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WORLD YOUTH
SKILLS DAY

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Today youth (ages 15-24) make up

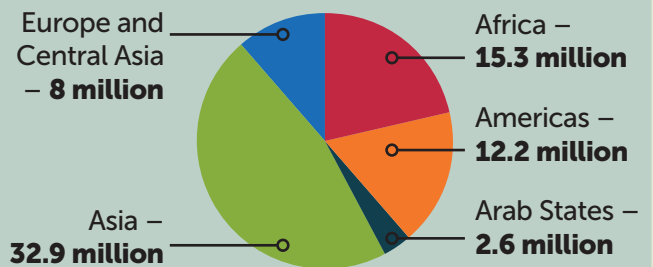


18%
(1.1 billion)

of the total global population, yet they are disproportionately affected by unemployment.¹

71 million

youth are projected to be unemployed in 2017²



For youth across the world, **vulnerable employment progressively decreases** as



educational attainment increases³



In 2008–2014 only

14%

of youth completed upper secondary school in low income countries⁵

in which only

5.9%

were enrolled in vocational programmes.⁹

More than

114 million



of the youth across the globe is illiterate.

Among the youth in low income countries, only 85 females are literate per 100 literate males.⁴

By 2019, global demand in **high skilled workers*** will increase more than ⁷

40%

(*High skill occupation are those of managers, professionals, **technicians** and associate professionals)



In low income countries,

45 million

workers with secondary education will be demanded in the labour market **by 2020**.⁶

"Education systems should do more to **promote high value skills** for the youth."⁸

- 1 ILO <http://www.ilo.org/washington/areas/youth-employment/lang--en/index.htm>
- 2 ILO World Employment Social Outlook: Trends for Youth http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---dgreports/---dcomm/---publ/documents/publication/wcms_513739.pdf
- 3 Adapted from ILO, 2014
- 4-7 Adapted from UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2016 <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002457/245752e.pdf>
- 8 UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2016
- 9 Adapted from Percentage of students in secondary education enrolled in vocational programmes, both sexes (%) <http://data.uis.unesco.org/>