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The report addresses challenges and makes recommendations to promote employment creation through sustainable enterprise development in the Kyrgyz garment sector. It applies the ILO's Skills for Trade and Economic Diversification (STED) methodology to look in particular at current and future needs for skill development among workers. The report concludes that the Kyrgyz garment sector is facing significant adjustment challenges which will likely lead to a consolidation towards fewer, but possibly larger and more productive enterprises with more diversified export profiles. Based on information collected from companies which are already "pioneers" in new markets, the report analyzes current and future skill and training needs and existing deficits in skill supply in order to identify critical gaps. Recommendations include specific training curricula and equipment for schools, strengthening of a recently founded sectoral body for skills anticipation, and application of the ILO's SCORE methodology to enhance labour productivity and reduce informality and labour turnover.

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