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Skills Summit 2020

Skills Strategies for a World in Recovery

Virtual Summit, 9 October 2020

FINAL AGENDA



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

The Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Science and Sports of Slovenia, and the OECD Secretary-General have invited ministers from OECD Member, Accession and Key partner countries, and senior representatives from the European Union, Council of Europe and UNESCO.

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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08:30 – 08:55	Entry to virtual meeting and final technical instructions for participants
08:55 – 09:00	Virtual “Welcome to Slovenia”
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 – 09:30	<p>Skills for recovery and resilience in practice (open recorded session)</p> <p><i>Snapshots of successful practices from Slovenia</i></p>
09:30 – 11:00	<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>OECD presentations and Q&A (30 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson: Ms. Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia (open recorded item) • 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 (open recorded item) • OECD presentation: Mr. Stefano Scarpetta, OECD Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (open recorded item) • Questions and answers (closed item not recorded) <p>Discussion groups (30 minutes)</p> <p>Participants are allocated to virtual breakout rooms for small-group discussions moderated by Slovenian and OECD officials. 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?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <p>Short break and virtual showcase of Slovenia (5 minutes)</p> <p>Discussion plenary (20 minutes)</p> <p>The summit moderator brings all participants back to the main meeting, and invites the moderator of each group to share highlights from their discussions.</p>
<p>11:00 – 12:15</p>	<p>Closing plenary</p> <p>One representative of each participating country and organisation is invited to make a 2.5-minute statement about their actions to improve the development of people's skills (across the life course) and the use of skills to boost the recovery and build future resilience.</p> <p>Chairperson: Ms. Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final tour de table Concluding statements by Chairperson Family photo
<p>12:15 – 12:30</p>	<p>Final Addresses (open recorded session)</p> <p>Ms. Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth</p> <p>Mr. Ulrik Knudsen, OECD Deputy Secretary-General</p> <p>Ms. Simona Kustec, Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia</p>

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