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It is difficult to explain to people who have lost their jobs or have their salaries cut the importance of reforms.

However there is need to continue to engage in social dialogue to continue to drive necessarily changes

— Lidia Pereira, Member of European Parliament

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Jobs emergency in Africa!

Continent needs to create 1.7 million jobs per month in the next 30 years



By Joni Akpederi

IT would not have been a bad thing had participants at the conversation on Jobs and Economic transformation observed a minute's silence in honour of Mohamed Bouazizi, the Tunisian youth whose daring self-immolation sparked off the Arab Spring. The Government of Tunisia could not give the youngster a job, yet it would not allow him eke out a living selling vegetables in the streets!

Governments in much of the world, especially in Africa, are as guilty as the government of Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali which drove Bouazizi to despair and ultimately to suicide in 2010. Many of them seem oblivious to the danger of growing armies of unemployed youths in their domains even as they crave economic development and social stability. They seem not to notice

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