



## Global Employers' Workshop

### Understanding the Future of Work: Challenges and Proposals

29 – 30 March 2017, CEOE Headquarters, Madrid, Spain

The Future of Work is a matter of high priority for the employer community. 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 in anticipating new possible scenarios, and influencing policy debates at national and international level.

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

The workshop will gather keynote speakers from the IOE's member 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 Ryder, Director-General of the ILO, 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**
- **Globalised skills and attitudes**
- **Challenges in global supply chains vis-a-vis new forms of protectionisms**
- **Industrial relations and employer organisation services in the future**
- **Policy answers and recommendations**

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

The objective of the meeting is 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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