



We can work it out: Building future skills for the digital economy

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About the workshop:

What will jobs look like in 2030? Which skills are needed to participate in the digital economy? How do education systems need to change to qualify young generations for the future?

There is no doubt that the global digital transformation is starting to reshape economies and labour markets significantly. These fundamental changes are particularly affecting developing and emerging economies. Automatization is expected to lead into profound job losses in the Global South. At the same time, the tech economy is believed to create millions of new jobs and generate economic growth beyond borders.

If not addressed actively, this polarisation of the labour market can lead to new and profound inequalities not only but specifically in the Global South and impacts the overall development of societies.

In our workshop, digital skills provision is discussed as a key to address the new challenges and potentials posed by the digital economy. Thereby, different experts are invited to give inputs to help 1) mapping current labour market trends from the perspective of emerging

and developing countries; 2) discuss what skills are needed for the future; 3) and give concrete examples on how to teach and develop these skills. Through this we expect a rich and fruitful discussion that helps to formulate concrete recommendations for governments and private sector.