? Promoting accessible communication for persons with disabilities

Think of an image that is spreading rapidly on social networks and that is beginning to generate retweets and quotes but that has no alternative description. Blind people are automatically left out of that conversation.

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## Empowering women and girls to end child labour

This year is the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour which calls on all of us to raise awareness of the importance of the eradication of child labour, and to share best practices.

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Spotlight: Reducing inequalities to promote an  
economy that works for people

## Inequalities: We must build back better from the crisis as Team Europe

To achieve our collective goal of ending extreme poverty for all, as called for by the 2030 Agenda, we must work to understand inequalities, what drives them, and take unified action to reduce them.

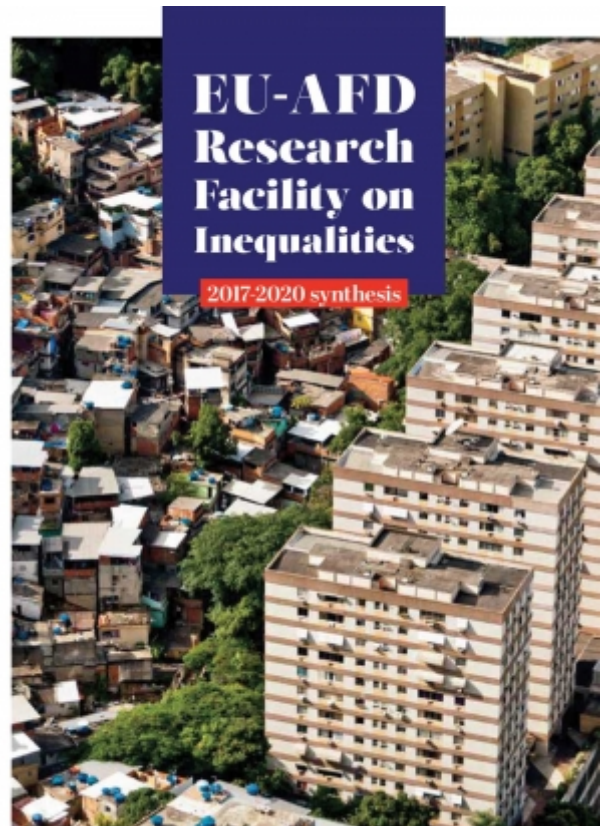
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## The EU-AFD Research Facility on Inequalities has wrapped up 3-years of productive work

The EU-AFD Research Facility to better understand inequalities has, throughout its 3 years of implementation, undertaken 23 research projects, producing 150 publications.

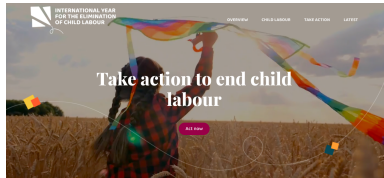
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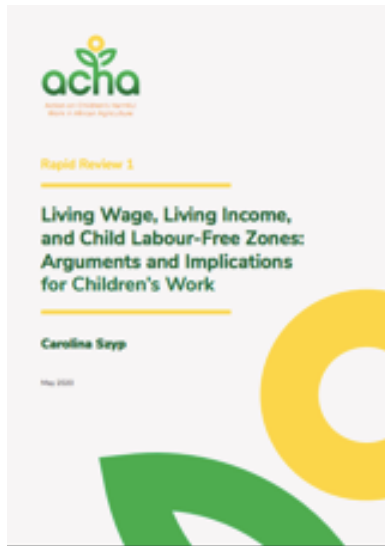
## The International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour 2021 is off and running

The International Year is an opportunity to Act, Inspire and Scale-up and there are many initiatives already underway, including a call for the submission of action pledges, a song competition, and cartoon competition, amongst many more. Watch the launch event [here](#). and visit the website of the International Year [here](#).



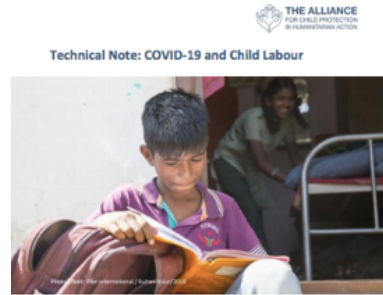
## Webinaire : Développement & inégalités : quel « jour d'après » pour la solidarité internationale?

Conjointement organisé par Oxfam France et l'AFD, ce webinaire a constitué un temps d'échange et a permis de construire une réflexion commune sur la place de la lutte contre les inégalités au sein de la politique de développement française. Le trouver [ici](#).



## **IDS Report: Living Wage, Living Income, and Child Labour-Free Zones: Arguments and Implications for Children's Work**

This report explores the state of the discussion among those who advocate for the living wage, the living income, and the child labour-free zones, based on the literature published by those organisations. It also reflects on some of the implications for children's work in African agriculture. Find it [here](#).



## **Technical note: COVID-19 and Child Labour**

The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action has produced a note on offers guidance and information to practitioners and policy-makers on child labour issues during and after COVID-19 and what actions can be taken. Find it [here](#).



## Working paper: Informality, Consumption Taxes, and Redistribution

Read a paper from the World Bank, assessing whether consumption taxes reduce inequality in developing countries. The paper combines household expenditure data from 31 countries to shed new light on the redistributive potential and optimal design of consumption taxes. Find it [here](#).



## Synthesis paper: To get to work: connecting supply and demand-side interventions for youth employment in African countries

Read a synthesis paper from the INCLUDE platform, commissioned by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that provides a synopsis of lessons learned, comparative analysis of results, and more, of the Local Employment in Africa for Development (LEAD) programme, and is based on four independent evaluations. Read it [here](#).



## Article: Inequality kills

Read an article - Inequality kills - on the impact of the coronavirus on the global south, by Stefan Peters for International Politics and Society. He outlines the risk of massive political unrest and instability is looming unless action must now be taken quickly and decisively. Read it [here](#).



## Report: Implementing the ILO Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention No. 169: Towards an inclusive, sustainable and just future

This report examines the implementation of the Convention No. 169 and the current social and economic situation of indigenous peoples across the world. Find it [here](#). Also available in [ES](#) and [FR](#).



## Policy brief: ILO A gender-responsive employment recovery: Building back fairer

The COVID-19 crisis is different from previous economic crises and has laid bare entrenched gender inequalities. The COVID-19 crisis is impacting women and men differently. Find the brief [here](#).



## Nota de la OIT: Afrontar la crisis del empleo juvenil provocada por la COVID-19

Esta reseña de políticas destaca cómo los jóvenes, especialmente las mujeres, están siendo gravemente afectados por la pandemia COVID-19. El informe hace un llamado a medidas de política urgentes, integrales y específicas para hacer frente a la pandemia mundial. [Lea más](#). Disponible en [francés](#), e [inglés](#).





## IDS and CSP opinion piece: Covid-19 and social protection needs: who are the most vulnerable?

Covid-19 and responses to the pandemic have created new needs for social protection. Read a CSP blog on groups who are most at risk and in need of social assistance most urgently [here](#).



## ILO report on child labour and forced labour in cotton in Uzbekistan

This is a third-party monitoring report on the incidence of child labour and forced labour in the cotton harvest in Uzbekistan in 2019. The European Union supported the monitoring work. Find it [here](#).



## **ILO, IGAD and EU study on skills development and recognition for regulated labour mobility in the IGAD region**

The potential of skills development and recognition for regulated labour mobility in the IGAD Region - A scoping study covering Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda. Find it [here](#).



## **Report: African Union and UNDP report on The State of Social Assistance in Africa**

More African governments than ever before are delivering social assistance to the poor and to vulnerable populations. The report maps and analyses the recent growth of social assistance. Find it [here](#).



## Report: “Our Happy Family Is Gone” - Impact of the “War on Drugs” on Children in the Philippines

Read a report from Human Rights Watch that details the plight of children whose parents or guardians have been killed. The increased poverty and trauma have led many children to leave school or compelled them to work. Some were forced to live on the streets. Find it [here](#).



## Report: Workplace-based learning and youth employment in Africa

The report is part of a series of evidence synthesis papers led by INCLUDE, to take stock of existing evidence on themes relevant to youth employment. This report ‘Workplace Based Learning and Youth Employment in Africa’ reviews and synthesises literature on the evidence on workplace-based learning interventions in Africa. Read it [here](#).



## The time to act to end child labour is now

There was a Week of Action around this year's World Day Against Child Labour (12 June). This year is the International Year on the Elimination of Child Labour. Read our June article on child labour [here](#) with information on the alarming new data on child labour and information on what was happening in the context of the International Year, including a [High Level Dialogue between the European Commission, ILO and UNICEF](#), the announcement of the winners of a song contest, and much more.

### Paper: Human Capital and Participation in Global Value Chains: Evidence from Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Indonesia

The paper from the Asian Development Bank assesses the size, ownership structure, and financing capability of small and medium-sized enterprises and how they drive their participation in global value chains. Find it [here](#).



## New VET Toolbox service to increase local benefits of European investment in Sub-Saharan Africa

Investment not only needs finance but also people with the right skills. The new VET Toolbox service supports local people in 11 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa in acquiring relevant skills. The VET Toolbox presented this new service during an online launch event on 8 June 2021. Find the videos and background documents from the launch [here](#), including a [video message from Commissioner Urpilainen](#). An animated video “VET Toolbox: Relevant skills for all” was produced to present the services of VET Toolbox aiming at increasing local benefits of European investment. [Video on the new Toolbox service](#).

## New online course on VET is now available on addressing skills and VET in the green transition

This is the 9th module offering a short self-paced introduction to key concepts of vocational education and training. It is available on INTPA Academy and [you can enrol here](#) (registration required).



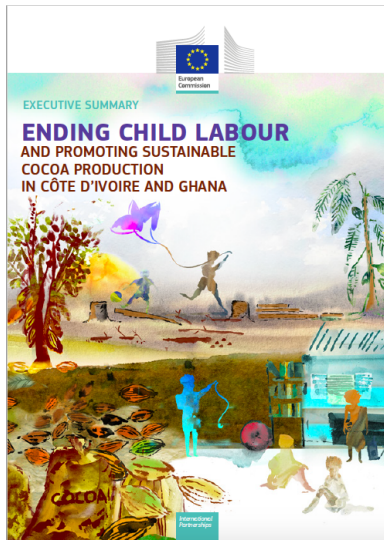
## Workshop on accompanying measures to EU supply chain legislation

An Expert Workshop was hosted by DG INTPA and the International Trade Centre (ITC) to discuss and co-create accompanying support measures to forthcoming EU legislation on mandatory due diligence and supply chain sustainability. Read about the workshop [here](#).



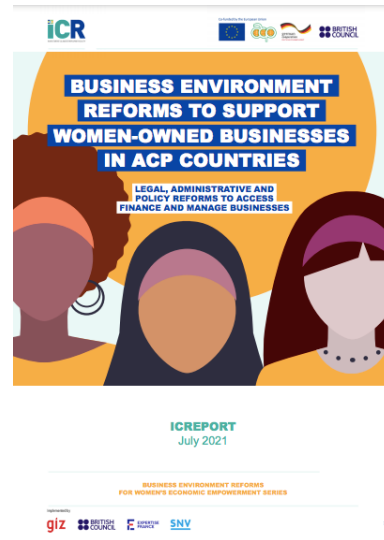
## Launch of the EU's new partnership with Better Work

[Better Work](#) is an alliance to improve working conditions, business practices and environmental sustainability in the garment industry. The launch event featured Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General for DG INTPA and Cécile Billaux, Head of Unit, Micro-Economic Analysis, Investment Climate, Private Sector, Trade, and Employment, DG INTPA. Find the programme [here](#) and watch a recording of the event [here](#). The event was linked to the [OECD Forum on Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sectors](#).



## Study on ending child labour in cocoa in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana published

A new report commissioned by DG INTPA on ending child labour and promoting sustainable cocoa production in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana has been published. The report presents the overall challenges related to ending child labour, assesses the situation of child labour in cocoa in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana and puts forward a comprehensive set of recommendations for all stakeholders. Read the full report [here](#) and the executive summary in English [here](#) and in French [here](#).



## Report on Women's Economic Empowerment published

The Investment Climate Reform Facility (ICR-Facility) has published a first report in a series: Business Environment Reforms to Support Women-Owned Businesses in ACP Countries: [Legal, Administrative and Policy Reforms to Access Finance and Manage Businesses](#). Find out more information on the ICR-Facility [here](#).

## DG GROW guide on taking account of social considerations in public procurement

Find the guide "Buying social: a guide to taking account of social considerations in public procurement" by the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs in all EU Languages [here](#). Find more information [here](#).



## 50 Billion Euros: Europe's Child Labour Footprint, a report by the Greens/EFA group of the European Parliament

The report has been recently published and assesses the EU's imported goods in 2019 and reveals that close to 100EUR per European of EU imported goods was tainted with child labour. The study was commissioned by MEP Saskia Bricmont. Read the report [here](#).





## Cartoon competition on forced labour

The international cartoon competition on forced labour has received cartoons from more than 200 artists from 65 countries. The competition is being organised by the ILO and the NGO Human Resources Without Borders (RHBF). The winners will be announced soon [here](#).



## EU event marking the 10th anniversary of the adoption of ILO Convention 189 on Domestic Workers

Domestic workers remain among the most vulnerable workers, including in the EU. The event attracted several high-level speakers, including Commissioner Nicolas Schmit. The discussion focused on the current situation, the progress made since the adoption of Convention 189 and the next steps which are necessary to improve domestic workers' working and living conditions. Watch a recording of the event that took place on 28-29 June [here](#).



## UN Global Compact – Improving wages to advance decent work in supply chains

The UN Global Compact has launched a campaign on “Living Wages” in supply chains, delve into the interactive website [here](#).



## Beyond Your Clothes : a consumer campaign tool

Beyond Your Clothes is raising awareness on working conditions and the environmental impact and detrimental effects of fast fashion. The #BeyondYourClothes interactive website has been developed with EU support and is in various European languages. Visit it [here](#).

For your diaries!

### Vision Zero Fund: virtual conference on the results of the ILO programme promoting safe and healthy work, supported by the EU.

	permalink	<a href="#">Main URL</a>
	date	08/09/2021
	venue	INTPA Infopoint
	Registration	<a href="#">Here soon</a>

### Call for Proposals: Sustainable raw materials value chains in Africa

	date	23/09/2021
	Registration	<a href="#">Here</a>

### Webinar: UN Global Compact (Network UK) Webinar on Child Labour in the Apparel Sector for the International

## Year for the Elimination of Child Labour

 date 29/09/2021

 Registration [Here](#)

## Virtual event: Global Solutions Forum - Acting together to end child labour in agriculture

 date 02/11/2021 - 03/11/2021

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