# Advances in labour foresight exercises as mechanisms for anticipating demand

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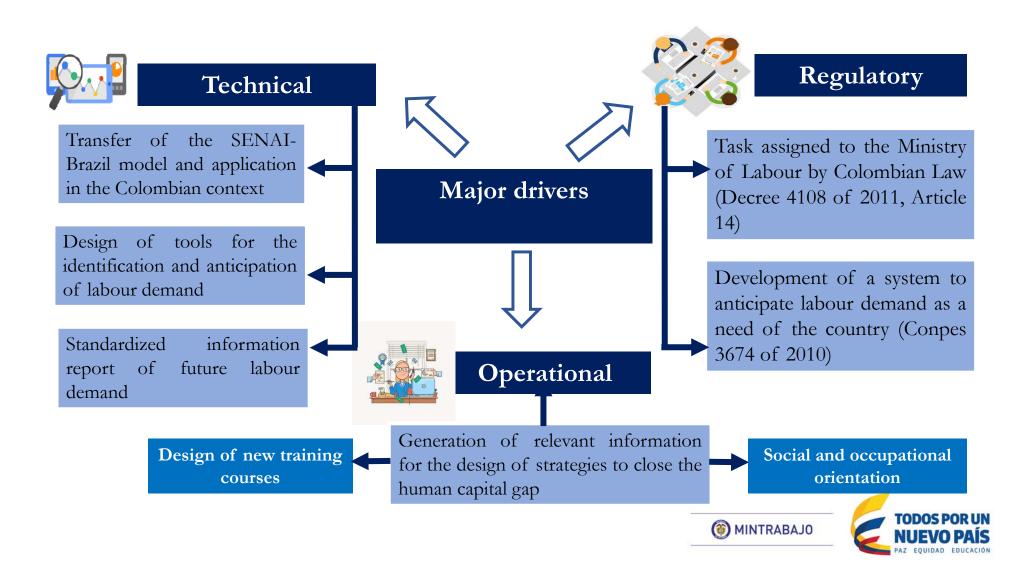


#### What is the objective of Qualitative Labour Foresight?

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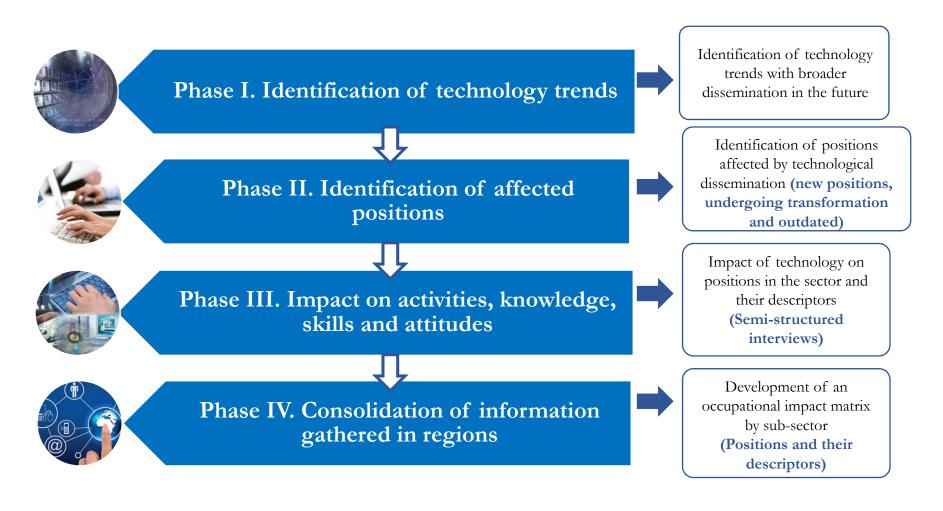
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### 2. Phases of the Labour Foresight Methodology

• Objective: Anticipate future needs of human resources in terms of occupations or positions and skills for an economic sector according to technology trends that will affect their future development in coming years.



### Instruments used in each phase

Gather information on trends and process validation Establishment of a Work Team



Gather information and prioritize sector trends and foresighthorizon



Focus groups or Delphi Technique



Association of trends with affected positions (new, undergoing transformation and outdated)



Review occupational classifications

Focus groups for the association of trends with positions





Gather information on descriptors (activities, knowledge, skills and attitudes) for affected positions



Semi-structured interview to collect data on the descriptors of the positions





Consolidation of matrix based on final results



Development of an occupational impact matrix





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## 3. Anticipating human talent needs at sector level: An account of the case studies carried out for Colombia

#### IT sub-sectors

**Short term:** Less than 2 years **Medium term:** From 2 to 5 yrs. **Long term:** More than 5 years



## Construction of buildings sub-sector

Time horizon of 5 to 10 years



Software development



IT services other than software development



## Early childhood education sub-sector

Time horizon of 10 years



IT and Hardware infrastructure



Digital contents



Port logistics sub-sector

Time horizon of 10 years







### Some major technological trends in the building construction sub-sector (I)

Vegetated Infrastructure (Terraces and green façades)

Rain and grey water recycling

Sustainable drainage for urban land

Use of elements of easy portability and low maintenance

Use of materials which are easy to recycle

Natural lighting systems

Eco-friendly paints

Regional vernacular technologies (bamboo, Guadua bamboo and earth)

Eco-technologies in sanitary appliances and fittings









### What positions will this sub-sector require in Colombia for the coming years?

Performance Supervisor \*

**Urban gardener\*\*** 

Engineer specialized in surfaces, trails or filtering beds \*

Engineer specialized in surfaces, trails or filtering beds \*\*

> Condition and pathology assessor\*

> > Automation engineer\*

A TOTAL OF 74 POSITIONS HAVE **BEEN FOUND** 

\* 14 NEW POSITIONS



Vegetated Infrastructure installer\*

Trail, surfaces of filtering bed installer\*

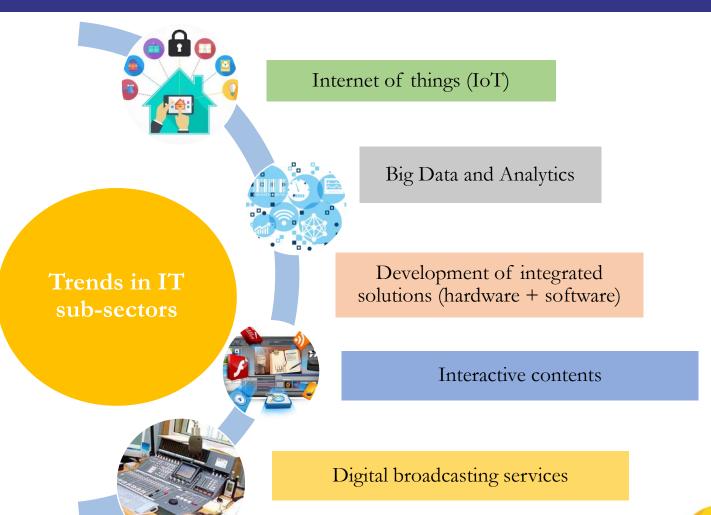
Waterproofing installer\*

Architectural concrete worker\*





### Some major technology trends in the IT sector





# Some results for positions that will be in demand in the IT sector in coming years

Development Engineer

Web designer

Software or game testers\*

Database administrator

Cyber security director\*

Community manager

Software architect

Technicians, installation technicians, operation and maintenance of networks

Security analyst

Software developer

\*NEW POSITIONS

Computer game developer

A TOTAL OF 172 POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND





## Some Major Trends for the Early Childhood Education Sub-Sector

Cooperation among teachers in the classroom for the development of pedagogical experiences that promote child development.

Trends in the early childhood education subsector

Promotion of artistic expressions, games, literature and the exploration of the environment in the life of children geared towards development and learning purposes.

Research on the assessment of comprehensive development and its contributions to the educational environment.

Comprehensive care of children as part of early childhood education.



## Some results for positions that will be in demand in the early childhood education sector in coming years

Ethno-education teachers

Early childhood environmental educator\*

Directors of Educational Establishments

Research professor in early childhood

Educational advisor

\*NEW POSITIONS

A TOTAL OF 23 POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND



Support staff to respond to diversity\*

Database administrators

Special education teachers

Early childhood education policy makers

Psychosocial support staff

Educational psychologist









## Some major technological trends in the port logistics sub-sector



Using RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) on non-containerized cargo

Green ports (compliance with international standards and minimization of environmental impact)

Single windows for port logistics operations

Gantry crane simulation

Berthing and departure maneuvers simulation



# Some results for positions that will be in demand in the port logistics sub-sector in coming years

Warehouse Manager



OWarehouse and Cargo Hold Assistant

Rigger-Banksman

Wharf Superintendent - Port Supervisor



Director of the Department of Transport-Ship Planner/Yard Planner

Forklift Operator





Crane Operator

A TOTAL OF 25 POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND



Winch operator

Maritime and river pilots





# An example of the descriptors used for the Gardener position in the sub-sector of the construction of buildings



#### Gardener

Technology: Vegetated Infrastructure (Terraces and green façades)	Activities	Knowledge	Skills	Attitudes
Position title	Gardener			
Current context	Carry out and handle leafy green material according to technical design specifications	Gardening techniques, use of substrates	Physical and mental skills	Care, responsiveness, willingness to follow orders
Position undergoing transformation	Urban gardener (Gardener transformation)			
Future context	Carry out and handle leafy green material according to technical design specifications	Gardening techniques, use of substrates, high-rise work techniques, anchorage techniques	High-rise work, use of tools and equipment, ability to write reports	Care, responsiveness, willingness to follow orders, team work
	Perform maintenance tasks of the vegetated Infrastructure according to the conditions	Knowledge of power tools and hydraulic equipment, irrigation system and hydraulics, pest control	Use of specialized tools and equipment	Environmental conservation, care, team work





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### 4. Challenges and final considerations

- Qualitative labour foresight data provides information on the future needs in terms of human talent, which serve as input for:
  - ✓ Creation of a qualifications catalogue of the sector
  - ✓ Programmes related to social and occupational orientation or retraining and capacity building
- ❖ Coordinated action is required between the entities involved in order to guarantee active participation of the productive sector in this type of exercises
- At the technical level, labour foresight exercises are a valuable source of information to update occupational classifications and design occupational dictionaries that gather the needs of the country' workforce.

## Thank you!

