

News you should not miss on the platform economy in South Africa



October, 2020 - Some **Bolt** drivers continue to strike. The strikes come in response to the company's introduction of its Bolt Go product, with fares that are 20% cheaper than standard rates.

(Business Insider South Africa)

- September, 2020 - According to
- a report by **Sweep South**, while
- most workers were earning
- greater than R2,500 (63%) before
- lockdown, only a small minority
- (14%) were earning above
- R4,000 which is generally
- considered to be a living wage.
- *(Business Tech)*

May, 2020 - A recently released report shows that those working in South Africa's gig economy (**Uber, Mr D, and Sweep South**) are falling through the cracks of government and private sector responses to COVID-19.

(University of Cape Town)

- March, 2020 - "Gig workers are
- more vulnerable to exposure to
- **COVID-19**" said the **FairWork**
- **Project**. The lack of sick pay for
- many workers means they will
- face financial insecurity. Some
- workers may decide to keep
- working to earn a living.
- *(University of Cape Town)*



10 things (+1) you may not know on the platform economy around the world

UNITED STATES

October, 2020 - Seattle approves minimum pay rate for **Uber and Lyft** drivers. The city became the second in the nation to create a compensation standard for taxi drivers, after New York.

(The New York Times)

AUSTRALIA

- October, 2020 - The **gig**
- **economy** is much bigger than
- previously thought, with up to **7**
- **per cent** of working-age
- Australians - just under one
- million people - doing "platform
- work" in the past 12 months.

(In The Black)

ARGENTINA

October, 2020 - October 8th a new **international strike** of delivery men took place. In **Argentina**, the distributors demanded an **increase in payment** per order, medical coverage, ART, paid licenses and recognition of the labor relationship they have with the companies.

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INDIA

October, 2020 - Bangalore: The gig economy will lead **80% of overall demand for jobs in 2020**. Among the cities, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Delhi and Hyderabad will create the most job opportunities.

(Betterplace)

SPAIN

September, 2020 - The Supreme Court rules that the **'riders'** are **false self-employed**. **Glovo** is not a mere intermediary in the contracting of services between businesses and distributors.

(El País)

SWITZERLAND

September, 2020 - **Geneva** ends precarious contracts for **Uber Eats** delivery staff. Uber Eats deliverers will benefit from an employment contract which will guarantee four weeks of vacation and a gross salary of 20.65 francs.

(Radio Télévision Suisse)

FRANCE

September, 2020 - **Uber Eats, Deliveroo** workers drive French surge in new companies.

The number of new transport businesses jumping **29%** in June and July from a year earlier.

(Reuters)

MALAYSIA

September, 2020 - The government has allocated RM100 million for the **career advancement program**. The **Gig Economy program** provides skills training that will help participants to generate income through the gig economy as freelancers.

(New Straits Times)

PHILIPPINES

September, 2020 - According to a report by **Payoneer** on the **'Global Gig Economy Index'**, the Philippines placed sixth in the world as the fastest-growing market for the gig industry, revealing a 35 percent growth in freelance earnings.

(The Asean Post)

UNITED KINGDOM

August, 2020 - Police back **Uber's** bid to keep London licence because taxi firm **shares data** about its 3.5 million passengers and 45,000 drivers with **intelligence officers**.

(Daily Mail)

THE NETHERLANDS

August, 2020 - Jitse Groen (**Just Eat Takeaway**) has declared that they intend to **stop using Gig Workers** across Europe. They would rather run their business with people who get benefits and more protection in the workplace. *(BBC News)*