



Global Compact on Growth and Employment

Thriving in and from Transition

Importance of Skill Development in a Dynamic Labour Market

**Thursday, November 09, 2023
16.30-18.30 hour IST**

In a post-pandemic world, while economies are recovering through reasonable rates of growth, they must be accompanied by concomitant employment generation. That is an emerging challenge before the policymakers as without a fair balance between growth and employment, it will be more challenging to make the future development human-centric (as against GDP-centric), the clarion call for which was given by the Prime Minister of India on the eve of the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Summit.

Among other indicators, this challenge is manifested in mismatch between the extent of job vacancies and unemployment, particularly youth unemployment. While this may be due to existing skill mismatch, is there mismatch between the supply of skills, which is largely government-driven and its demand, which is society-driven.

Therefore, and other than being major voices of the Global South, as Brazil and South Africa will follow India in holding the G20 presidencies in 2024 and 2025, CUTS International, India; Fundação Dom Cabral, Brazil; and Development Policy Research Unit, South Africa have come together to develop and advocate for a Global Compact on Growth and Employment.

As part of this initiative, other than policy research on specific issues on this subject, there will be a series of webinars to discuss emerging labour market dynamics in the Global South, with an emphasis on those in India, Brazil and South Africa, for:

- a better understanding of challenges and opportunities presented by new and emerging technologies
- navigating challenges and opportunities through resilient policy response
- generating support from among policy-makers, business and the civil society for a Global Compact on Growth and Employment

Agenda

16.30-16.40	<i>Welcome Address and Opening Remarks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mehak Sharma Research Associate, CUTS International
16.40-18.00	<i><u>Panel Discussion</u></i> <i>Moderator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pradeep S Mehta Secretary General, CUTS International <i>Panellist</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Fiona Tregenna Professor, School of Economics, University of Johannesburg• Ambassador (Dr.) Mohan Kumar Dean, Office of International Affairs and Global Initiatives, O.P. Jindal Global University and Distinguished Fellow, CUTS International• Rituparna Chakraborty Co-Founder, TeamLease & Independent Director• Carlos Braga Adjunct Professor, FUNDAÇÃO DOM CABRAL (FDC)
18.00-18.20	<i>Q&A Session</i>
18.20-18.30	<i>Summing up and Vote of Thanks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kiran Nadinee Meetarbhan Director, CUTS International