

How to Shape a Future that Works

Transforming the global response to the future of work

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We are living through an era of immense change in all areas of human life, not least in the way we work.

New opportunities are emerging and technology has the potential to create jobs, as well as to automate others. Innovation, particularly in industrialized economies has allowed more flexible working arrangements, letting individuals work remotely and on demand to improve work-life balance.

At the same time, regulatory frameworks and institutions have to catch up with the pace of change and as old guarantees have fallen away, uncertainty and insecurity has increased.

Growing inequalities within countries, high unemployment and stagnant wage growth have torn at the social fabric in advanced economies. Informality, poverty and meagre opportunities for booming young populations have exacerbated frustrations in developing nations.

The rise of populism in advanced and emerging countries has shifted political landscapes and exposed entrenched divisions and an undercurrent of anger at established systems.

The pace of change has yet to be matched by strength in policy response and leaders are grappling with ways to address the turbulence caused by automation and artificial intelligence, new working arrangements, demographic shifts, migration flows and climate change.

The G20 Leaders' Communiqué included a joint commitment to work together to improve a rules-based international order to respond to a rapidly changing world. It remains to be seen how this is taken forward.

In January the Global Commission on the Future of Work published its recommendations on how to shape a future with social justice.

Hosted at the Geneva Graduate Institute and moderated by a senior FT journalist, this exclusive event will bring together future of work pioneers from both public and private sectors to discuss how we can build a future that works.

The panel will focus on 3 key themes:

- The current path – opportunities for the few, struggle for the many?
- Policy choices – economic growth over protection of people and planet?
- A global vision for the future.

FT Moderator

Sarah O' Connor, Employment Correspondent, *Financial Times*

Guest speakers and panellists

Panel framer: Professor Richard Baldwin – Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Panellists: Guy Ryder – ILO Director-General

Dame Vivian Hunt – Managing Partner, McKinsey and Company UK and Ireland

Amrote Abdella – Regional Director, Microsoft 4 Afrika Initiative

Christy Hoffman – General Secretary, UNI Global.

Nazrene Mannie – Board Member, Business Unity South Africa.

Event Agenda

Time	Segment	Timing
17:00	Video	1 minute 30 seconds
17:01:30	Sarah O'Connor welcomes all	1 minute 30 seconds
17:03	Professor Richard Baldwin - Panel Framer: A new world of work order	5-6 minutes
17:09:	Panel discussion: Transforming the global response to the future of work	
	The current path – opportunities for the few, struggle for the many? (Specific question for each panellist - 1 min for the answer + 1 min for discussion).	10 minutes
17:19	Policy choices – economic growth over protection of people and planet? (Specific question for each panellist - 1 min for the answer + 1 min for discussion).	10 minutes
17:29	Video of young people (Graduate Institute students).	1 minute
17:30	A global vision for the future (Specific question for each panellist - 1 min for the answer + 1 min for discussion).	10 minutes
17:40	Open questions from the floor + responses	20 minutes
17:58	Moderator's closing remarks	2 minutes