

To minimise AI's impact on jobs, ILO bats for lifelong learning

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Given the tumultuous trends reshaping labour markets across the world, lifelong learning needs to be a central pillar of governments' economic and social policies, the International Labour Organization said. Growing digitalisation, artificial intelligence (AI), green transition and demographic shifts were identified as some of the factors driving this shift.

In a report released in Geneva on Tuesday, the ILO emphasised that lifelong learning was about



Key to success: Lifelong learning is the bridge between today's jobs and tomorrow's opportunities, says Hougbo. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCK

more than employability and productivity. "It underpins decent work, genuine innovation, active citizenship, and social inclusion, making it a cor-

nerstone of any effective strategy for sustainable growth and development," the report noted.

Lifelong learning is the bridge between today's

jobs and tomorrow's opportunities, added ILO Director-General Gilbert F. Hougbo.

Strategic policy priority
ILO argues lifelong learning should be elevated as a strategic policy priority, not just as a tool to raise productivity and facilitate sustainable growth but also as a systemic enabler of personal and societal advancement, equity, and decent work in 21st century.

It flags a 'striking gap' in comprehensive, authoritative, up-to-date research that captures the full scope of lifelong learning.