



Rural Development and Food Security Forum 2019 – List of Resources

Session 8: Voices from the Field–Youth Perspectives

In this session, the youth representatives explain the challenges they face in taking up farming fulltime, and other non-farm employment opportunities that can be developed in the rural areas. Potential solutions and constraining factors as well as enabling policies for sustainable rural development and job creation are also discussed.

Title and Link	Overview
1. Creating opportunities for rural youth	This report is based on substantive evidence and attempts to provide the kind of analysis that can inform policies, programmes and investments to promote a rural transformation that is inclusive of youth. It examines who rural youth are, where they live, and the multiple constraints they face in their journey from dependence to independence.
2. Young people in farming	Faced with an ageing farming population, the EU is stepping up its efforts to encourage young people into farming. Young farmers are given a helping hand to get their business off the ground with start-up grants, income support and benefits such as additional training.
3. Youth and agriculture: key challenges and concrete solutions	This publication provides real life examples of how this can be done. It shows how tailor-made educational programmes (such as the Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools approach) can provide rural youth with the skills and insights needed to engage in farming and adopt environmentally friendly production methods. With some additional effort, through farmer organizations and improved infrastructure, young farmers can connect to markets to sell their often higher value food. Facilitating youth's access to credit helps them become entrepreneurs, improving their self-esteem and the feeling that they can make a living in rural areas
4. World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2018	Poor working conditions are main global employment challenge: Progress in reducing unemployment globally is not being matched by improvements in the quality of work, says the International Labour Organization's World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2019 report.