



**Global Employers' Workshop on Future of Work
Understanding the Future of Work: Challenges and Answers
29 – 30 March 2016, CEOE Headquarters, Madrid, Spain**

The Future of Work is a matter of high priority for the employer community. The debates revolve around how to identify and interpret trends; how to prepare and adapt to meet challenges, as well as how to harness the new opportunities being presented for sustainable success.

The IOE has been highly engaged in involving its members to anticipate the new possible scenarios, and to influence policy debates at national and international level.

The Global Employers' Workshop on Future of Work is the occasion for the employers' community to exchange globally on the above-mentioned issues, to foster a better common understanding; to learn from national experiences; to identify areas of common concern and to agree on follow-up action and to facilitate public-private dialogue on these issues.

The workshop will gather keynote speakers from IOE member's federations, companies, start-ups, public authorities, academia and other external experts. The line-up will be diverse, inclusive and informed; reflecting the global reach and nature of the IOE. The Workshop will benefit from the presence of Mr. Guy Rider, ILO Director General, who has launched the ILO Centenary Initiative on "the future of work" and is running tripartite discussions at national level in each ILO Member State.

The Workshop will be organised around the following topics:

- **New business models**
- **Diverse forms of employment**
- **Social protection schemes**
- **Globalized skills and attitudes**
- **Challenges in global supply chains vis-a-vis new forms of protectionisms**
- **Industrial relations and services for employers' organizations**
- **Policy answers and recommendations**

The basis for this workshop, as well as the possible policy answers and recommendations can be found in the **IOE Brief, "Understanding the Future of Work"**, a very comprehensive paper prepared with the support of the IOE members of the Future of Work Taskforce, IOE Member Federations and partner companies, in an intense exchange throughout 2016. The **Executive Summary** will allow a quick review of the main themes related to the Future of Work discussion.

Meeting expectations are to establish a list of priorities for action and follow up at international level in the various forums where the Future of Work is being discussed.

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