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# IOE Centenary

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Remember to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead.

—Nelson Mandela

In 2020, the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) celebrates its Centenary. IOE is the **largest global network of the private sector** with national employer federations as members in 150 countries, representing over **50 million companies**. IOE is the sole representative of business in social and employment policy debates taking place in the International Labour Organization, the United Nations, the G20 and G7 along with other international forums.

IOE and its member organisations are the legitimate and representative voice of business and have a **key role to play in shaping policies** for jobs, economic growth, and sustainable development together with facilitating partnerships to address systemic issues and supporting their companies' members in their business conduct. Transparency, integrity, inclusiveness and diversity are core values of IOE and cement its leadership and credibility.

**Having been involved in the negotiations at UN and national level**, and in the implementation and follow-up mechanisms of the 2030 Agenda, IOE and its members are well placed to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the business community, to identify and seize opportunities, and develop practical and realistic solutions for today's challenges.

IOE is using the extraordinary opportunity of its Centenary to unite Members around an agenda with purpose and aligned to the business community's aspirations for the future.

IOE Centenary year will be officially launched with a Centenary Reception on 19 March 2020 during the 338th Session of the International Labour Organization's Governing Body.

On **24th May 2020**, the main centenary event, **the IOE Centenary Summit**, will take place in the Human Rights Council Room at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Throughout the year, IOE is organising **Four Global Thematic Summits** on the most pressing challenges related to the future of business and work, skills for the coming jobs transformation, empowering women in the workforce and talent mobility.

5-6 February 2020  
Kuala Lumpur

24 February 2020  
Lagos

25-26 June  
Lisbon

Date TBD - July 2020  
New York

IOE Centenary Global Summit on the Future of Work

IOE Centenary Africa Summit

IOE Centenary Global Summit on Skills and Jobs Transformation

IOE Centenary Manifesto and Summit for the 2030 Agenda



# IOE Centenary Summit

**24 May 2020** — UN Palais, Geneva

Human Rights Council Room (Room XX)

Keynote speech and interactive panels

## Keynote participants

IOE Centenary Summit will take place in the extraordinary Human Rights Council Room with the participation of heads of state and governments, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Amina J. Mohammed (TBC), CEOs from leading global companies, world-renowned policy experts, and high-level representatives from selected UN agencies.

## Theme

In a context of uncertainty, opportunities and of deep change in the world of work and business, the voice and contribution of global employers is of critical importance.

Numerous challenges need focused, urgent and determined action from business, public institutions and different stakeholders, among which:

- How to create a more conducive business environment for job creation and shared growth?
- How to promote equal opportunities especially for women and young people?
- How to fully harness the opportunities technological change offers for jobs, growth and productivity?
- How to build solid partnerships to achieve the SDGs by 2030?
- How to tackle the informal sector which is too big in developing economies?
- How to better promote impactful responsible behaviours from companies and public authorities?
- Which role can social dialogue play to better address challenges in the world of work?
- How to tackle and anticipate environmental risks and climate change, which jeopardizes security and employment?

These are some of the questions that the interactive panels, held during this day, will try to answer. The Centenary Summit is a unique opportunity to discuss the private sector's and IOE's role in the past and the future, to shape the global policy agenda and network with the leadership of the private sector, the UN and national governments.