

JUST JOBS: A NEW AGENDA FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH
Agenda Thursday October 9, 2014
(Participation by invitation only)

## THE EVENT

## Concept

With the global rise in inequality and an increasing recognition that the composition of economic growth must be studied as closely as changes in gross domestic product, a new term – "inclusive growth" – has quickly found its way into the rhetoric of governments, development agencies, and international financial institutions. While a diverse coalition is beginning to form around promotion of inclusive growth, the specifics of an inclusive growth agenda are still largely undefined.

JustJobs Network – a global policy institute and research network examining employment issues – contends that an effective and sustainable agenda for inclusive growth must center on creating 'just jobs' – that is, jobs complete with appropriate remuneration, rights at work, and opportunities for economic mobility.

Moreover, only by considering the jobs dimension of key social and economic phenomena – trade, migration, demographic change – can countries fashion an economic model that is truly inclusive and sustainable. Building global policy solutions based on a "just jobs lens" will help define and drive forward a vision of inclusive growth.

JustJobs Network will convene a one-day conference to invite dialogue from key stakeholders on how promoting just jobs provides definition to the inclusive growth agenda.

## **AGENDA**

9:30 - 10:00 AM: Registration

10:00 - 10:30 AM: Opening remarks

H.E. Ambassador Kåre R. Aas [Norwegian Ambassador to the

United States]

Sabina Dewan [Executive Director, JustJobs Network]

10:30 - 12:30 PM: Presentation of the JustJobs Index 2014

The JustJobs Index, the first-ever global ranking of countries based on the quantity and quality of jobs, is an empirical approach to measuring the economic indicator that matters most to ordinary people – employment. Following a presentation of the JJI, we ask: What are the political economy factors that enable countries to perform well on job creation?

**Tewodros Kebede** [Researcher, FAFO Institute for Applied International Studies]

**Jon Pedersen** [Research Director, FAFO Institute for Applied International Studies]

**Moderated By:** Prakash Lougani [Advisor and Co-Chair of the Working Group on Jobs, International Monetary Fund]

12:30 – 2:00 PM: Lunch

During lunch, we will screen an original JJN documentary entitled "Pulan Pergi". What social and economic impact does labor migration have on communities of origin? How can the resources migrants bring back to sending communities be harnessed to create local employment opportunities? In "Pulang Pergi", JJN explores these questions based on its fieldwork in Indonesia.

**Remarks by: Shawna Bader-Blau** [Executive Director, Solidarity Center]

**Q&A: Gregory Randolph** [Manager of Strategy and Outreach, JustJobs Network]

2:00 - 3:30 PM: Overcoming the Youth Employment Challenge: Strategies from Around the Globe

What strategies are countries around the world deploying to address the global youth employment crisis, and with what success? What aspects of the youth employment challenge are going unaddressed by policymakers? This session will be anchored in a new report authored by the member institutions of JJN's global network.

**Azita Berar Awad** [Director, Employment Policy Department, International Labour Organization]

**Barbara Shailor** [Former Special Representative for International Labor Affairs, U.S. State Department] TBC

Moderated By: Bama Athreya [Senior Specialist, Labor & Employment Rights, USAID]

3:30 - 4:00 PM: Coffee break

## 4:00 - 5:30 PM: Investment That Stimulates Good Job Creation

What incentives do businesses have and need to invest in sectors that generate good jobs? What should the government's role be in fostering a job-creating investment climate? Representatives from the private sector will lead us in addressing these critical questions.

**Tim Regan** (Senior Vice President, Corning Incorporated)

**Kapil Sharma** [Senior General Manager, Tata Sons – North America]

Ola Nafstad [Head of Strategy and Analysis, Norfund]

*Moderated By*: Anil Kakani [Board Member, JustJobs Network; Executive Director, Anand Rathi Investment Services, India]

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM: Just Jobs and the Inclusive Growth Agenda (Conclusion)

**Bruce Stokes** [Director, Global Attitudes Project, Pew Research Center]

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM: Reception

*Keynote Address: H.E. Børge Brende* [Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs]

Closing: Sabina Dewan [Executive Director, JustJobs Network]