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Dear Reader,

The 114th International Labour Conference (June 2026) in Geneva concluded with the adoption of the world's first binding international agreement on Decent Work in the Platform Economy. For the first time, platform workers — long excluded from standard labour protections — have a global framework of rights, covering everything from adequate remuneration, workers' data protection and freedom of association to non-discrimination and safe working conditions.

This edition of the FWC bulletin brings to you research from the FutureWORKS Collective network that has been exploring opportunities, fault lines, governance challenges within the platform economy, and much more.

Hope you enjoy reading it!

RESEARCH FROM THE COLLECTIVE

FWC hubs bring new evidence on how technological change, climate pressures, and labour market shifts are reshaping work across the Global South.

Opportunities and Challenges for Decent Work in the Platform Economy in Asia and the Pacific

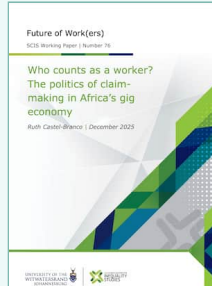
Digital platforms are reshaping how work is organised across Asia and the Pacific, creating new income streams for some while deepening precarity for others. The recent ILO paper examines the rapid expansion of the platform economy across the region and its implications for decent work, mapping both the opportunities and the structural fault lines that determine who benefits and who bears the risk. Authored by Sabina Dewan and Praavita Kashyap, [JustJobs Network](#), FWC Global Hub.



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Who Counts as a Worker? The Politics of Claim-Making in Africa's Gig Economy

Platform workers in Africa present a paradox: many lack meaningful autonomy over their work yet identify as self-employed and organise politically around that identity. Drawing on case studies from Angola, Kenya, and Mozambique, this paper asks how labour protections can be extended without undermining workers' collective power. Authored by Ruth Castel-Branco, [Southern Centre for Inequality Studies](#) (SCIS), East and Southern Africa Hub.



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SPOTLIGHT



Inside FutureWORKS Asia: Whats New?

The FutureWORKS Asia Hub's website brings together all its research outputs, subgrantee projects, active grants, calls for papers, and policy resources in one place. The hub, led by [LIRNEasia](#), commissions high-quality, gender-responsive research and convenes a regional network to advance skills and policies for an inclusive future of work across Asia.

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DEEP DIVE | Social Protection

Can social protection be redesigned for the world of work that now exists?

The FORWARD project by the [Arab Reform Initiative](#), a research partner of the [IFI](#), [American University of Beirut](#) compares Lebanon and Egypt to chart what future-ready protection could look like with lessons well beyond the region.

[Explore the Project](#)

EVIDENCE | 100 Young People • 1 Trial

The school-to-work transition is one of the most precarious journeys young workers face. A policy brief by [ISSER](#), [University of Ghana](#) examines how job-readiness and socio-emotional skills can make that transition more navigable.

[Read the Policy Brief](#)

WEBINAR | Who Speaks for Platform Workers?

"Platform domestic workers are the third largest group in the platform economy, but they are still often ignored and very much invisible."

— *Fish Ip*, International Domestic Workers Federation

Ahead of the ILC negotiations on platform work, [WIEGO](#) and [SCIS](#), [University of Witwatersrand](#) convened a webinar bringing together researchers, practitioners, and worker representatives.

[Watch the Webinar](#)



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