

Towards a brighter future of work in the digital economy

Global Research Webinar

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8:00–11:20 Central European Summer Time (CEST)

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Information and communication technologies (ICT) continue to transform our lives and societies with unprecedented speed and scale. Digital advances have generated enormous wealth in record time and is key to accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. However, digitalization is inevitably leading to major shifts in labour markets everywhere, which have to be managed carefully. The fast-growing digital economy will require a range of new and different skills that do not exist today.

“We need a major investment in education, rooted not just in learning but in learning how to learn, and in providing lifelong access to learning opportunities for all” António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations

The purpose of this Global Research Seminar is to share the main findings of brand new ILO research on skills shortages, skills development strategies, and the governance of labour migration of ICT specialists in Canada, China, Germany, India, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand. Experts from the seven countries and Japan will exchange views on these topics, and discuss what can be done to create a digital economy with decent work opportunities for more women and men.

The Global Research Seminar is the culmination of an ILO research project entitled “The Future of Work in Information and Communication Technology (ICT)”, which is financed by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan.

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Conversation strategist and global moderator

Opening remarks (8:00-8:20 CEST / 15:00-15:20 JST)



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Labour and Welfare**
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Keynote speeches (8:20-8:50 CEST / 15:20-15:50 JST)



Dr. Nicola Düll
Managing Partner,
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**“Skills shortages and labour
migration in the field of ICT”**



Mr. Masaaki Iuchi
Senior Assistant Minister,
Ministry of Health,
Labour and Welfare

**“Current status of utilization of
ICT specialists and Human
Resource Development
Measures in Japan”**

Panel discussion 1 (9:00-10:00 CEST / 16:00-17:00 JST)

“Investing in skills development in the ICT sector”

With rapid developments in ICT, many countries are facing skills shortages. In this session, we exchange views on what kind and what level of skills are lacking and how to invest in skills development, focusing on the efforts of employers' and workers' organizations.

(*Panellists TBC)



Ms. Alexandra Cutean
Senior Director, Research & Policy, Information and Communications Technology Council (ICTC) [Canada]



Mr. Patrick Tay
Assistant Secretary-General, Singapore National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) [Singapore]



Mr. Toru Harukawa
Director of Policy Making Department, the Federation of Information and Communication Technology Service Workers of Japan (ICTJ) [Japan]



Mr. Naotaka Saimei
Senior Director, HR Development Division, Global HR Management Unit, FUJITSU [Japan]

Panel discussion 2 (10:10-11:10 CEST / 17:10-18:10 JST)

“Better governance of labour migration in the ICT sector”

In this session, we exchange views on opportunities and challenges related to the international migration of ICT specialists, from the points of view of both sending and receiving countries.

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Dr. Partha S Banerjee
Director, DEFT Advisory and Research [India]



Mr. Marian Dünkler
Placement Officer, German Federal Employment Agency, International & Specialized Services (ZAV) [Germany]



Dr. Maulahikmah Galinium
Dean Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, Swiss German University [Indonesia]



Ms. Natalia Popova
Labour Economist, MIGRANT, ILO

Closing remarks (11:10-11:20 CEST / 18:10-18:20 JST)



Mr. Yoshiteru Uramoto
Distinguished Professor,
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Mr. Toshio Arima
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