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Young people exiting the crisis

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ENG/FR translation

Young people are hit hard by the ongoing crisis since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The TUAC Youth Network identified several issues that need serious policy attention:

- Education quality and costs – including study debt
- Lack of sufficient direct income support – specifically during the crisis
- Ever-growing qualification requirements vs. worse employment and wage prospects
- Pre-existing precariousness before the crisis and not enough new quality jobs
- Social safety net cracks including concerning inter-generational solidarity
- Mounting housing costs
- Unsatisfactory delivery of public employment services
- Barriers to access and afford mental health counselling
- Insufficient focus on marginalised groups
- Fragile relationships between young people and public institutions.

The generation that entered the labour market during the financial crisis over a decade ago was hit hard by its effects. Structural reforms allowing for more labour market flexibility without adding any support measures and checks and balances on employers, aggravated the impact. Many of these reforms were inspired by OECD recommendations.

The OECD just updated its Action Plan on Youth and is moving towards a Recommendation. Now is the time to correct the past and adopt better policy frameworks for the

future – with social dialogue and collective bargaining as central pillars.

SPEAKERS

Opening remarks: Muriel PENICAUD, *Ambassador of France to the OECD*

Yolanda GIL, *Responsible of international and youth secretariat of health federation of CCOO, Spain*

Jonathan RODRIGUES, *Senior Associate Organizer, Human Rights & Community Relations Department, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, US*

Nozomi NAMBA, *Section Chief, International Policy Division, JTUC-RENGO, Japan*

Andreas CLAUSEN, *Wolt volunteer organizer, 3F, Denmark*

Zilfi SERT, *Health Researcher, Member of the OECD Youth Advisory Board, Youthwise*

Closing remarks: Pierre HABBARD, *General Secretary, TUAC*

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