

Time to Act for SDG 8:

Integrating
Decent Work,
Sustained Growth and
Environmental Integrity



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Accelerating global progress to create decent employment

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Key messages

“Better jobs are the most direct pathway out of poverty” (WDR 2013)

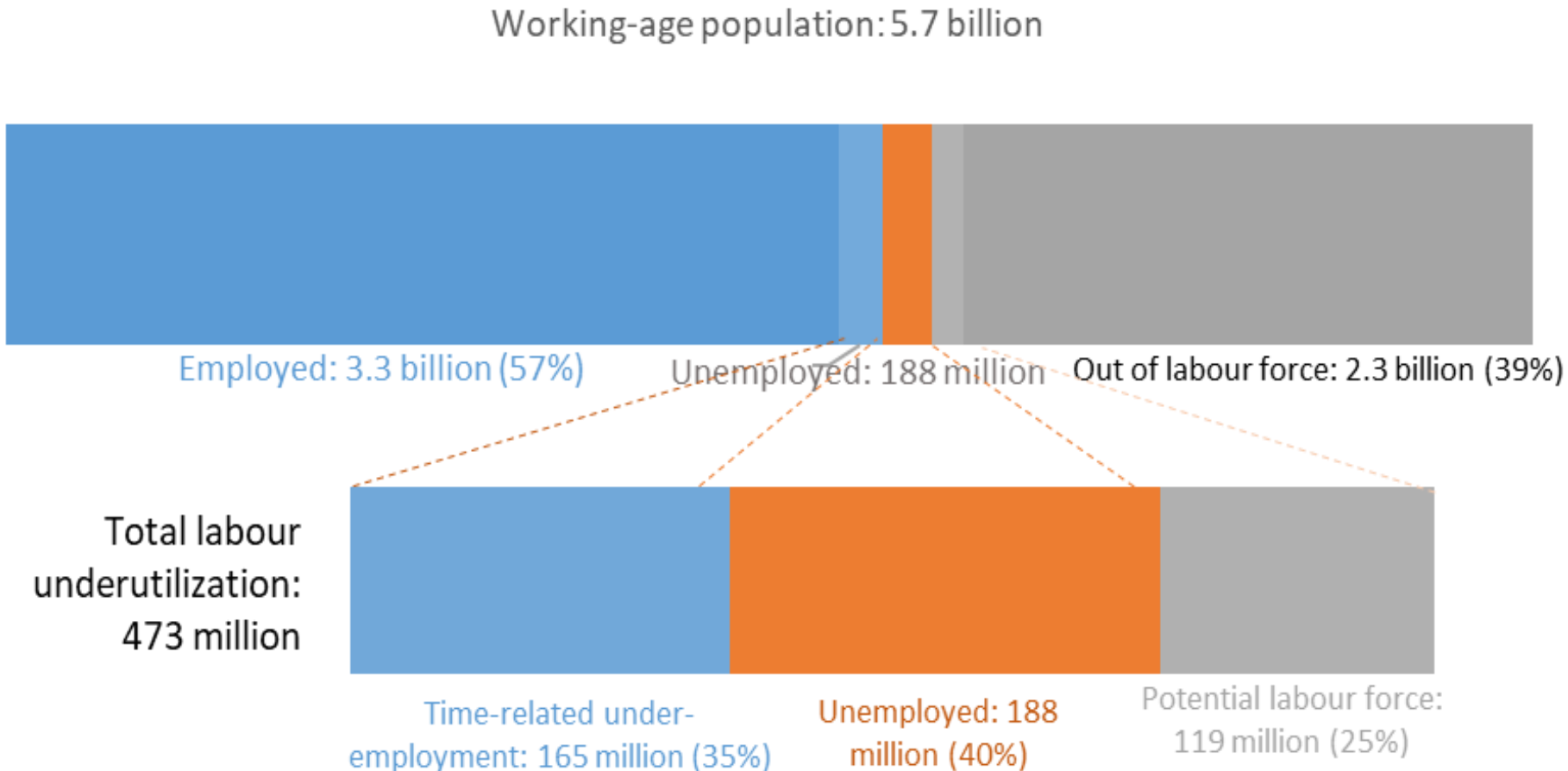
Despite pockets of achievement, jobs gaps remain large and progress in delivering SDG8 is slowing down.

How can we accelerate our efforts? Pursuing an “integrated employment policy agenda” at all levels can provide a new drive

It is critical to recognize that decent jobs have large positive externalities for the poor and for the economy and society – *Indirect pathways out of poverty*

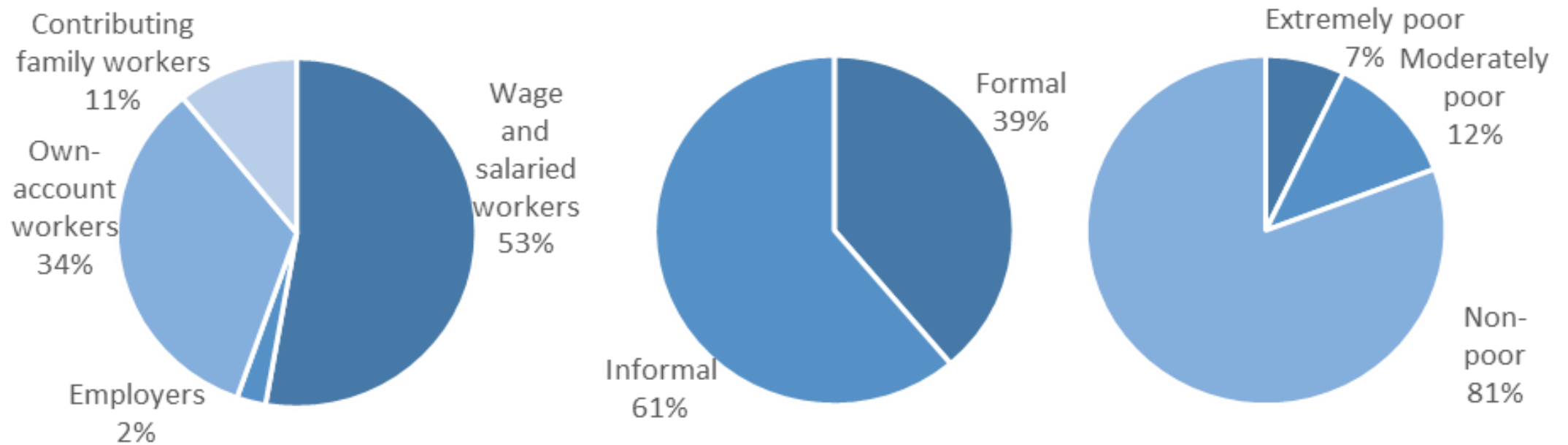
A1. Global employment gaps

Global overview of access to employment and labour underutilization, 2019



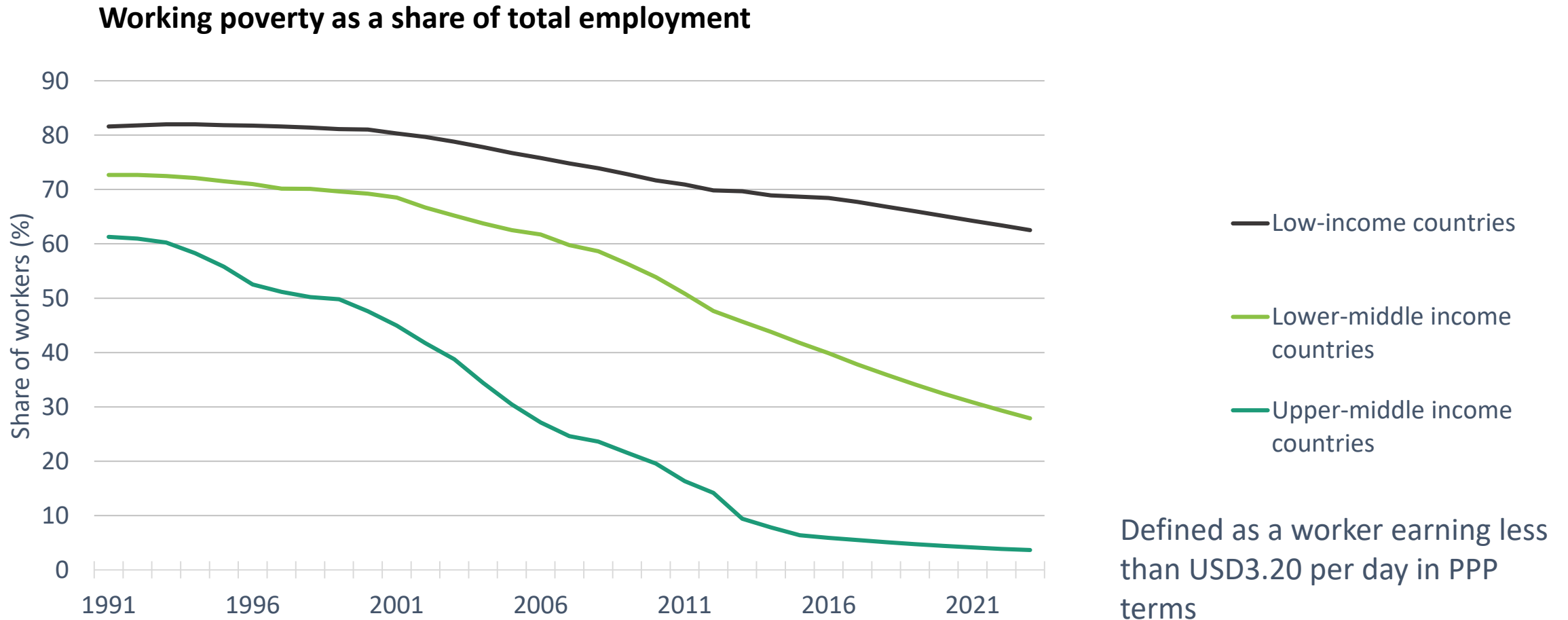
A2. Access to paid work is no guarantee of a decent life

Characteristics of global employment, 2019 (percentages)



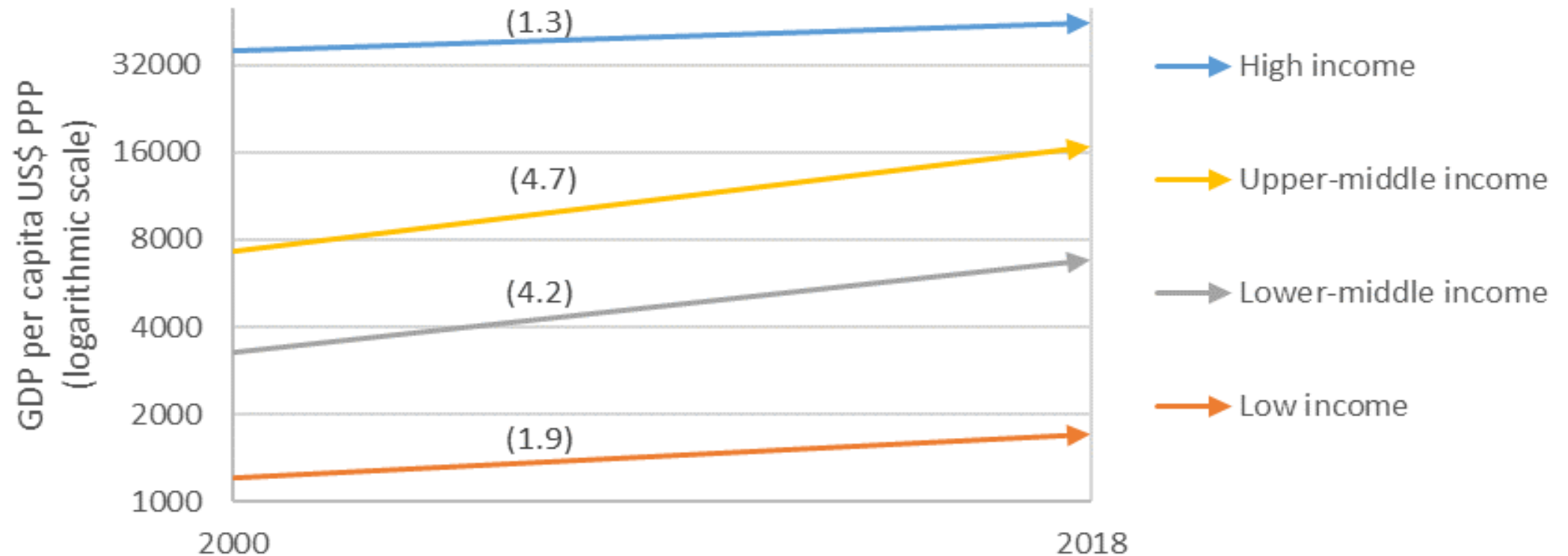
Source: WESO 2020, based on ILOSTAT, ILO modelled estimates, November 2019; ILO, 2018b.

A3. Decelerating decline in working poverty



A4. Uneven and subdued economic growth

GDP per capita, country income groups, 2000 and 2018 (US\$ PPP)

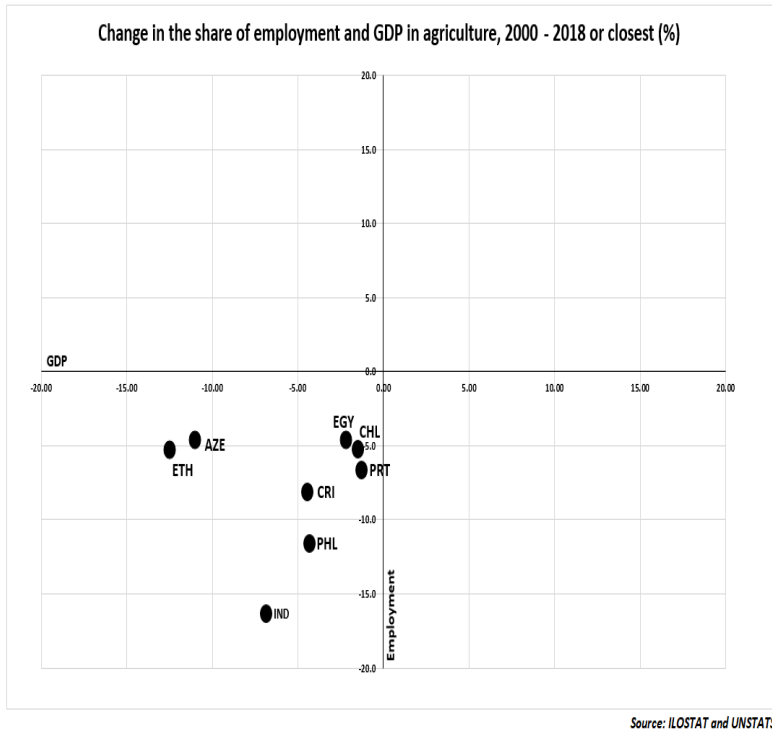


Note: GDP aggregates are computed using PPP exchange rates.

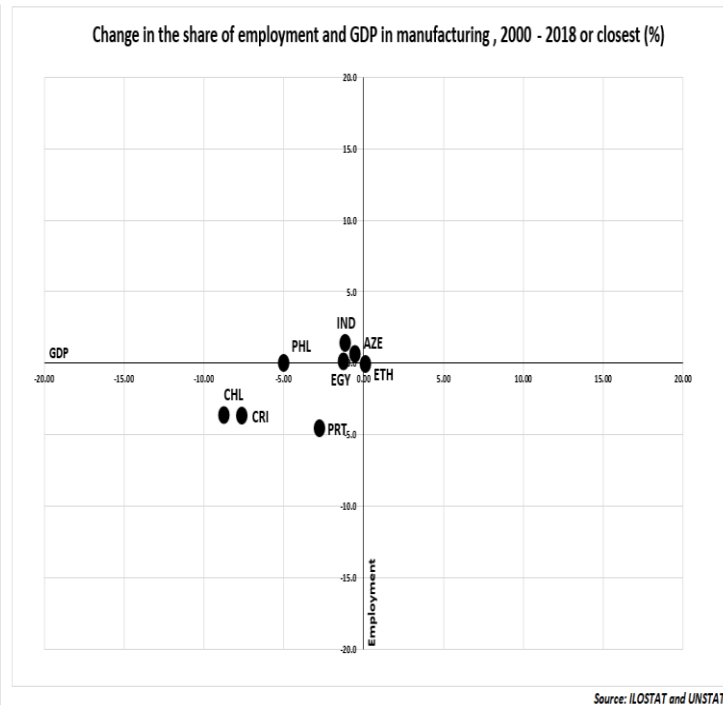
Source: WESO 2020, ILO calculations based on the World Bank's WDI

A5. Incomplete structural transformation

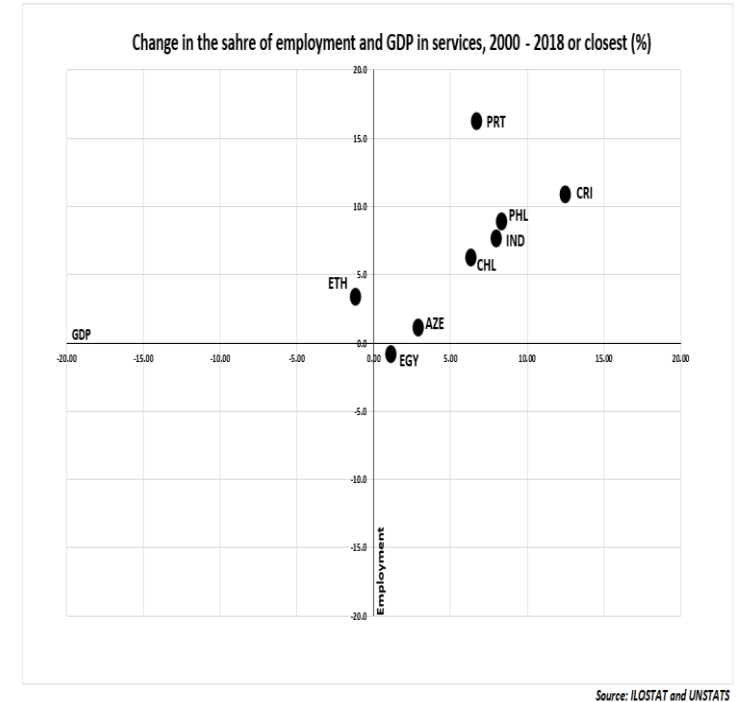
Changes in the relative shares of employment and GDP by sector, selected countries, 2000-2018 or closest



Agriculture

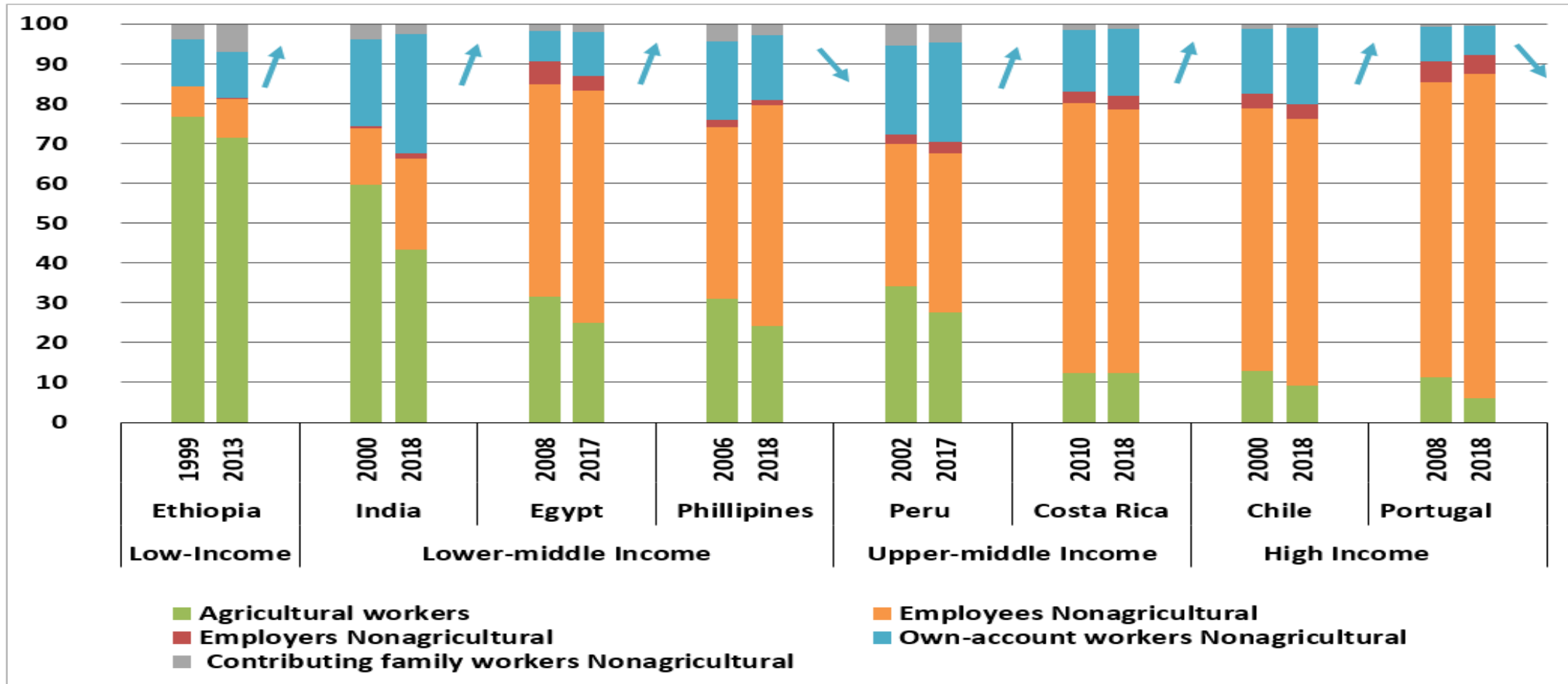


Manufacturing



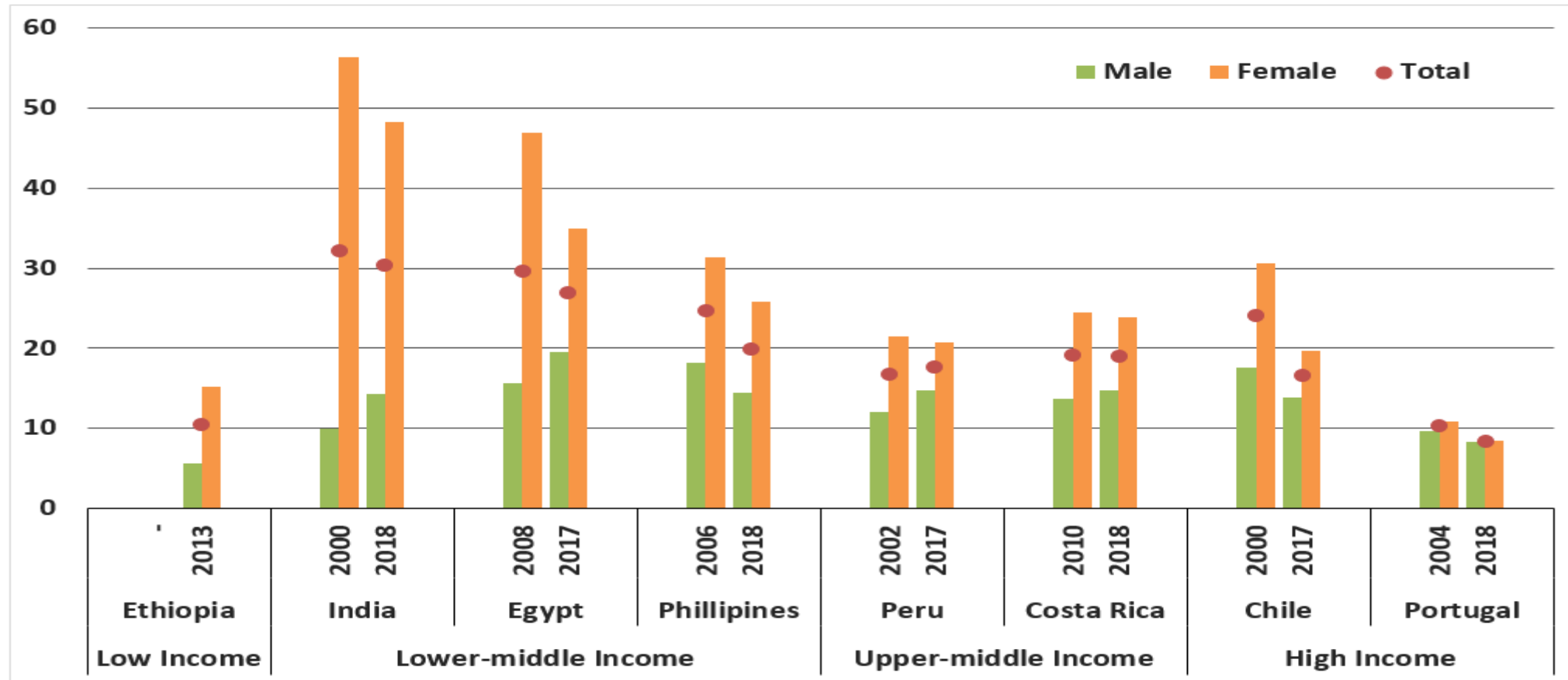
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A6. The increase of employment in services encouraged labour market informality



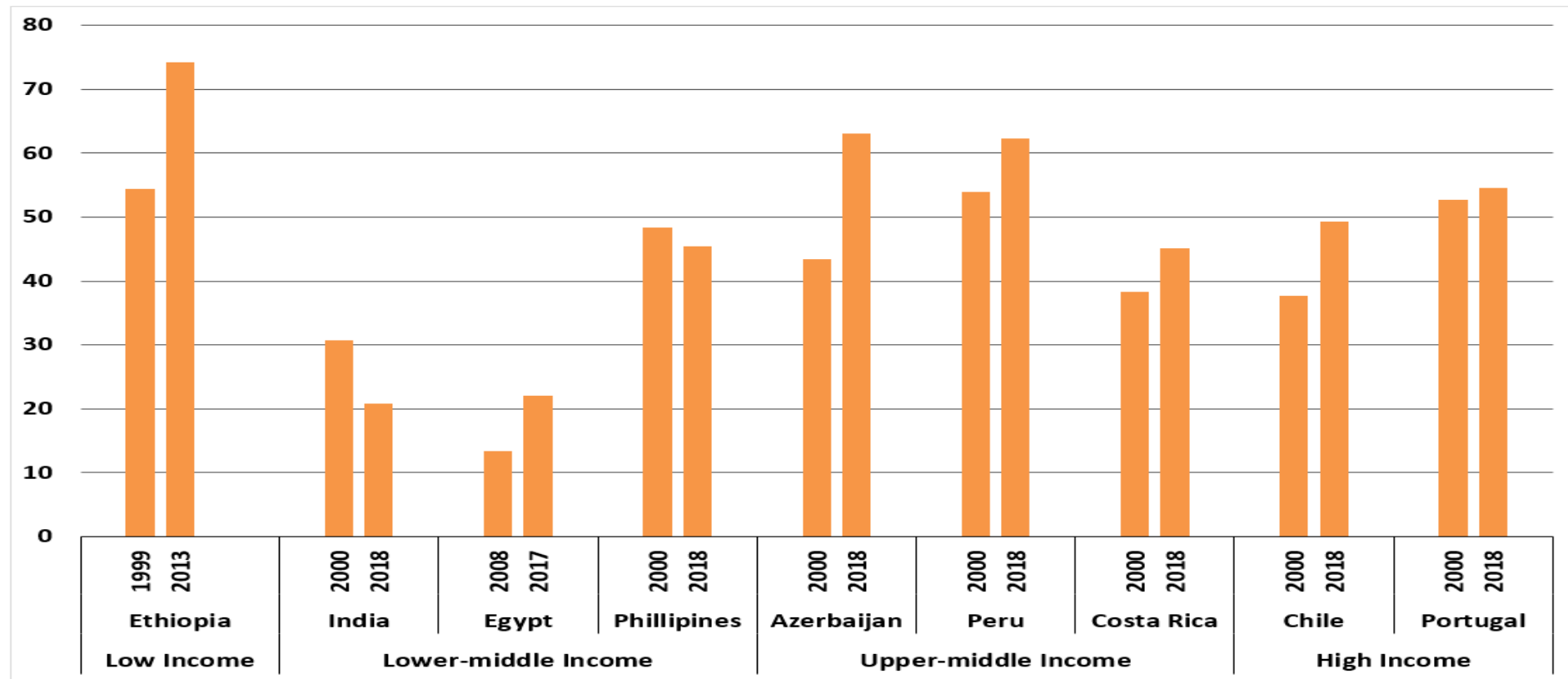
Source: ILOSTAT

A6. Encouraging changes but little global progress in reducing the youth NEET rate



Source: ILOSTAT

A7. Growing labour market participation of women, stubbornly high inequality

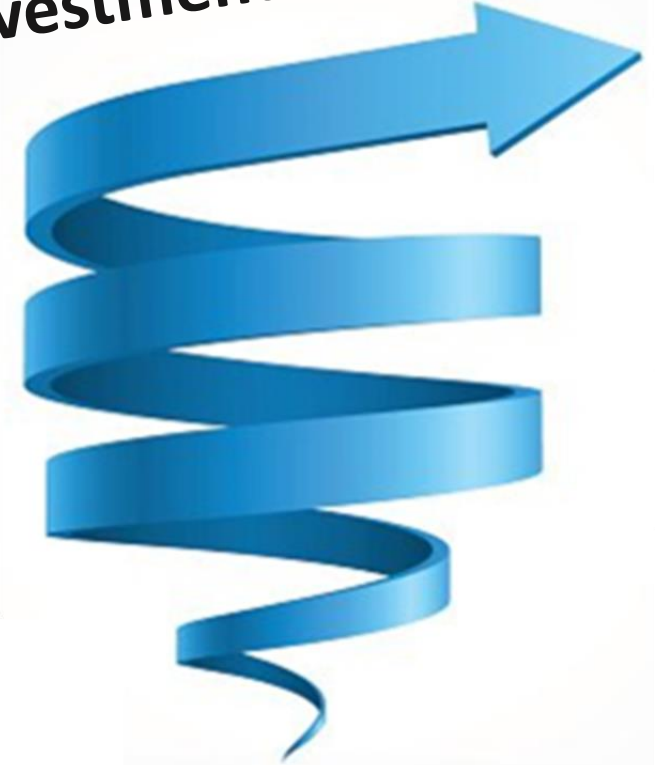


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B1. An integrated policy agenda to promote a cumulative and circular process towards SDG8

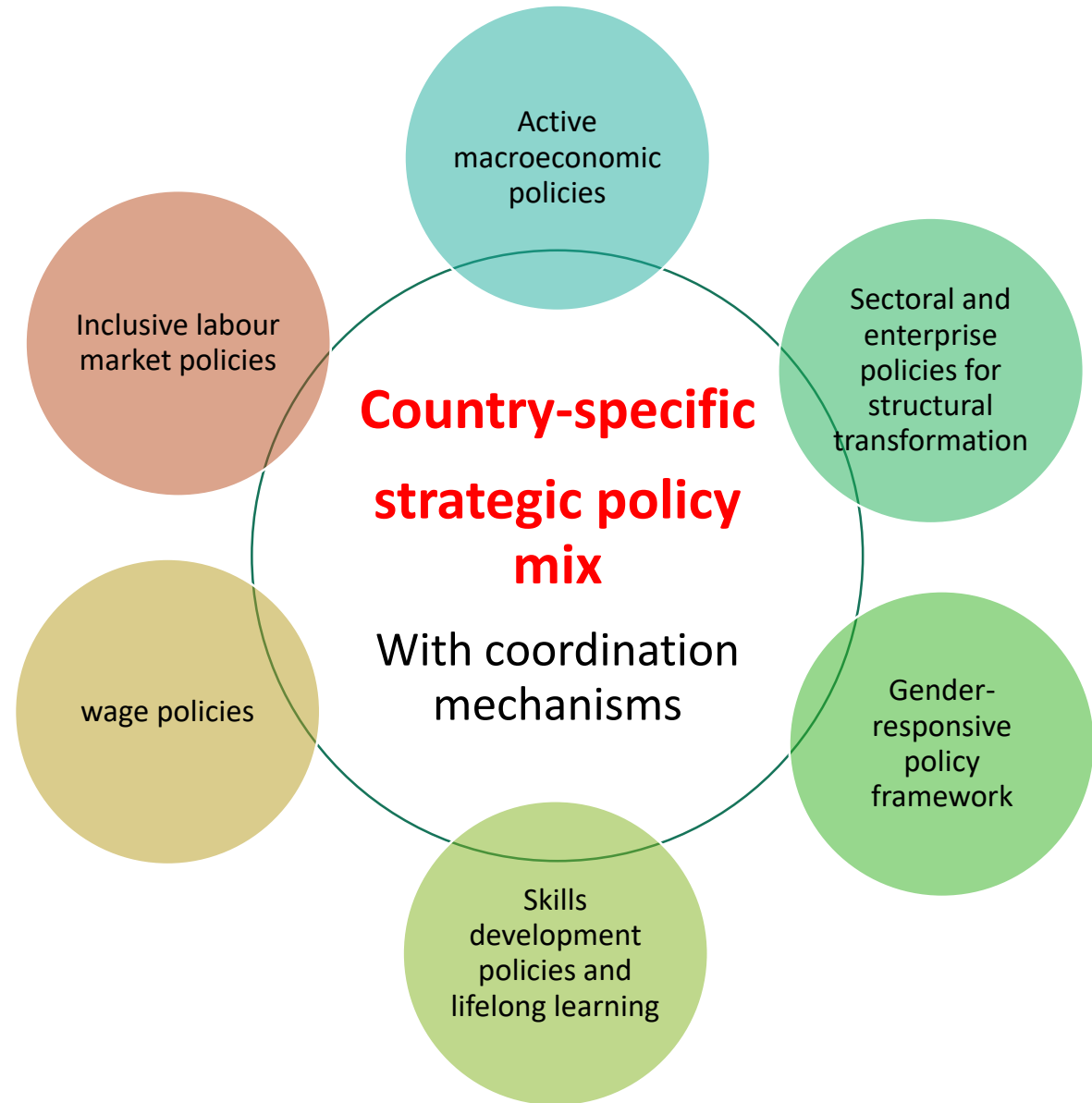
1. **National employment policies** fostering synergies across active macroeconomic policies (*demand-side*), targeted measures for structural transformation (*supply-side*), and inclusive labour market policies (*labour market transitions*).
2. **Labour market institutions, labour standards and social protection** - to improve and protect the quality of jobs and incomes **and** to boost demand, enhance productivity and foster social cohesion.
3. **Effective mechanisms** for policy implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation

... investment, innovation,
incomes, aggregate demand,
investment ...



B2. Comprehensive national employment policies grounded in a whole-of-government approach

Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, Ethiopia ...



B3. Supporting economic transformations of a new types – Some lessons learnt

- ▶ **Level of economic growth** - Macroeconomic policies can be used more actively to support full employment and a stable path of investment and consumption
- ▶ **Composition of growth** - Targeted sectoral policies can help trigger productive transformation; eg incentives to greener industries and the care economy. Success however is often contingent on local circumstances
- ▶ **Labour market access** - Well-designed programmes can enhance labour market access for women, youth, poor people in rural areas, but hardly are a stand-alone solution.
- ▶ **Focus on the quality of jobs (it generates externalities)** - Labour standards, collective bargaining, minimum wage systems and social protection are not just costs or obstacles to efficiency.

B4. Strengthening mechanisms for implementation

- Inter-ministerial actions
- Budgetary commitment to employment policies
- More efficient employment services
- Robust labour market information systems
- Stakeholder participation and social dialogue
- Capacity building

B4. Multilateral cooperation a powerful tool

- Coordinated fiscal and monetary policies
- Stable and transparent rules-based trading system
- Reduce cross-border tax evasion and tax elusion
- Well-regulated global financial system
- Mitigate and adapt to climate change – A global green new deal
- Governing migration

Explore new avenues

Regional trade agreements, sectoral and local initiatives, networks ...

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Thank You Köszönöm

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