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VACANCY PROPOSAL FOR JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS (JPO) Job Description Template – Headquarters and field positions

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Title: Junior Professional Officer in [Digital and Green Jobs for Youth](#)

Duty station: [Geneva, Switzerland](#)

Duration of the assignment: 12 months, renewable

Grade: P2

Department/ Field Office: [Employment Policy Department](#)

Organisational unit: [Youth Employment Accelerator Group](#)

SUPERVISION

Direct Supervision by:

[Ms Susana Puerto Gonzalez](#), Youth Employment Specialist, Puerto-gonzalez@ilo.org

Content and methodology of supervision:

The JPO will join the team of the [Youth Employment Accelerator](#) Group at the ILO, with a focus on supporting the technical work, research and technical advice for the promotion of youth employment, a topic high in the development agenda particularly due to the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth labour market outcomes.

A time-bound work plan will be agreed between the JPO and the supervisor in the first month of the assignment. The implementation of the workplan will be supported by regular one-on-one weekly meetings between the JPO and the supervisor as well as weekly meetings with the Youth Employment Accelerator's team. The JPO will also participate in bi-weekly meetings of the Employment, labour Markets and Youth Branch, which hosts the Youth Employment Accelerator Group.

The supervisor will provide detailed instructions, guidance and coaching on a regular basis and as necessary. Mutual feedback is highly encouraged. The work will be discussed with and reviewed by the supervisor at various stages before completion in order to verify quality and alignment with ILO policies and procedures, as well as contribution towards the team's workplan.

The JPO will accompany and assist the supervisor in meetings, training activities, and advocacy and knowledge-sharing events (both online and face-to-face). The JPO will accompany the supervisor in technical meetings and missions, where appropriate.

The supervisor will ensure a good balance of assignments and opportunities for the JPO based on his/her background, capacities and interests; and ensure that the workload is manageable.

Performance management will be reviewed in accordance with ILO's Performance Management Framework, as applicable to Junior Professional Officers.

INTRODUCTION

The Employment Policy Department is responsible for promoting full and productive employment by developing integrated employment, development and skills policies that maximize the employment impact of economic growth, investment and development and which are inclusive, gender sensitive, productive and sustainable.

At the global level, the Department advocates and promotes policy frameworks and partnerships that aim at generating more quality employment opportunities. At the country level, the objective is to support the ILO constituents to develop, implement and monitor coordinated and context specific policies and programmes that promote quality job creation through economic diversification and investment strategies, skills development for present and future needs in the labour markets and labour market activation and intermediation that integrate the most vulnerable groups. The Department represents the ILO in global advocacy efforts and action-oriented partnerships for the promotion of decent and productive employment worldwide.

The Department delivers on its mandate through work in three Branches: Skills and Employability Branch; Employment, Labour Markets and Youth Branch; and the Development and Investment Branch.

The ILO is committed to promoting decent jobs for young women and men. Its work of is guided by the 2012 resolution of the International Labour Conference on "The youth employment crisis: A call for action" ([link](#)) to take urgent action to tackle the unprecedented youth employment crisis through a multipronged approach geared towards pro-employment growth, decent job creation, respect for youth rights and gender equality. To meet the commitment on decent work for young women and men and to address the youth employment challenge, the ILO promotes an integrated and

coherent approach that combines supportive economic policies and targeted measures that address labour demand and supply issues and takes into consideration the quantity and quality of work for youth, through multi-stakeholder action.

The Employment, Labour Markets and Youth Branch has the primary responsibility for supporting constituents for better employment outcomes, including for youth, based on the normative guidelines of C 122 (Employment Policy convention).

Located within the Employment, Labour Markets and Youth Branch, the **Youth Employment Accelerator** Group promotes and positions ILO's work on youth employment in the international context, including in connection to the 2030 Agenda; coordinates the [Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth](#) and enhances country level action and impact in consultation with other Units; furthers research, knowledge development and dissemination, including through the Knowledge Facility; serves as focal point for external youth development partnerships; and provides expertise on measurement and assessment of youth labour market policies, projects and programmes. It advocates for ILO's agenda on youth employment and mobilises resources for work on youth.

This position will support ILO's leadership and technical expertise on youth employment, through a focus on technical products, research and advice to ILO constituents, with a strong focus on the role and impact of the pandemic on young people. This work contributes directly to Outcome 3 of the Programme and Budget for 2022-23.

DUTIES AND RESPONSABILITIES

Under the general guidance of the Chief of the Employment, Labour Markets and Youth Branch and direct supervision of the Senior Youth Employment Specialist leading the Accelerator, the JPO will perform the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Assist in and contribute to **advancing ILO's work on boosting decent jobs for youth in the digital economy** through research and evidence-based advocacy, country level work, and partnerships. The duty implies:
 - Contributing to evidence reviews and research on youth employment in the digital economy, including in relation to skills development, employment services and job creation;
 - Contributing to country level work, technical assistance, and support to projects implementation in the nexus of youth employment, digitalization and the digital economy;
 - Advancing partnerships with technology companies, including in the context of the UN Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth; and
 - Supporting ILO's partnership with the International Telecommunications Union, including in connection to the Global Campaign on Digital Skills and the Joint Programme to Boost Youth Employment in Africa's Digital Economy (with a focus on Kenya, Senegal, Rwanda, Senegal, Nigeria and

South Africa).

2. Contribute to the growth and implementation of the Green Jobs for Youth Pact, in collaboration with ILO's GREENJOBS team, UNEP and UNICED. The duty implies:
 - Contributing to research and other technical pieces on the creation of new green jobs for youth and avenues to greening existing jobs;
 - Providing technical support to existing and new projects on youth entrepreneurship and sustainable green businesses;
 - Supporting the collaboration with UNEP and UNICEF in promoting the Pact, expanding the network of partners, and enhancing the value proposition;
 - Supporting resource mobilization efforts and partnerships with ILO constituents and key development partners, including with the European Commission; and
 - Strengthening the linkages between Decent Jobs for Youth partners and the Pact.
 - Contribute to the Youth Employment Academy and the Youth and Climate Change Academy, with ITCILO.
3. With technical advice from the supervisor, support:
 - The operationalization of the following thematic priorities of Decent Jobs for Youth through the engagement and direct contact with partners working on that theme: include decent jobs for youth in the digital economy, and green jobs for youth.
 - The work of the Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection in relation to youth employment in the green and digital economies.
4. Support events and capacity development activities of the Youth Employment Accelerator, with a focus on youth employment in the green and digital economies.
5. Perform others task that may be assigned by the supervisor.

During the period of assignment, the JPO will contribute to the following key outputs:

- Interventions to boost Decent Jobs for Youth in the Digital Economy
- Youth Employment Academy
- Decent Jobs for Youth Conference

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Education:

Minimum:

First level university degree in economics, social sciences, international development, development studies, or other relevant discipline.

Desirable:

An advanced university degree / Master's or Post Graduate Diploma in economics, statistics, international development, environmental economics, data science, or other relevant discipline.

Work experience:

Minimum:

At least two/three years working experience in economic and statistical analyses.

Desirable:

Work experience in labour economics, data science, econometrics, exposure to the work of the United Nations in development.

Skills required for the assignment:

Minimum:

Proficiency using Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Powerpoint).

Desirable:

Experience with STATA.

Languages:

Minimum:

Excellent command of English.

Desirable:

Good knowledge of French or Spanish would be an asset.

ILO competencies:

The candidate is expected to demonstrate and be guided by ILO competencies, specifically:

1. Good communication skills, both written and verbal.
2. Capacity to work on own initiative as well as cooperate as a team member.
3. The ability to work in a multicultural environment, and gender-sensitive behaviour and attitudes are also required.

TRAINING COMPONENTS AND LEARNING ELEMENTS

Training components:

The JPO will be working as part of an international team and will have considerable exposure to the ILO's work on youth employment, particularly as regards to advocacy and technical assistance. The post will give the incumbent an opportunity to work with ILO technical departments and units, regional and country offices, and other youth employment partners from the UN System, the private sector, governments, foundations, social partners, civil society and beyond.

The JPO will have access to training materials and training opportunities offered by the ILO and partners on youth employment and other areas contributing to the workplan of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth. Furthermore, the JPO will have access to analytical tools and courses to support his/her analytical skills.

Learning elements:

Through guidance of the supervisor and senior colleagues, the JPO will learn about advocacy, communication and partnership development for youth employment.

Specific learning elements include:

- Becoming familiar with ILO's Call for Action on Youth Employment, detailing measures in support of decent jobs for youth. This learning outcome will be achieved in the first three months of the assignment.
- Becoming familiar with global advocacy measures by ILO and others in support of decent jobs for youth and other advocacy initiatives around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This learning outcome will be achieved in the first six months of the assignment.
- Becoming familiar with recent research about what works to support young people in the labour market. This learning outcome will be achieved by the end of the first year of the assignment.
- Interacting with partners within the UN system and other partners of the Global Initiative on Decent Jobs for Youth working on youth employment and development, from day 1.
- Getting acquainted with the work of a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural team.
- Familiarizing yourself with the functioning of the UN system. This learning outcome will be achieved by the end of the first year of the assignment.

- The JPO will gain and enhance skills in the preparation and facilitation of advocacy events and engagement with constituents. This learning outcome will be achieved by the end of the first year of the assignment.
- The JPO will further develop his/her analytical skills through interaction with ILO researchers and partners. This learning outcome will be achieved by the end of the first year of the assignment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ILO's work on Youth Employment: <http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/youth-employment/lang--en/index.htm>

The ILO has a long-standing commitment for the promotion of youth employment. Supported by a unique tripartite structure that brings together the key players in the world of work, ILO's activities on youth employment span across knowledge, action and capacity development, and partnerships.¹

Knowledge: The ILO is the one stop shop for knowledge resources on youth employment.

- We collect and analyse labour market information for youth;
- Research emerging youth employment issues;
- Review youth employment policies; and
- Assess the impact of youth employment interventions.

Action & capacity development: We translate evidence into action and provide advisory services with a focus on:

- Policy design and implementation;
- Youth employment programmes that lead to impact at country and regional level; and
- Capacity development for youth employment stakeholders.

Partnerships: We mobilize political will and resources for youth employment through Decent Jobs for Youth, the global initiative to scale up action and impact on youth employment in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It brings together the vast global resources and convening power of the UN and other key partners to maximize the effectiveness of youth employment investments and assist Member States in delivering on the 2030 Agenda. The strategic elements of the Global Initiative are:

- *Alliance:* A Strategic Multi-stakeholder Alliance will advocate, ensure policy convergence, stimulate innovative thinking and mobilize resource for more and better investments in youth employment. It will be comprised of

¹ See more at www.ilo.org/youth

governments, private sector, social partners, the UN System and other multilateral organizations, parliamentarians, youth representatives, foundations, and the academia.

- *Action*: The Initiative will scale up evidence-based action at regional and country levels, ensuring ownership and coherence with national development priorities. With the commitment of governments, social partners, regional institutions and the leadership of UN Country Teams, the Initiative will engage a diverse set of national and local partners on a range of different themes from green jobs for youth to youth's transition to the formal economy and youth in fragile states.
- *Knowledge*: A global Knowledge Facility will capture, analyse and widely share best practices and innovation, enhance capacity development and facilitate peer learning about what works to improve labour market outcomes for young women and men.
- *Resources*: The Global Initiative will advocate for high level commitment of local and international actors to increase resources through present and future funding facilities to enable scaling up activities in support of decent jobs for young women and men in the most inclusive and transparent manner.

Website: www.decentjobsforyouth.org

Guided by the ILO Centenary Declaration on the Future of Work², the ILO is expanding its footprint with new research and interventions to boost youth employment and entrepreneurship in the green and digital economies while paving the way for a human-centred future of work for youth.

Programme and Budget 2022-23, in particular Outcome 3: Economic, social and environmental transitions for full, productive and freely chosen employment and decent work for all.

The ILO values diversity. We welcome applications from qualified women and men, particularly those with disabilities and from non – or under - represented member States. If needed, reasonable accommodation will be provided in the recruitment phase as well as during the JPO assignment to ensure equality of opportunities.

The ILO has a smoke-free environment.

² See: https://www.ilo.org/ilc/ILCSessions/108/reports/texts-adopted/WCMS_711674/lang-en/index.htm