EVENT: B20 REGIONAL CONSULTATION FORUM

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The B20 Regional Consultation Forum is a joint event of the B20, the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, and the International Organization of Employers engaging various stakeholders participating in SPIEF 2018. Heads of major companies and business associations, senior government officials from B20 countries, high-ranking representatives of international organizations, and experts will participate in two sessions to discuss possible B20’s recommendations to government leaders in the areas of:

1. digital economy and
2. human capital development.

Session on Digital economy

What overall message does business wish to convey to the G20 regarding the digital economy?

What are the trends in the policy landscape in G20 countries regarding the fostering of digital infrastructure, interconnectivity and more generally change and innovation?

In the transition to a digital economy in G20 countries, how can we assure that no sector or individual is left behind? How can the B20 support national efforts towards this goal?

Session on Human Capital Development

Human capital is about 65% of the wealth in high-income countries and only 40% in low income countries. Accelerations in technology will require countries to urgently invest in their people if they hope to compete in the economy of the future. Human capital investments lay the foundation for competitiveness and growth. In this regard, G20 countries need to do more to provide opportunity for all individuals to thrive and grow.

During its G20 presidency, Argentina will make human capital a core issue, promoting policies that prepare workers for both opportunities and threats created by advances in technology. Quality of education, skills and jobs are central to this debate.

How can the work of the B20 under the G20 Employment process be better harnessed so as to foster globally human capital development? How can the B20 support national efforts towards this goal?

 Speakers (TBC)

Daniel Funés de Rioja – B20 Chair G20 Argentina 2018
Marcos Galperin, Chair B20 Taskforce on Digital Economy and Industry 4.0
Alexandre Shokhin - President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs
Erol Kiresepi – President of the International Organization of Employers and Co-Chair in 2018 B20 Employment and Education Task Force
Gerhardt Braun – Vice President, Confederation of German Employers’ Associations, Chair 2017 B20 Employment and Education Task Force and Co-Chair in 2018 B20 Employment and Education Task Force
Annemarie Muntz – President World Employment Confederation, Managing Director Randstad Co-Chair 2018 B20 Employment and Education Task Force
Dario Wherthein- President Experta ART and Co-Chair in 2018 B20 Employment and Education Task Force
Representatives from OECD, World Bank, ILO