

## **From S4YE and World Bank**

**Ideas, networks and jobs: Rebasings growth in the Middle East and North Africa:** Oil rents are set to wane. The legacy of four decades of dependence on oil in an economy of the MENA region is not seem to be generating enough opportunities for productive employment. The World Bank's [paper](#) sets out a policy agenda for gradual change that is cumulatively transformative. Directly, productivity can be increased by encouraging clusters of firms capable of innovation, linked to vocational training that equips a workforce with the skills that firms need. At the same time, the socio-political transformation from a rent-seeking economy to a skill-based economy requires both cultural and institutional change.

### **Save the date!**

*Save the date for S4YE's 2019 Regional Workshop*

### **Learning from Recent Innovations in Youth Employment**

### **S4YE Regional Workshop 2019**

**November 13-14, 2019  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**



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A preliminary agenda with more details is available [here](#) (subject to change).

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## Updates from the Impact Portfolio

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**ÁNIMA: Spreading ideas from Uruguay to Costa Rica:** Felipe Migueis, Laboral Coordinator from [ÁNIMA](#) (Uruguay), which provides job trainings through innovative programs to underprivileged youth - was one of the speakers at TEDx Zapote, invited by GAN Costa Rica (Global Apprenticeship Network). His talk was centered on lifelong learning and formed around a motto: "To keep learning and achieving personal and professional development goals, we have to recognize work as a learning space".

**Lynk is growing its B2B offering to connect youth to more jobs:** Lynk has now developed two business-facing offerings: Lynk for Business; a facilities maintenance offering, and Lynk Projects; a turnkey interior design and construction arm. These two business-facing offerings have already created over 10,000 jobs for informal workers, and provided them with over US\$1m in income. Click on the [video](#) to learn more about Lynk's business-facing offering.

**Mona Mourshed - CEO of Generation - Tackling global youth unemployment:** Worldwide, more than 75 million young people are unemployed, despite the fact that many employers can't find people with the skills they need for entry-level jobs. [Listen](#) to how Mona Mourshed and her team at Generation help youth (and recently, older, displaced workers) to gain these skills in countries from Kenya, to Brazil, to the United States.

**VVOB: GPE webinar on gender-responsive pedagogy in early childhood education in**

**Africa:** On September 26, a webinar of the Global Partnership for Education gave the floor to VVOB, the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE) and the University of Zambia. The gender-responsive pedagogy for early childhood education (GRP4ECE) toolkit enables pre-school teachers and school leaders to not only become aware of their own gender biases and overcome them, it also supports them to proactively challenge budding gender stereotypical ideas in their learners. Click [here](#) to access the webinar's materials and [here](#) to view live streaming to learn more about the discussion on how to shape children's ideas around gender roles and practices, both in and out of the classroom.

**September is a special month for Laboratoria as they are celebrating their 5th anniversary!**

Laboratoria's first pilot program took place in 2014 in Lima, Perú with just 15 students. Since then, they have created a unique 6-month coding bootcamp that simulates an actual workplace and teaches women from underserved backgrounds not just technical skills but also life skills and soft skills needed at work. In just 5 years, they've expanded to 5 training centers across Latin America in Peru, Brazil, Mexico and Chile (and one coming up in Colombia) where they've trained over 1,300 women and placed 85% of them in the tech sector. Watch this [video](#) to learn more about their impact and accomplishments during these last five years of learning at full speed!"

**Education for Employment is extending its regional presence:**

EFE and its Tunisian affiliate EFE-Tunisie has been awarded \$875,000.00 to carry out its employability and job training and placement activities for youth with a secondary education. It is planned that program participants will now have improved employment opportunities (including self-employment) through targeted, localized demand driven job training and placement, as well as increased workforce employability skills in communities close to the Libyan border.

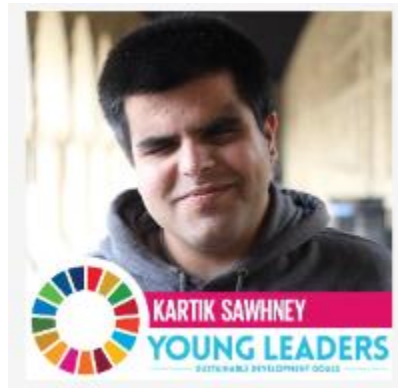
**KnackApp is involved in California's Future of Work effort:**

[KnackApp](#) is the digital platform that powers the future of work and changes how people, anywhere, connect with opportunities. As California is urged to take action to prepare for the inevitable wave of job losses resulting from the rapid rise of automation and advances in technology, Gov. Newsom sets up the [Future of Work Commission](#). He has asked KnackApp (along with Microsoft) to showcase its digital platform as a technology that uses innovative education-to-career models to meet the changing demands of California's workforce.

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## Updates from the Youth Advisory Group

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**Kartik Sawhney (YAG member, India) is at the United Nations General Assembly this week:** In his capacity as a UN Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Kartik participated in consultations with businesses around SDGs, the first ever UN Youth Climate Summit and had an opportunity to share the youth perspective on SDGs and the urgency of the need for Governments to take action. One of his [messages](#) was covered by Times of India.



**Her Majesty Queen Rania visited social initiative Recycling for Education in Ruseifa:** Her Majesty joined Ruseifa Mayor, Osama Haimour, and Recycling for Education Co-founders, **Abdul Rahman Zghoul (YAG member, Jordan)** and Ahmad Thneibat, for a [discussion](#) on the initiative's accomplishments in Jordan and the region, its services and future plans. Launched in 2013 with support from the King Abdullah II Fund for Development (KAJD), Recycling for Education began by recycling leftover bread and turning it into animal

fodder with its proceeds invested and put towards providing scholarships and financial support for underprivileged students and refugees in Jordan. Since then organization expanded its operations, creating additional jobs and covering a wider variety of recyclables.

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## Relevant Resources

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**IREX's new guide to facilitating youth-led labor market assessments:** This [resource](#) has engaged youth in labor market assessments through participatory action research to offer this step-by-step guidance, a framework for facilitating an assessment, lessons learned from a pilot assessment, and tools to support the process.

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