New technologies along with structural transformation driven by changes in demographics, globalization and climate change will bring immense economic opportunities but also potential challenges that could impact workers and produce unfair longer-term distributional effects. While it is all too common to envisage a jobless future in the face of robotics and artificial intelligence, there is no clear and compelling evidence that the effects of new automation technologies will be fundamentally different from past waves of automation.

To reflect on these issues, the ILO launched a Global Commission on the Future of Work. The Commission brings together 22 policy-makers, thinkers, advocates, researchers and social partners, under the leadership of its two distinguished Co-Chairpersons, H.E. Mr. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa and H.E. Mr. Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister of Sweden.

The independent report produced by the Global Commission includes a number of concrete recommendations aimed at responding to modern opportunities and challenges in order to proactively shape inclusive future of work.

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