

The OECD Development Centre with support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development presents:

# Combatting hunger and poverty through rural youth employment

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The **globally worsening situation of hunger and poverty** and the persistence of malnutrition are of grave concerns, particularly for marginalized and vulnerable persons. **Rural youth** face the double challenge of age-specific vulnerabilities and underdevelopment of rural areas, limiting their opportunities for **decent employment**. This **impacts socio-economic stability and resilience**, contributing to food insecurity, inequalities, and migration. The situation is the result of both structural factors and the impact of multiple crises.

In 2017, Germany, as the then G20 presidency, launched on behalf of Members of the G20 Development Working Group (DWG) an [Initiative for Rural Youth Employment](#). The Initiative aimed at intensifying efforts to promote employment for rural youth, notably in Africa. Five years forward, the DWG commissioned an assessment of the [Initiative's progress](#).

Today, as the Brazilian presidency puts the fight against hunger, poverty and inequalities high on G20 agenda, and given the close relationship between rural development and poverty and hunger eradication, there are lessons from the Initiative's assessment that can be used towards the proposed Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty.

This webinar offers a timely opportunity to reflect on efforts made by G20 countries and international organisations as well as the civil society to spur job creation for rural youth and to discuss opportunities of how to best move forward. Participants will discuss how to scale up effective approaches to support rural development policies and better respond to developing countries' priorities. This webinar's objectives include:

1. Sharing lessons learned from the G20 Initiative for Rural Youth Employment to inform the G20 debate and actions.
2. Discussing with experts, policy makers, youth and G20 members on the importance of sustainable and rural youth employment to combat poverty, hunger and inequalities.

## AGENDA

**Welcome** by master of ceremony (OECD)

### Opening session

- **Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir**, Director, OECD Development Centre
- **Paul Garaycochea**, Director for Sustainable Supply Chains, Agricultural and Food Systems, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, BMZ

### Presentation of the G20 Initiative for Rural Youth Employment: A Better Future for Rural Youth.

- **Ji-Yeun Rim**, Deputy Head of Unit, OECD Development Centre

### Roundtable discussion on RYE good practices and why it matters for G20 efforts at fighting hunger and poverty.

- **Leonard Mizzi**, Head of Unit Sustainable Agri-food Systems, European Commission DG International Partnerships
- **Genna Tesdall**, Director of Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD)
- **Tebogo Lobaka**, Sector Expert: Social Cohesion, Protection and Gender, Department of Planning Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME), South Africa
- **Jayant Singh**, Rural Development Advisor, NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), India
- **Sheryl Hendriks**, Director, Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich
- **Nosipho Nausca-Jean Jezile**, Chair of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS)

Moderator:

**Federico Bonaglia**, Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre

### Open discussion

#### Implication for G20 2024 priorities

- **Saulo Ceolin**, Coordinator of food and nutritional security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil

### Closing

- **Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir**, Director, OECD Development Centre

