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BUSINESS CALLS FOR FRESH G20 COMMITMENT ON JOBS PARTICULARLY FOR THE YOUNG

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Businesses throughout the world, through the 150-member International Organisation of Employers (IOE), today called on the G20 to make a fresh commitment to maintaining and creating jobs following forecasts of renewed economic uncertainty and slow global growth.

IOE Executive Vice-President, Mr Daniel Funes de Rioja, stressed to Ministers of Labour and Employment from throughout the G20 the need for strong, sustainable and balanced growth, underpinned by measures that will restore business confidence to take risks, invest and generate job opportunities.

Advocating concrete measures to address the worsening global jobs outlook, [senior employer representatives](#) identified improving the quality of regulation affecting business, and a closer focus on the labour markets, in the context of reduced government capacity for direct stimulatory expenditure.

Mr Funes de Rioja particularly highlighted the need for youth employment, employability, skills and education to be recognised as top priorities for the G20, along with economic and financial reforms.

He stressed the urgent need for:

- Policies that make employers more confident in providing employment and training opportunities to young people.
- Measures to ensure young people can be employed more cost effectively.
- Greater focus on what businesses need to be sustainable and to provide more young people with work, including better matching skills and education to employer needs.

Employment and Labour ministers from throughout the G20 meet in Paris on 26 and 27 September in the lead up to the G20 Leaders' Meeting in Cannes on 3 and 4 November 2011.

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List of Business delegation to the G20 Labour Ministerial Meeting