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The nonprofit Entreps -International Board of Global Actors & Business for Sustainability- with 1,000 Global Jurors from 126 countries partners the United Nations to promote together the Sustainable Development Goals and noble values, since the world is undergoing a number of transformations that require cooperation above all. [Have your say, take the UN75 1-minute Survey via Entreps by clicking this link, and get free access to the 5Gcitizens International Congress -Seville \(Spain\), 25th to 27th June 2020.](#)

Our climate is changing rapidly. We are seeing major shifts in technology and in the make-up of our population. We face risks from growing inequalities, long-running conflicts and new forms of violence. Managing these trends will require cooperation across borders, sectors and generations; So will do achieving our shared vision for a safer, fairer and more sustainable world.

To mark its 75th anniversary and beyond, the United Nations is launching a global conversation on the role of international cooperation in building the future we want. [If you did not take the 1-minute survey yet, Shape Your Future now.](#)

Entreps organises the 5th Global Entreps Awards in Seville (Spain) on 26th June 2020, exactly the day when 75th Anniversary years ago the foundational Charter of the United Nations was signed in San Francisco, in 1945. For that reason, **Entreps and the United Nations will be performing together in Seville, also co-organising an International**



Congress called 5Gcitizens from 25th to 27th June 2020, where the voice of citizens of all kinds, from 126, will be heard. [Register now.](#)

Entreprs was also born on 26th June, ten years ago.

5th GLOBAL ENTREPS AWARDS

After organizing the Global Entreprs Awards four times until now, **this 5th edition puts the accent on the necessary ‘Research and Innovation for Competitiveness Sustainability’**, with **32 categories** that include the 17 SDGs, **two special chapters on the ‘75th Anniversary of the United Nations’ and ‘Free Speech’ made by 5Gcitizens.** [Apply now.](#)

The awards also take into account other categories covering sustainable: Tourism, Net-zero Emissions, Self-driven Vehicles, Youth and The Elderly, Aerospace, AI Artificial Intelligence, Circular Economy and Agriculture, Africa, 5G and Start-ups, Blockchain, Sports, Islands and Indigenous Communities and, last but not least, Academia and Applied Research. [1,000 Global Jurors from 126 countries propose candidates and eventually vote. Become a Global Juror, represent your country now.](#)

126 additional recognitions, one per country participating, will be granted.

ENTREPS AWARD: DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, CHAPTER 8

With this award we want to honor policies, projects, initiatives, institutions, start-ups and in very exceptional occasions, individuals, whose performance towards achieving the goals of this chapter should receive recognition.

A prime example of a project we find commendable regarding the eight UN Sustainable Development Goal -Decent Work and Economic Growth- is [ACCEL Africa](#), a regional project of the International Labour Organization with particular focus on cacao, coffee, cotton, gold and tea supply chains that works with different stakeholders and partners to



accelerate action against child labour¹. [If you know any project, initiative or policy deserving the Award on this particular category, reach them out to apply now.](#)

Therefore, Entreps appreciates the active work of those who have a significant impact in the implementation of these targets, which include the Sustainable Development Goals, established in 2015 by the United Nations, as well as more objectives which contribute to a more sustainable world. This is why the role of the [Global Jurors](#) specialists able to highlight the projects that they believe deserve to be recognized, is crucial.

Being a Global Juror just takes an hour per year from you, giving you private access to an online platform to nominate and vote, plus preferential access to the Congress and Awards Gala.

DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH AS A FOUNDATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

According to the [United Nations](#), roughly half the world's population still lives on the equivalent of about US\$2 a day with global unemployment rates of 5.7% and having a job doesn't guarantee the ability to escape from poverty in many places. This slow and uneven progress requires us to rethink and retool our economic and social policies aimed at eradicating poverty.

A continued lack of decent work opportunities, insufficient investments and under-consumption lead to an erosion of the basic social contract underlying democratic societies: that all must share in progress. Even though the average annual growth rate of real GDP per capita worldwide is increasing year on year, there are still many countries in the developing world that are decelerating in their growth rates and moving farther from the 7% growth rate target set for 2030. As labor productivity decreases and unemployment rates rise, standards of living begin to decline due to lower wages.

Sustainable economic growth will require societies to create the conditions that allow people to have quality jobs that stimulate the economy while not harming the

¹ https://www.ilo.org/ipec/projects/global/WCMS_698536/lang--en/index.htm



environment. Job opportunities and decent working conditions are also required for the whole working age population. There needs to be increased access to financial services to manage incomes, accumulate assets and make productive investments. Increased commitments to trade, banking and agriculture infrastructure will also help increase productivity and reduce unemployment levels in the world's most impoverished regions. In order to achieve these objectives 10 main targets have been added to the Sustainable Development Goals agenda in 2015².

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[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE 1-MINUTE SURVEY LAUNCHED BY THE UNITED NATIONS UN75 IN COOPERATION WITH ENTREPS, NOW.](#)

² <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/economic-growth/>