

## Youth unemployment in the Pacific

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Devpolicy Research Associate Richard Curtain was on the panel for the latest episode of the [Praxis Discussion series](#) on youth unemployment, at major development challenge for the region. Richard is a specialist in youth labour markets and has extensive experience in the region, particularly in Timor-Leste. He was the lead author of a recent Devpolicy [submission](#) [pdf] to a government inquiry into Australia's relationship with Timor-Leste, which focussed on the importance of regional employment solutions to address Timor-Leste's high levels of youth unemployment.

Richard was joined on the panel by Stephen Close, Human Development Specialist at the World Bank; and Dr Jioji Ravulo, Lecturer, Social Work and Community Welfare Studies, University of Western Sydney.