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Youth employment policies for evolving labour markets Youth labour markets have seen enormous changes in the last decade. While young people are typically more digitally capable than older generations, the current employment prospects for young women and men are extremely challenging. Youth are most often the worst hit social group in times of crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating for young people. Instead of asking whether youth are ready for the future, which places the burden on them, this book asks “Is the future ready for youth?” How do we ensure that the policymakers and the global community prioritize youth employment, so essential for sustainable development and social justice? This book brings together contributions from ILO staff with broad global experience in successful youth employment policies. They discuss the policies needed to address the challenge, in a time of rapid transformation, of achieving a better future for the youth.

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