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## Jobs, Diagnostics and Solutions Community of Practice (JDS CoP) News Digest

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### Dear members,

Welcome to the second (2) Edition of the Jobs, Diagnostics and Solutions CoP **News Digest**. We share and exchange knowledge with fellow jobs practitioners. Many thanks to all of you who have shared their knowledge and resources. We welcome your continued engagement and the wealth of knowledge that you bring to the community.

With warm regards,  
Dino, Ian and Teuta

### **At a Glance:**

We have **120** members from all over the world. If you have not yet registered please click at [JDS CoP Website](#)

## Featured < Member Blogs



Sabina Dewan with the Former Secretary of the Ministry of Skills and Entrepreneurship of India, Dr. K.P. Krishnan.

### [Beyond GDP: A State-Level Just Jobs Index for India](#) by Sabina Dewan

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, [India's labour market indicators](#) were showing signs of [distress](#). Among the factors that helped propel these worrisome trends was the pursuit of economic growth underpinned by the assumption that it will inevitably lead to more, and eventually better jobs without due attention to the composition and geography of growth. Capital intensification fueled economic growth for several consecutive years but did not generate enough employment to absorb the country's surplus labour. Read the blog [Beyond GDP: A State-Level Just Jobs Index for India](#) to learn more.



## [What is Holding Back the Creation of Better Jobs in MENA?](#) by Federica Saliola

About 300 million jobs need to be created in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region in the coming 20 years. The Covid-19 crisis may exacerbate this challenge as labor markets are being disrupted at an unprecedented pace. Tourism, for example, which accounted for 6.7 million jobs across the MENA region in 2019, is one of the worst-affected sectors during the crisis. Read the blog [What is Holding Back the Creation of Better Jobs in MENA?](#) to learn more.



## [Jobs and Structural Change Blog Series](#) by Dino Merotto

The initial motivations for this series were the IDA19 framework for [Jobs and Economic Transformation](#) (JET), and the findings of our Report [“Pathways to Better Jobs in IDA Countries”](#).

In the Jobs Group we want the operational response to the JET agenda across countries to take account of empirics from country [jobs diagnostics](#) and global jobs measurement. [Read Jobs and Structural Change Blog Series](#) to learn more.

## In Focus < Blog Series



## [Jobs and Structural Change Blog Series](#)

“The series seeks to relate economic theory to global data to get at the drivers of structural change. It starts with stylized facts, before moving on to discuss different country contexts, and how different workers fare with economic transformation, [Blog#3](#) shows how both the structure of GDP and employment changes as countries get richer. Agriculture’s share of GDP falls as countries get richer, whilst that of services rises. But the share of manufacturing in both GDP and employment first rises for middle income countries, then falls on average. The blog ends by noting that these patterns are explained by changing patterns of consumption and net trade the relative growth of physical and human capital, demographic change and technology adoption. [Blog#4](#) looks at how the drivers of labor productivity growth vary by income group and how they differ for faster and slower growing countries. Labor productivity drives growth in per capita incomes, and a significant share of labor productivity growth in faster growing LICs and LMICs comes from the movement of labor out of

agriculture and growth of labor productivity within agriculture. Productivity growth is correlated with growth in the waged share of employment.”

## **Confronting the Jobs Impacts of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

**by Michael Weber**

The World Bank’s Jobs Group started a blog series on employment policy options for the COVID-19 crisis. The series draws on best practices learned from previous crises. But it takes account of what changes in a crisis rooted in a health emergency that calls for people to work from a distance or not at all. It also highlights options for the labor markets of low and middle-income countries with high rates of informal firms and workers. Read the blog series: [Confronting the Jobs Impacts of COVID-19](#) to discover more.



## **CoP: Member Spotlight**



**Bahija Nali**, is the Head of Department for Studies on Social Accounting Matrices and Labor Matrices of High Commission for Planning in Morocco. She is a Moroccan national accountant, with an engineer’s degree in statistics and 20 years of experience. She is certified in the formalization of the informal economy and in the integration of youth into the labor market. She’s responsible for studies on social accounting matrices, labor matrices, unpaid domestic work satellite account and wages and productivities of industries.

## **Useful Articles and Resources**

“The Just Jobs Network developed a **JustJobs Index (JJI)** – a comprehensive, data-driven tool to measure the quantity and quality of jobs – at the state level in India. The index analyzes fifteen indicators along five dimensions: Employment, formality, benefits, income equality and gender equality. The results of the index are presented in a report by Sabina Dewan and Divya Prakash: [A Just Jobs Index for India: How do Indian States Fare in the Creation of Just Jobs?](#) and an [associated website](#).

[Protecting People & Economies: Integrated policy responses to COVID-19-](#) a [policy paper](#) places both people & firms (jobs) at the center of policy decisions, with a close look at critical services and jobs

Get yourself up to date on the economics of COVID! <https://www.core-econ.org/project/core-covid-19-collection/>

Saving Africa's private sector jobs during the coronavirus pandemic:

<https://www.uneca.org/publications/saving-africa%E2%80%99s-private-sector-jobs-during-coronavirus-pandemic>

The Policy Note on Distributional Impacts of COVID-19:

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty/brief/poverty-and-distributional-impacts-of-covid-19-potential-channels-of-impact-and-mitigating-policies>

## Contact Us

Should you have any interesting and relevant resources, suggestions or activities to share in the **next JDS CoP Monthly Digest**, please contact [Teuta Gashi](#) (CoP facilitator) and, [Dino Merotto](#) (CoP chair). Please feel free to share this digest and invite new practitioners in the field to join [JDS CoP](#).

### About the JDS CoP

**The Jobs Diagnostics and Solutions Community of Practice (JDS CoP)** is a knowledge sharing and learning platform for officials, development practitioners, researchers and World Bank Group staff involved in developing cross-sector Jobs Strategies for countries, regions, and municipalities within countries.

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