

# EDUCATION AND SKILLS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



Enable. Empower. Excite.

In a context of rapid shifts in society, economy and technology, education needs transformation. The challenge of providing meaningful and relevant education to every person has a new meaning.

With specialists suggesting to give more space in the curricula for the development of soft and core skills, and constant flow of information, the

educational needs are not only for children and young people but also for adults. Initiatives to promote lifelong learning and the development of a citizenship that can think critically are the most required. But providing quality education also means reducing gaps and working on policies and projects that can bring resources closer to teachers, learners and communities.

This Task Force aims to open the discussion around the demands of the century and the possible projects and public policies for making the learning process, meaningful and relevant as well as a real tool for social mobility and citizenship.

# FUTURE OF WORK



## Adapt. Create. Lead.

In the last few years, there has been an increasing focus on the future of jobs, as it may be suggested by the amount of conferences, papers and articles that discuss the topic. Much of the focus is on the trends that could destroy jobs because of improved technology, but not much

is being discussed about the opportunities related to other interlinked trends, and even less about the struggles of a high portion of the global population (especially young people) to have access to decent job opportunities.

The Future of Work Task Force will focus on the most pressing issues and trends in today's labour market and its interactions with other sectors and areas of human development. Some of this challenges include risk of automation and the role of artificial intelligence, reskilling and re-training, labor flexibility and regulations. We aim to trigger dialogue and information exchange for young delegates to generate informed and relevant policy suggestions and social innovation projects.

# ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SELF EMPLOYMENT



Open. Innovate. Invite.

New businesses have always been the creators of jobs and drivers of innovation. Entrepreneurship has become, in recent years, one catalyst of innovation aimed to solve real and relevant challenges regarding the environment and society. In recent years social entrepreneurship is becoming a new mean for civic engagement, with individuals working on problems that neither governments or companies are able to address.

However major transformations need to be encouraged to ensure that the entrepreneurial path is an attractive and possible career path for young men and women of diverse backgrounds. Here, Education plays a major role alongside legislation, infrastructure and specific policies. Ultimately the discussion will be centered on what is the role of entrepreneurship in job creation, quality of life and development.

This Task Force will encourage delegates to discuss and make suggestions around the condition as that enable the development of impactful entrepreneurs, the role of the ecosystem and the opportunities for young people to launch their own ventures.

# SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



## Regenerate. Heal. Protect

The global economy is growing. More people globally are expected to join the middle class over the next two decades (UN, 2015). This means that consumer markets will expand, increasing the demand for already constrained natural resources... but what if that was not the case? What if instead of the linear production-consumption pattern we could think of waste as a resource? Around the world climate change has become another driver of innovation, as organizations search for measures to mitigate or help adjust to its effects. An increased

awareness on the need for sustainability is posing new questions and opening opportunities for new approaches and ideas like circular and blue economy, or blockchain technology applied to supply chains. The structural changes related to sustainability require commitment of governments, business and the general public, which entail the need of strengthening institutions and regulations that can act effectively in critical situations as natural disasters related to the effects of global warming.

This Task Force is meant to be a thought-provoking call to action: delegates will discuss and visibilize connections, generating cross cutting suggestions that could have "glocal" impact in their communities, their regions and the whole world.