

The Growth Summit 2023

Jobs and Opportunity for All

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Context

Rapidly advancing technology, restructured value chains and the green transition are creating enormous opportunities for economies and businesses to thrive. But, entire sectors of the global economy are also being disrupted in parallel, resulting in significant displacement of workers and decline in previously thriving geographies.

There is a widening chasm between the prospects of advanced economies and developing and emerging economies that had previously counted on globalization enabled growth. Labour markets are also diverging globally: low- and middle-income countries face growing labour forces amid higher unemployment, while advanced economies face ageing

populations, fewer workers and tighter labour markets. A growing proportion of the global population is at risk of not being able to afford basic goods and services and generational mobility is stalling, with little confidence that the next generation will do better than the one before it.

Against this backdrop, placing people at the heart of more resilient, equitable and sustainable growth is critical to the future of economies, societies and workplaces. This is possible. With vision, coordination and cooperation, policymakers, business, workers and learners can work together to unleash new investment, harness technology, advance human capital and create new jobs for economies and societies to leap forward.

The summit

The Growth Summit, taking place 2-3 May 2023 at the World Economic Forum's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, will bring together business, government, civil society, international organizations and academic leaders working across sectors, industries and geographic boundaries. The Summit aims to advance future opportunities and tackle current challenges through collaboration, foresight and innovation on three core themes:

- **Enabling resilient growth** – Advancing inclusive and sustainable economic growth, trade, investment, productivity, manufacturing, global development and equitable globalization.
- **Developing human capital** – Investing in education, skills, and health, and supporting job creation, living wages, job transitions, and an equitable future of work.
- **Accelerating economic equity** – Enabling an equitable green transition and advancing gender equality, health equity, care, diversity and inclusion, and racial and social justice.

Building on strong networks, communities, partnerships and initiatives, leaders will work together in an in-person setting to co-create clear narratives, frameworks, solutions, commitments and alliances. The programme will focus on peer-to-peer interaction through three types of sessions:

- **Strategy sessions** – Bringing together established communities to drive forward initiatives and deliver impact (60-90 minutes of curated, structured meetings).
- **Outlook plenaries** – Interactive panels with in-person audience of event participants only on the expected future outlook on key topics (45-minute dialogues and debates).
- **Global dialogues** – Dynamic panels engaging the global public on the most pressing and current topics as well as summit outcomes (30 minutes of livestream programming).

More details on the programme will be shared in early March 2023. Early registered participants and community members are invited to share their preliminary views on the programme with their Forum counterparts.

Participants

Participation in the Growth Summit 2023 is by invitation only for the following Forum communities:

- **Forum members and partners** – Partner and Member companies represented by their chief executive officers and chairs, selected C-suite and senior leaders, including chief economists, chief human resource officers, chief diversity and inclusion officers, chief supply chain officers, chief financial officers, chief health officers, chief risk officers and others.
- **Public figures** – Senior government leaders, including ministers of finance, economy, trade, labour, education and social affairs from advanced and emerging economies, as well as heads of state and government. As a home to several international organizations, the summit will also host heads and senior officials of international organizations.
- **Civil society, unions, thought leaders, cultural leaders and academics** – Leaders from civil society and labour organizations, as well as think tanks, universities, academic experts and other thought leaders, cultural leaders and philosophers at the vanguard of innovative thinking on growth, jobs, skills, globalization and equity.

- **Innovators** – Selected Global Innovators, Tech Pioneers and other innovative organizations that are at the forefront of relevant new technologies and solutions.
- **Next-generation leaders** – Selected members of the Forum's Young Global Leaders and Global Shapers and other youth communities with proposals and initiatives for the summit's primary themes.
- **Media leaders** – Selected publishers and editors-in-chief of global publications, top economic, labour, technology, trade, finance and education columnists as participants and moderators.

Participants reflect both those already engaged and those who wish to be involved with the Forum's ongoing global initiatives and coalitions on growth, trade, jobs, skills, manufacturing and equity. Summit co-chairs will be announced in March and key insights, including the Chief Economists Outlook and the Future of Jobs Report 2023, will be released in the build up to and at the summit.

The summit's outcomes will be taken forward by its Platform communities on the New Economy and Society, Trade and Investment, Health and Healthcare, Financial and Monetary System, and Advanced Manufacturing and Value Chains.