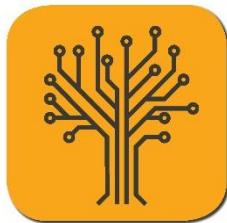




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Skills Summit

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Skills Strategies for a World in Recovery

Virtual Summit, 9 October 2020

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The Challenge: Reforming skills policies for recovery today and resilience tomorrow

People's skills are critical to countries' recovery and resilience in the face of crisis.

The coronavirus pandemic has triggered the most severe recession in nearly a century, and has caused enormous damage to people's health, jobs and well-being. It has also severely tested countries' capacity to develop and use people's skills to their full potential. Yet people's skills are central to countries' capacity to recover from the crisis, build resilience for the future, and positively influence megatrends like digitalisation, globalisation and climate and demographic change.

Adding to the ongoing impacts of megatrends, the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted all aspects of human activity. Among these disruptions, students across the globe have been forced to learn from home, large sections of the workforce are working remotely, and millions of adults lost their jobs altogether. The coronavirus pandemic has also been a serious challenge for inclusive skills development and use. The near-global switch to remote learning has left many students from disadvantaged communities falling behind. Youth and low-skilled adults face particularly high rates of unemployment, and non-standard workers have had limited access to welfare and employment services. Students and workers who have fallen behind need opportunities to catch up. How well skills policies respond to the crisis will have a major impact on countries' recovery, especially beyond the duration of major public support packages.

A sustainable and inclusive path to recovery and resilience implicates all sections of society, and requires a clear strategy for developing and using people's skills. Such strategies should set the course for reforming skills systems - to deliver lifelong learning to all who need it, and to support diverse job seekers and firms to get back on their feet stronger than they were before. Success will depend on partnerships between governments, businesses and civil society. With such an approach, countries stand the best chance of implementing better skills policies for today's recovery, resilience tomorrow, and better lives for all.

Objective

Skills Summit 2020 provides ministers with a unique opportunity at a critical time. It will convene ministers and senior officials from international organisations responsible for skills-relevant portfolios including education (all levels and forms of learning), employment, economy, technology and innovation, and others. Participants will discuss countries' lifelong learning and skills use policy responses to the current crisis, and their visions for how skills development and use should change for the future. Discussions will also cover progress since the skills summits hosted by Norway in 2016 and Portugal in 2018, and the role of skills in positively influencing megatrends like digitalisation, globalisation, and climate and demographic change, and in ensuring sustainability, health and well-being for all.

Participation

Ministers and senior officials from over 30 countries, the European Commission, Council of Europe, UNESCO and other organisations have registered for Skills Summit 2020. Both active speakers and silent observers from these countries and organisations will be present at the Summit.

Format

Skills Summit 2020 will be a virtual event. Senior officials from Slovenia and the OECD will set the scene for small-group and plenary discussions between participants. Chatham House rules will apply, and highlights will be captured in a Joint Summary and, for selected open sessions, in video recordings which will be shared with participants. The working language will be English, with interpretation from French to English available during the closing plenary. The event will be professionally moderated by Mr. Igor E. Bergant.

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TIME (CEST, UTC +2)	AGENDA ITEM
07:00 – 08:00	<p>Meeting entry and identity checks Participants (or their staff) connect participants' devices to the meeting for identity checks and entry</p>
08:00 – 08:45	<p>Final technical tests with participants' devices</p>
08:45 – 08:55	<p>Final instructions for speakers and observers</p>
08:55 – 09:00	<p>Virtual "Welcome to Slovenia" (open recorded session)</p>
09:00 – 09:20	<p>Opening plenary - Welcome by the Chair and Setting the Scene (open recorded session)</p> <p>Mr. Janez Janša, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia Mr. Ulrik Knudsen, OECD Deputy Secretary-General Mr. Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President of the European Commission (video message)</p>
09:20 – 09:25	<p>Skills for recovery and resilience in practice (open recorded session) <i>Snapshots of successful practices from Slovenia</i></p>
09:25 – 10:55	<p>Discussion: Skills policies for recovery today and resilience tomorrow</p> <p>Objective: Gain insight into what actions countries are taking or plan to take in order to improve the development of people's skills (across the life course) and the use of their skills to boost the recovery, increase resilience to future shocks and megatrends, and build sustainable and inclusive economies and societies.</p> <p>Presentations (35 minutes, open recorded session)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson: Ms. Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia • European Commission message: Video message from Mr. Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights • OECD presentation: Mr. Andreas Schleicher, OECD Director for Education and Skills • OECD presentation: Mr. Stefano Scarpetta, OECD Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs <p>Discussion groups (30 minutes) Participants are allocated to virtual breakout rooms for small-group discussions moderated by Slovenian and OECD officials (<i>please see the groupings in Annex A</i>). Potential questions for discussion are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is your country or organisation supporting learners of all ages who fell behind during the pandemic period to catch up?

- How is your country or organisation supporting the newly unemployed, especially recent graduates and low-skilled, older and/or non-standard workers, to upskill, reskill and find work during the recovery period?
- How is your country or organisation supporting enterprises to use people's skills effectively, and to improve workplace practices (teleworking, autonomy, training, etc.) and productivity? How is it boosting demand for skills?
- For the longer term, what is your country's or organisation's vision for building resilience, sustainability and well-being for all through lifelong learning (all age groups) and better employment policies? What is the role of co-ordination across government and with employers, workers, civil society and other stakeholders to realise this vision?

Short break and virtual showcase of Slovenia (5 minutes)

Discussion plenary (20 minutes)

The summit moderator brings all participants back to the main meeting, and invites the moderator of each group to share brief highlights from their discussions.

10:55 – 12:45

Closing plenary

One representative of each participating country and organisation will be invited to make a statement of up to 2.5 minutes about their country's/organisation's actions and vision to improve the development of people's skills (across the life course) and/or the use of skills, to boost the recovery and build future resilience.

Chairperson: Ms. Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia

- Family photo
- Tour de table (*please see the speaking order in Annex B*)

12:45 – 13:00

Final Addresses (open recorded session)

Mr. Ulrik Knudsen, OECD Deputy Secretary-General

Ms. Themis Christophidou, Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport, Culture, European Commission

Ms. Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia

Note: All agenda items are under Chatham House rules, are closed and are not recorded, unless otherwise stated within the agenda.

Annex A – Discussion groups

In the group discussions, all participants will be sent to small group virtual breakout rooms. Participants with a speaking role will be invited to have an interactive discussion on the topics of the Summit, moderated by a Slovenian or OECD official. The small group discussions are not limited to one topic. The moderator will guide the discussion and invite participants to speak about any or all of the potential discussion questions listed on the agenda, according to the interests and expertise of the participants.

To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to speak, participants should limit each comment to a maximum of **2.5 minutes**. The moderator will announce if time has been exceeded. In the first round of discussions, the moderator will invite each participant to speak in the order listed below. Observers will follow the speaker with whom they registered into the breakout room, to observe the discussion.

Preliminary groupings are shown below. The grouping may be slightly different on the day of the Summit if countries' speakers change. The moderator will announce any such changes on the day of the Summit.

Preliminary groupings for Group Discussions (10:00-10:30)

Break out room 1

Moderator: Mr. Ulrik Knudsen, OECD Deputy Secretary-General

1. Mr. Henrik Asheim, Minister of Research and Higher Education, Norway
2. Ms. Ilga Šuplinska, Minister for Education and Science, Latvia
3. Mr. Boštjan Koritnik, Minister of Public Administration, Slovenia
4. Ms. Bernadett Humer, Secretary General, Federal Ministry for Labour, Family and Youth, Austria
5. Ms. Dalit Atrakchi, Director of International Relations, Ministry of Higher and Complementary Education, Israel
6. Mr. Michael Remmert, Head of the Education Policy Division, Council of Europe
7. TBC, Australia

Break out room 2

Moderator: Mr. Stefano Scarpetta, OECD Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs

1. Mr. Jean-Michel Blanquer, Minister of National Education, Youth and Sports, France
2. Ms. Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia
3. Mr. Rustem Bigari, Vice Minister of Education and Science, Kazakhstan
4. Ms. Egle Radisauskiene, Vice Minister, Ministry of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania
5. Ms. Carmelo Barbarello, Diplomatic Advisor, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, Italy
6. Mr. John MacCormick, Chief Policy Advisor, Ministry of Education, New Zealand
7. Mr. Borhene Chakroun, Director, Division for Policies and Lifelong Learning Systems, UNESCO

Break out room 3

Moderator: Mr. Andreas Schleicher, OECD Director for Education and Skills

1. Mr. Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, Minister of Education, Portugal
2. Mr. Simon Harris, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Ireland
3. Mr. Tomaž Gantar, Minister of Health, Slovenia
4. Ms. Kateřina Štěpánková, Deputy Minister of Section for Employment, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic
5. Mr. Andrés Valenciano Yamuni, President, National Learning Institute, Costa Rica
6. Ms. Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General - ADGED, UNESCO
7. TBC, Mexico

Break out room 4

Moderator: Mr. Andrew Bell, A/Head, OECD Centre for Skills

1. Ms. Niki Kerameus, Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece
2. Ms. Mailis Reps, Minister of Education and Research, Estonia
3. Ms. Gillian Keegan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Apprenticeships and Skills, Department For Education, United Kingdom
4. Ms. Minna Kelh , Vice Minister, Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland
5. Mr. Tom Bevers, Advisor-general, FPS Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue, Belgium
6. Mr. Marek Mořka, Director General for International Co-operation and European Affairs, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport, Slovak Republic
7. Mr. Patrik Kov cs, Chair of the Small and Medium Size Enterprises Committee, Business at OECD (BIAC)

Break out room 5

Moderator: Mr. Janez Cigler Kralj, Minister of Labour, Family, Social Affairs & Equal Opportunities, Slovenia

1. Ms. Anna Ekstr m, Minister for Education and Research, Sweden
2. Ms. Geannina Dinarte Romero, Minister of Employment and Social security, Costa Rica
3. Ms. Dana Prud kov , Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic
4. Mr. Zolt n Maruzsa, State Secretary for Public Education, Ministry of Human Capacities, Hungary
5. Ms. Unnur Orradottir-Ramette, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of Iceland to the OECD, Iceland
6. Mr. Uęur Tunę, Head of External Relations Department, Turkish Employment Agency (ISKUR), Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services, Turkey
7. Ms. Themis Christophidou, Director-General for Education, Youth, Sport, Culture, European Commission

Break out room 6

Moderator: Mr. Simon Zajc, State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Slovenia

1. Mr. Klemens Riegler-Picker, Deputy-Minister, Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Austria
2. Ms. Ann Verhaegen, Secretary General, Flemish Department of Education and Training, Belgium
3. Mr. Luis Alberto Rodriguez Ospino, General Director, National Planning Department, Colombia
4. Mr. Bas Derks, Director, Secondary Vocational Education, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Netherlands
5. Ms. Marie-Anne Persoons, Advisor International Policy, Flemish Department of Education and Training, Belgium
6. Mr. Pierre Habbard, Secretary General of TUAC to the OECD
7. TBC, Spain

Break out room 7

Moderator: Mr. Igor E. Bergant, Summit Moderator

1. Ms. Melania Brenes, Vice Minister of Education, Costa Rica
2. Ms. Martina Hirayama, State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation, Switzerland
3. Ms. Marzena Macha ek, Secretary of State, Ministry of National Education, Poland
4. Ms. Sofia Zacharaki, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece
5. Mr. Yves Magnan, Directeur-g n ral, Le Forem, Belgium
6. Ms. V ronique Schaber, Director of Vocational Education, Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, Luxembourg

Annex B – Closing plenary order

In the closing plenary, **one representative** of each participating country and organisation will be invited to make a **statement of up to 2.5 minutes** about their country's/organisation's actions and vision to improve the development of people's skills (across the life course) and/or the use of skills, to boost the recovery and build future resilience. To ensure that one representative of each participating country and organisation has an opportunity to speak, a timer will be shown during the plenary, and the moderator will announce if time has been exceeded.

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Preliminary speaking order for Closing Plenary statements (10:55-12:45)

Order Speaker

- 1 Ms. Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia
- 2 Mr. Janez Cigler Kralj, Minister of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Slovenia
- 3 Mr. Henrik Asheim, Minister of Research and Higher Education, Norway
- 4 Mr. Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, Minister of Education, Portugal
- 5 Ms. Bernadett Humer, Secretary General of the Federal Ministry for Labour, Family and Youth, Austria
- 6 Ms. Gillian Keegan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Apprenticeships and Skills, United Kingdom
- 7 Ms. Geannina Dinarte Romero, Minister of Employment and Social security, Costa Rica
- 8 Ms. Jana Maláčová, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic
- 9 Ms. Mailis Reps, Minister of Education and Research, Estonia
- 10 Mr. Jean-Michel Blanquer, Minister of National Education, Youth and Sports, France
- 11 Ms. Niki Kerameus, Minister of Education and Religious Affairs, Greece
- 12 Mr. Simon Harris, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Ireland
- 13 Mr. Yoav Galant, Minister of Education, Ministry of Education, Israel
- 14 Ms. Nunzia Catalfo, Minister of Labour and Social Policies, Italy
- 15 Ms. Ilga Šuplinska, Minister for Education and Science, Latvia
- 16 Ms. Anna Ekström, Minister for Education and Research, Sweden
- 17 Ms. Zehra Zümürüt Selçuk, Minister of Family, Labour and Social Services, Turkey
- 18 Mr. Luis Alberto Rodríguez Ospino, General Director, National Planning Department, Colombia
- 19 Ms. Minna Kelhä, Vice-Minister to the Minister of Education, Finland
- 20 Mr. József Bódis, Minister of State for Higher Education, Innovation and Vocational Education and Training, Hungary
- 21 Mr. Rustem Bigari, Vice-Minister of Education and Science, Kazakhstan
- 22 Ms. Egle Radisauskiene, Vice-Minister of Social Security and Labour, Lithuania
- 23 Ms. Marzena Machałek, Secretary of State of National Education, Poland
- 24 Ms. Clara Sanz López, Secretary-General for Vocational Education and Training, Spain
- 25 Ms. Martina Hirayama, State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation, Switzerland
- 26 Ms. Ann Verhaegen, Secretary General, Flemish Department of Education and Training, Belgium
- 27 Ms. Unnur Orradottir-Ramette, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate, Permanent Delegation of Iceland to the OECD, Iceland
- 28 Ms. Claude Sevenig, Head of International Relations and European Affairs, Ministry of Education, Children and Youth, Luxembourg
- 29 Mr. Bas Derks, Director, Secondary Vocational Education, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Netherlands
- 30 Mr. John MacCormick, Chief Policy Advisor, Ministry of Education, New Zealand
- 31 Mr. Marek Moška, Director General for International Co-operation and European Affairs, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport, Slovak Republic
- 32 Mr. Juan Manuel Santa Cruz, Director of National Training and Employment Service, Chile

- 33 Ms. Stefania Giannini, Assistant Director-General - ADGED, UNESCO
- 34 Mr. Michael Rimmert, Head of the Education Policy Division, Council of Europe
- 35 Mr. Pierre Hubbard, Secretary General of TUAC to the OECD
- 36 Mr. Gerhard F. Braun, Vice-Chair, Business at OECD (BIAC)
- 37 Australia (TBC)
- 38 Canada (TBC)
- 39 Mexico (TBC)