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**28-29 June 2018, Porto, Portugal**

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#### The Challenge: Better skills, better jobs, better lives

**Skills are the new currency.** Skills are central to the capacity of countries and people to thrive in an increasingly interconnected and rapidly changing world. Digitalisation, globalisation, climate and demographic change are reshaping work and social environments as well as generating a growing demand for higher levels of non-routine, cognitive skills and new types of skills.

This tidal wave has generated fears about the capacity of populations to adapt rapidly and about the risk that some groups will be left behind. These threats can only be turned into opportunities for well-being and good social outcomes for all if countries adopt an inclusive and life course approach to skills development. People have to be able to re-skill and up-skill throughout their lives, so that they can adjust to the rapid changes, as well as seize new opportunities, in the workplace and in their everyday life.

Making sure that the digital transformation leads to better jobs and better lives will depend on a range of policies, with skills policies being paramount. Skills systems need to be redesigned, so that they equip people with the mix of skills they need throughout their lives, as digitalisation transforms the way people work, communicate, and interact with each other and changes the nature of economies. Governments need to understand the nature of these changes, and how to implement the right policies to ensure that digitalisation promotes sustainable and inclusive growth, and empowers people with the capacity to prosper in a rapidly evolving environment.

#### Objective

The Skills Summit 2018 will convene ministers with responsibility for a range of skills-relevant portfolios, including education, higher education, vocational education and training, employment, science and innovation, economic development and the digital agenda. The Summit will foster open discussion about what countries are doing to ensure that their citizens have the skills they need to participate fully and effectively in a digital world and what governments are doing to redesign their policies and institutions to be more responsive to the challenges and opportunities of a digital world.

Ministers will have an opportunity to share with each other what they are doing now, and what more they plan to do into the future, to work together across their different portfolios to ensure that people have the skills to succeed in a digital world.

#### Participation

The Prime Minister of Portugal, the Minister of Education of Portugal and the OECD Secretary-General are extending an invitation to ministers from OECD Member countries as well as to OECD accession and key partner countries.

#### Format

Each session will start with OECD scene-setting presentations to provide key information data about skills and digitalisation. Plenary discussions will then take place among ministers, moderated by Gavin Dykes. Chatham House rules will be in effect to ensure open and frank communication. The main highlights of the discussions will be published in the form of a Chair's Summary.

**Where and when:** Porto, Portugal, on 28-29 June 2018.

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**Day 1: Thursday 28 June 2018**

<b>12:00 – 20:00</b>	<b>Registration at the Porto Palacio Hotel</b>
<b>18:30 – 20:00</b>	<b>Cocktail reception</b> <i>Hosted by the City Mayor of Porto</i>  <b>Opening addresses and welcome of participants</b> Mr. Rui Moreira, City Mayor of Porto Mr. Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, Minister of Education of Portugal Mr. Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General  <i>Musical moment – Conservatório de Música do Porto (Porto School of Music)</i>

**Day 2: Friday 29 June 2018**

<b>08:00 – 08:45</b>	<b>Registration at the Porto Palacio Hotel Congress</b>
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Opening plenary - Welcome by the Chair and Setting the Scene (Public Session)</b> Mr. Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, Minister of Education of Portugal Mr. Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General Ms. Manuela Geleng, Acting Director of Social Affairs of DG Employment (European Commission)
<b>09:35 – 10:00</b>	<b>Digital Skills in Practice</b> <i>Agrupamento de Escolas de Ponte de Lima (Schools Cluster of Ponte de Lima)</i> <i>Agrupamento de Escolas D. Afonso Henriques - Guimarães (Schools Cluster of D. Afonso Henriques)</i>
<b>10:05 – 10:25</b>	Coffee-break/ Press Point
<b>10:30 – 12:00</b>	<b>SESSION 1: UNDERSTAND – Risks and opportunities in a digital world: the changing landscape of skills needs</b> - Chairperson: Mr. Manuel Caldeira Cabral, Minister of Economy of Portugal  <b>Objective:</b> Build a common understanding of how the digital revolution transforms economies and societies, how the skills that people need in everyday life and in the workplace are changing, and which groups of the population are most at risk of being left behind  <b>OECD presentations:</b> Ms. Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff, G20 Sherpa, and Special Counsellor to the Secretary-General: <i>Inclusive growth in the digital age.</i> Mr. Andy Wyckoff, OECD Director of Science, Technology and Innovation: <i>Ensuring growth, productivity and well-being in the face of the digital transformation.</i>

	<p><b>Questions for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has been the most important impact of digitalisation in your country? Are there major differences across sectors or regions? To what extent are the current skills of the population meeting the new demands?</li> <li>• What skills will people need to be resilient in a changing economy, actively engage in democratic processes, and behave as critical consumers and active producers of information and media content?</li> <li>• What role should education, training systems and skills policies play to take advantage of the opportunities of digitalisation and help address its challenges, especially for the most vulnerable? What role should the public and the private sector play in meeting these challenges?</li> </ul>
12:05 – 13:05	Lunch
13:10 – 13:25	<b>Photographic session – group photo</b>
13:30 – 15:00	<p><b>SESSION 2: DESIGN – Rethinking education and lifelong learning policies</b> - Chairperson: Ms. Fernanda Rollo, Secretary of State for Science, Technology and Higher Education of Portugal</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Discuss how education and skills policies need to be redesigned to make the most of the digital transformation; discuss whether digitalisation is creating the need to adopt a lifelong learning approach to skills development</p> <p><b>OECD presentation:</b> Mr. Andreas Schleicher, OECD Director for Education and Skills: <i>Learning approaches for the 21<sup>st</sup> century</i></p> <p><b>Questions for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What policies is your government implementing to strike the right balance between formal and “front-loaded” education and training systems and “lifelong” and “life-wide” learning systems, where people can learn at all ages and in different contexts?</li> <li>• What policies can help to equip people with “21st century” skills, including digital skills?</li> <li>• What are the key obstacles to implementing lifelong, life-wide, flexible learning for all, and what solutions has your government developed to address them?</li> <li>• How does your government promote the use of digital technologies to make learning more flexible and relevant to new needs?</li> </ul>
15:05 – 15:15	Break
15:20 – 16:50	<p><b>SESSION 3: IMPLEMENT – Towards better skills policies for tomorrow’s world</b> - Chairperson: Mr. José António Vieira da Silva, Minister for Labour, Solidarity and Social Security of Portugal</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Discuss the major challenges in the implementation of education and skills policies raised by the digital transformation, identify contentious issues and how they can be solved, and agree on specific actions</p>

	<p><b>OECD presentations:</b>  Mr. Stefano Scarpetta, OECD Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs: <i>Strengthening governance in the collection and use of information on skills needs</i>  Ms. Montserrat Gomendio, OECD Deputy Director for Education and Skills &amp; Head of the Skills Centre: <i>A coordinated approach to skills issues: the OECD Centre for Skills</i></p> <p><b>Questions for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should lifelong and life-wide learning require a new approach to financing education and skills, including re-thinking how much should be invested at each stage, which trade-offs exist and who should invest?</li> <li>• What are governments and social partners doing to strengthen lifelong learning and to remove obstacles to further learning, especially to promote universal access to basic skills for disadvantaged populations and minority groups?</li> <li>• How can governments develop a policy package including skills development, lifelong learning, support for worker deployment and improved social protection?</li> <li>• What governance systems could better involve all key actors, inside and outside government, to tackle sticky skills issues, such as improving the recognition of skills developed informally over the life cycle?</li> </ul>
16:55 – 17:10	Coffee-break
17:15 – 18:00	<p><b>Closing plenary</b> - Chairperson: Mr. Tiago Brandão Rodrigues, Minister of Education of Portugal</p> <p>Final tour de table  Concluding statements</p>
18:05 – 18:30	<p><b>Final Addresses (Public Session)</b></p> <p>Mr. Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General  Mr. Augusto Santos Silva, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal</p>
19:00	<b>Departure</b> by bus to the Summit reception and dinner
19:30 – 22:30	<p><b>Summit reception and dinner</b> – Palácio da Bolsa  <i>Hosted by the Government of Portugal</i></p> <p><b>Cocktail reception</b>  <i>Musical moment – Conservatório de Música de Coimbra (Coimbra School of Music)</i></p> <p><b>Summit social dinner</b></p> <p><b>Musical Moment</b>  <i>Fado singer – Cristina Branco</i></p>
22:30	<b>Transfer</b> to the Porto Palácio Hotel

