

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
YOUNG ECONOMIST STUDENTS' MEET, 2026
CONFERENCIA - DETAILS

Committee: United Nations Economic and Social Council

The United Nations Economic and Social Council or the ECOSOC, created in 1945, is one of the main bodies of the United Nations. Its job is to bring together all the UN agencies that work on economic, social, and environmental issues so they can plan and act in a coordinated way. It serves as a global meeting space where countries discuss sustainable development, share ideas, and review progress on important goals like the SDGs. ECOSOC also helps set international standards and encourages cooperation on issues such as human rights, gender equality, and development. In short, it works as the UN's hub for solving big global challenges by promoting dialogue, coordination, and collective action.

Agenda: Addressing the need to strengthen national capacities to fulfill universal standardization of labor rights in the context of the emergence of AI.

The Committee's mandate is to actively engage with the inherent duality of Artificial Intelligence (AI) integration, systematically reconciling its immense potential for economic growth with the necessary safeguarding of fundamental, universal labor rights. The core objective is not to impede technological acceleration but to align technological progress with paramount ethical and human rights frameworks. Consequently, the session will focus on critical and interlocking policy dimensions, including the re-evaluation of educational and training infrastructures for workforce reskilling, the development of strategic frameworks for the mitigation of large-scale job displacement caused by automation, and the establishment of regulatory principles to ensure algorithmic fairness, rightful wages and working conditions and non-discrimination throughout the employment lifecycle, all of which are designed to secure a global labor market architecture characterized by resilience, inclusivity, and the prioritized achievement of individual human capabilities and labor rights.