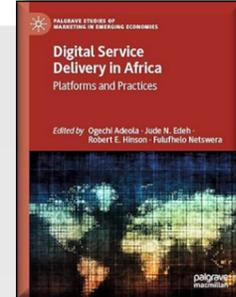
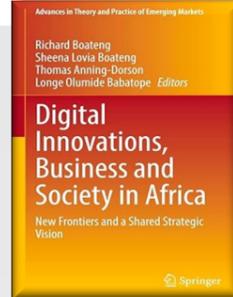
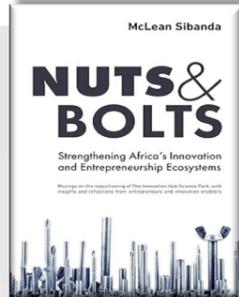
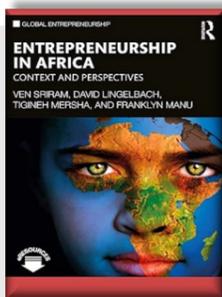


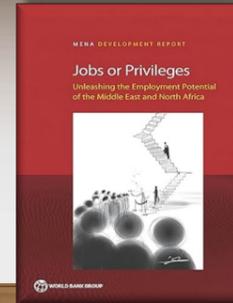
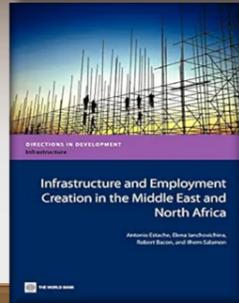
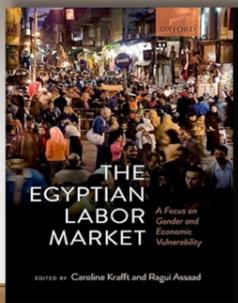
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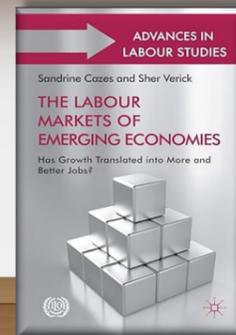
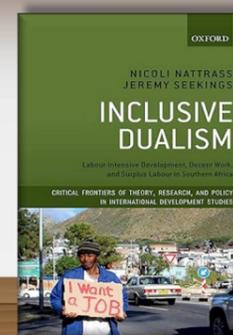
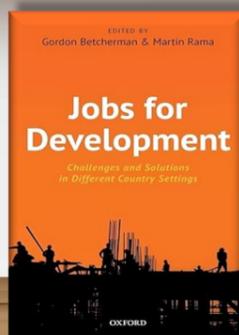
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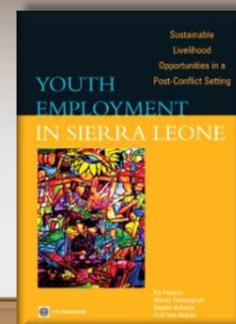
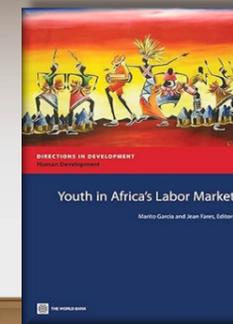
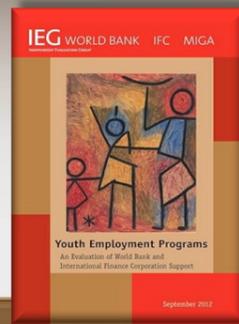
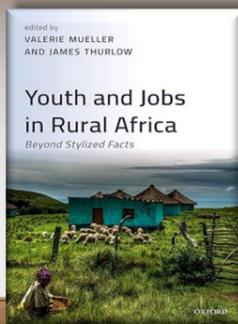
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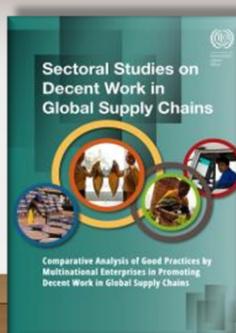
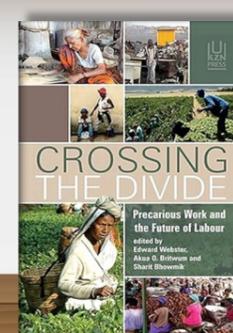
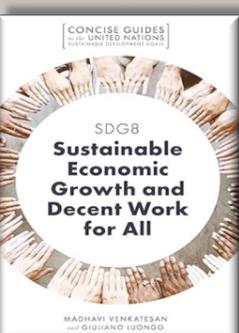
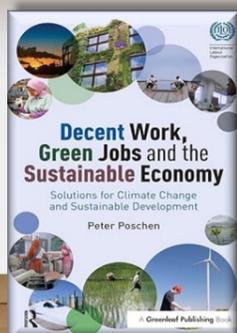
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## Elevating Knowledge at High-Level Platforms & Beyond: A Remarkable February

During the 2026 Africa Business Forum, the Library hosted a Digital Knowledge Fair that reflected the Forum's forward-looking vision under the theme "Financing Africa's Future: Jobs, Innovation, and Creative Capital." Positioned within a high-level policy and investment platform, the Fair served not merely as an exhibition space, but as a knowledge marketplace—demonstrating how curated information resources, innovation stories, and evidence-based insights can support Africa's transformation agenda.

By bringing together scalable enterprises and strategic partners, the Fair translated dialogue into tangible examples of investment-ready solutions across the continent. Notably, the Chief of KMSS had the honor of providing an official tour of the Knowledge Fair to Claver Gatete, Executive Secretary of UNECA, and H.E. Taye Atske Selassie, President of Ethiopia.

Beyond showcasing resources, the Library also played a facilitative role in shaping the knowledge environment of the Forum—coordinating digital content, engaging with vendors and exhibitors, and ensuring that relevant



materials were accessible and strategically presented. In doing so, the Library reinforced its role as a convening

knowledge hub, actively contributing to institutional visibility and to the broader goal of aligning policy, partnerships, and practical delivery.

In the same month, the KMSS convened a reflective



Book Talk around *Bond Beyond Borders* by Seble L. Dessalegn, creating a space for UN colleagues to



explore resilience, belonging, and connection in multicultural environments. The session was expertly and vibrantly moderated by Josephine M. Ulimwengu, Chief of the System Wide Coherence Section of SPORD, whose guidance enriched the dialogue and engagement. At a time of institutional change and uncertainty, the discussion offered staff an opportunity to pause and reflect on the realities of living and working across cultures within the United Nations system.

Enriched by candid contributions from panelists Elza Maharramova (HRMS), Freida M'Cormack (SPORD), and



Oliver Petzoldt (SEQUA), the conversation brought the book's themes to life through personal experiences of adaptation, parenting, and professional growth across borders. The session underscored that navigating cultural difference is not a one-time milestone, but an ongoing journey of learning, self-awareness, and emotional resilience.

Further contributing to a dynamic month of engagement, the ECA Library also delivered a two-day Capacity Building Workshop for Senior librarians and knowledge management professionals. Officially opened by the Chief of KMSS, Irene Onyancha, the workshop explored



the evolving value of metadata for enhanced resource discovery—focusing on IFLA LRM, RDA, Linked Data, and the growing role of artificial intelligence in libraries. Contributions from Dr. Getaneh Alemu and Professor Dan Leven of Solent University (UK), alongside Fantahun



Gonfa (ITUSS), provided both technical depth and historical perspective.

ECA Library colleagues also played a central role: Ms. Longqi Chen, Associate Librarian, presented "Beyond Shelves: Reimagining the ECA Library as a Living Knowledge Space," offering a



dynamic snapshot of the library's transformation; and the Information Management Officer of KMSS, Girma Dessalegn, delivered a practical training session on ECA's



digital resources. The programme included a guided Library tour and concluded with a certificate award ceremony, reinforcing the library's commitment

not only to knowledge access and dialogue—as reflected in the month's knowledge sharing forums, but also to strengthening professional capacity across the information community.