

GLOBAL EMPLOYERS' WORKSHOP UNDERSTANDING THE FOW: PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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FEARS

- Freedom of Association will weaken
- Collective Bargaining will decrease
- Modern slavery (Amazon turk) will grow
- Employment Protection will diminish
- Precariousness will grow
- Inequalities will increase
- More informality
- Social protection schemes will not cover many individuals
- Global supply chains will stimulate irresponsible behaviors





BRIGHT INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

- Protectionism: Trade and social clauses
- Legally binding provisions on due diligence for companies
- Universal minimum income
- Restrict activities on the platform/sharing economy
- Universal Security Schemes
- Enhance (sector) collective bargaining
- Strengthen only trade union presence at company level





RECOMMENDATIONS: BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

- Ambition for a simpler, flexible and more efficient regulation on tax/Labor/Corporate etc. Administrative Burdens. Who has done best and why?
- Global answers for global business: new proposals
- Data management/data collection: guidance and proper regulation
- Business services as a key driver of success: policies that foster new and proper services for business



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- Strong investment in connectivity and access to internet as key drivers of future business development
- International Organizations (UN): more business friendly. Think small first...
- Coherence-synergies for SDG 8. Sustainable Enterprise approach (ILO)
- Much more courage in promoting transitions towards formality: gig economy as a driver towards formality





RECOMMENDATIONS: SKILLS

- Provide good data: picture/assessment of future skills and qualifications:
 holistic and dynamic data per sector/country/per type of education
- Learn from successful countries and sectors in STEMs, social skills, mobility, employability
- New attitudes towards skills update. Good skill (self) assessment tools (individual responsibility)



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- Innovative ways of peer-to-peer learning, workplace learning, informal learning, tech-assisted learning, including online learning
- Identify, assess and learn from cases where close cooperation between the business and education sector is making a difference
- Identify the business case: huge skill potential of the female workforce in specific sectors/counties/regions





RECOMMENDATIONS: L. MARKET AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

- Better assessment of the evolution and development of work patterns
- Much more public support for job transitions
- Mediation services and employment policies: Ambition in PPPs
- Asses the definition and evolution of working time
- Enhance new ways to measure productivity (working time?)
- Anticipate modern forms of social protection to accommodate the new work realities

The Future



RECOMMENDATIONS: INNOVATION

- Early adoption of technological and digital opportunities
- Courageous attitudes towards innovative workplace organisation
- What PPPs have better enhanced investment in research and development
- Use of e-platforms for sharing good practices





RECOMMENDATIONS: INDUSTRIAL RELAT. & S DIALOGUE

- Anticipate the impact of new communications tools/social media
- Anticipate/assess the creation of new ways to defend collectively individuals rights (a more disperse workforce)
- Anticipate Global Trade Unions' Campaigns: communicat. policies
- Rethinking the representativeness of EOs and Trade Unions: services and back up from companies
- Social Dialogue: ways to make it more effective and quicker in providing answers





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