

# Addressing Policy Challenges in OECD Countries

Programme for the High-Level Forum on Jobs for Youth

Oslo, 20-21 September 2010

**Monday 20 September 2010**

**Venue: Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel**

**8.30 – 9.00** Registration of participants

## POLICY FORUM

### ***Education, labour and social policies to boost opportunities for youth***

*Chair:* Ms. Hanne Bjurstrøm, Minister of Labour, Norway

**9.00 – 9.15**

#### **Welcome Address**

Ms. Hanne Bjurstrøm, Minister of Labour, Norway

Mr. Aart de Geus, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

**9.15 – 11.00**

#### **Key findings from the OECD *Jobs for Youth* review**

##### **Keynote address:**

Mr. Tito Boeri, Professor of Economics at Bocconi University, Italy

##### **Comments:**

Mr. Roland Schneider, Senior Policy Adviser, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD

Mr. Henrik Bach Mortensen, Executive Director, Danish Employers' Confederation, Denmark

##### **General Discussion**

**Final remarks:** OECD

**11.00 – 11.30**

*Coffee Break*

**11.30 – 12.45**

#### **Session 1: How to sustain youth employment in a weak labour market?**

*Chair:* Mr. Bo Smith, Chairman of OECD's Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee, Ministry of Employment, Denmark

##### **Interventions:**

*Jobtonic: an intensified programme to promote youth employment:* Ms. Carole Descamps, Directrice Exécutive, Forem Conseil, Belgium

*The experience of Victoria:* Mr. George McLean, Director, Youth Transition Pathways, Department of Education, State of Victoria, Australia

*The experience of Spain:* Mr. Francisco Aranda, Chairman, Asociacion de Grandes Empresas de Trabajo Temporal, Spain

*The role of the transitions in entering the labor market and how to fully activate the most educated generation ever:* Mr. Luca Scarpiello, Board Member, European Youth Forum, Italy

##### **General discussion**

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12.45 – 14.00

*Lunch hosted by the Minister of Labour, Norway*

14.00 – 15.15

## **Session 2: What works in OECD countries for disadvantaged youth?**

*Chair:* Mr. Bo Smith, Chairman of OECD's Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee, Ministry of Employment, Denmark

### **Interventions:**

*Lessons from Mølla Work Resource Institute:* Mr. Jan Eirik Vestnes, Project Manager, Norway

*Job Corps - An Effective Intervention for Youth Unemployment:* Ms. Lynn Intrepid, United States

*Lessons from Second-Chance Schools:* Mr. Lionel Urdy, General Director, France

*The Dutch approach on disadvantaged youth:* Ms. Ans Seriese-van der Hout, Project Manager, Netherlands

### **General discussion**

15.15 – 15.45

*Coffee break*

Side-event organised by the European Youth Forum

15.45 – 17.15

## **Session 3: Governments cannot do everything: supports and incentives from employers and unions to invest in youth**

*Chair:* Mr. Bo Smith, Chairman of OECD's Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee, Ministry of Employment, Denmark

### **Interventions:**

*The Employers' point of view:* Mr. Svein Oppegaard, Executive Director, NHO – Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise, Norway

*The Trade Unions' point of view:* Ms. Marie-Louise Knuppert, Confederal Secretary, Danish Confederation of Trade Unions, Denmark

*What youth organisations are doing in the field of employment and education: the youth employment action project:* Mr. Tine Radinja, President, European Youth Forum, Slovenia

*The Challenges faced by the dual model in Austria,* Ms. Christine Holzer, Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Austria

### **General discussion**

17.15 – 17.30

## **Closing remarks by the chair**

17.30

*Cocktail (at the hotel)*

20.00

*Dinner for Ministers and their representatives*  
Host: Ms. Kristin Halvorsen, Minister of Education, Norway

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## MINISTERIAL MEETING

**9.00 – 16.00**

*Chair:* Ms. Hanne Bjurstrøm, Minister of Labour, Norway

9.00 – 9.45

### **Welcome address**

Ms. Hanne Bjurstrøm, Minister of Labour, Norway

Mr. Aart de Geus, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

### **Short statements from BIAC and TUAC**

Mr. Tadahiro Asami, Secretary-General, Business and Industry Advisory Committee

Ms. Marie-Louise Knuppert, Vice-President, Trade Union Advisory Committee

### **Video message**

Commissioner Mr. László Andor, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion,  
European Commission

9.45 – 11.15

### **Session 1: Helping youth get a firm foothold in the labour market: what works and for whom?**

*Chair:* Mr. Aart de Geus, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

#### **Introductory comments:**

Mr. Hanno Pevkur, Minister of Social Affairs, Estonia

Mr. Hyen Taek Eom, Deputy Minister for Employment Policy, Korea

Mr. Lajos Bozi, Ambassador, Hungary

Mr. Paolo Reboani, Economic Advisor of the Minister of Labour, Italy

#### **Contribution:**

Ms. Azita Berar Awad, Director, International Labour Organization

#### **General discussion**

11.15 – 11.30

*Coffee Break*

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## **Session 2: Minimising the “scarring” effects of the jobs crisis on youth: what are the short-term and longer-term policy options?**

*Chair:* Mr. Aart de Geus, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

### **Introductory comments:**

Mr. Ömer Dinçer, Minister of Labour and Social Security, Turkey

Mr. Sipho Ndebele, Minister-Counsellor, South Africa

Ms. Inger Støjberg, Minister of Employment, Denmark

Mr. Jan-Erik Støstad, State Secretary, Norway

### **General discussion**

13.00 – 14.30

*Lunch hosted by the Minister of Labour, Norway*

14.30 – 15.45

## **Session 3: Implementing the necessary structural reforms to promote more and better jobs for youth: what are the priorities?**

### **Introductory comments:**

Ms. Maria Helena André, Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity, Portugal

Mr. Ivan Svetlik, Minister of Employment, Slovenia

Ms. Kristin Halvorsen, Minister of Education, Norway

Mr. Andreas Storm, State Secretary, Germany

### **General discussion**

15.45 – 16.00

### **Closing address**

Mr. Aart de Geus, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

Ms. Hanne Bjurstrøm, Minister of Labour, Norway