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SKILLS SUMMIT 2022

24-25 March 2022 Cartagena, Colombia

**STRENGTHENING SKILLS FOR EQUITY AND
SUSTAINABILITY**

PROVIDING EFFECTIVE UP- AND RESKILLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Date: 23 March 2022



Introduction

While recovering from the unprecedented COVID-19 health and economic crisis, countries have to renew their efforts to strengthen people’s skills so that they can effectively respond to the challenges of a rapidly changing world of work, transformed by the digital and the green transitions, and demographic change. Yet, many countries face major challenges in ensuring that especially the youth and adults most at risk have the skills to succeed in this new world. Those groups most vulnerable to these changes – e.g. due to high risk of being affected by automation – are also generally less likely to be participating in upskilling and reskilling opportunities to strengthen their adaptability and resilience.

The Government of Colombia will be hosting the Skills Summit 2022 on 24-25 March 2022 in Cartagena, Colombia, on the topic of “*Strengthening skills for equity and sustainability*”. The Skills Summit 2022 provides ministers and senior officials with responsibilities for diverse skills-relevant portfolios – from employment and education to economic development and innovation – with a unique opportunity to engage in frank and open discussions about their experience in designing and implementing policies to address the challenge of developing the skills of the most vulnerable groups.

The Skills Summit 2022 will be conducted as a ministerial ‘retreat’, with informal receptions, interactive discussions with keynote speakers, a tour de table, and bilateral meetings. Discussions will be subject to “Chatham House” rules, and designed to encourage candid and open exchanges, raise challenging questions, offer concrete policy examples from a range of countries, and share state-of-the-art analysis by the OECD on skills.

Please note that all times in this annotated agenda are local times in Cartagena, Colombia.

Practical information:

- **Website:** <https://skillssummit2022.presidencia.gov.co>
- **Location:** Centro de Convenciones Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena (Getsemaní, Calle 24 8a-344, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia) (<https://cccartagena.com/>)
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Day 1 - Thursday 24 March 2022

Bilateral meetings, registration and official welcome (08:00-15:30)

<p>08:00 – 14:30</p>	<p><u>Registration at Centro de Convenciones, Cartagena</u></p> <p>When registering, delegations will receive a folder with all relevant information on the event (including the agenda, issues paper, and code to access the OECD iLibrary, where they can access OECD publications and papers), as well as their badge.</p>	<p><u>Bilateral meetings</u></p> <p>The morning of Thursday 24 March has been reserved for bilateral meetings, to provide an opportunity to build stronger international cooperation between countries and regions. These bilateral meetings are organised by the delegations. To facilitate this, the OECD will share with participants a full overview of the participating ministers and delegations before the summit. In the conference centre, there will be 6-8 smaller rooms (with capacity for 6-8 people each) available for these bilateral meetings. Delegations wishing to schedule meetings in these rooms can contact the Colombian team: ginna.molina@cancilleria.gov.co; valeria.restrepo@cancilleria.gov.co). Some rooms will have video facilities to ensure that delegations can connect with others elsewhere</p>
<p>14:30 – 15:20</p>	<p><u>Official Welcome</u></p> <p>The moderator, Andrea Bernal, will open the event and introduce the different speakers in the official welcome. This session can also be joined virtually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video on Skills Summit by Colombia • Mr. Mathias Cormann – Secretary-General, OECD: opening speech • Mr. Iván Duque – President of Colombia: opening speech • Keynote speeches and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Kate Behncken – Vice-President of Microsoft Philanthropies: Microsoft Philanthropies helps realise the company’s mission to empower every person and organization on the planet to achieve more by supporting non-profits and underserved communities around the world. The keynote speech will focus on Microsoft’s vision on evolving technology and the skills people need in order to thrive in a rapidly changing world. ○ Dr. Linda Darling Hammond: Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education Emeritus at Stanford University and founding president of the Learning Policy Institute. At Stanford she founded the Stanford Centre for Opportunity Policy in Education and served as faculty sponsor for the Stanford Teacher Education Program. • Chair (Ms. Maria Paula Correa, Chief of Staff of Colombia) and Co-Chair (Mr. Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen, Deputy Secretary-General OECD): introducing the agenda and side events of Skills Summit 2022. 	
<p>15:20 – 15:30</p>	<p><u>Group photo</u></p> <p>The Chair will invite participants to take a group photo when leaving the building to go to the side events.</p>	

Side events with stakeholders (15:30-19:00)

15:30 – 19:00	<p><u>Side events with stakeholders</u></p> <p>Objective: help ministers and senior officials who are physically participating in the summit to learn from good practices in Colombia, and conversations with stakeholders, on specific skills topics.</p> <p>Overview: Three side events are organised in Cartagena, each focusing on different skills-related topics. Side events will take place in a location related to the topic of discussion, and delegations will have registered to one of the three different options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Up- and Reskilling the Present and Future Generations (Location: Colegio Salesianos San Pedro Claver, Plazoleta de las Bovedas) Organised by the Colombian Institute for Family Welfare – ICBF and the Presidential Counsel of Youth. ● Skills for the orange, digital and green economy (Location: Hospitality and Gastronomy Training Center, Casa del Marques) Organised by The National Training Service - SENA and the Ministry of Labour. ● Skills systems and immigration (Location: Bolivar Institute of Fine Arts and Sciences) Organised by the National Planning Department, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Education, Agency for Migration, Border Agency and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. <p>These side events are only open to participants in the skills summit and other invited guests. It will also be possible to participate virtually in the two side events on “Up- and Reskilling the Present and Future Generations” and “Skills systems and immigration”.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Ministers and senior officials will use transport provided by the host to transfer to the location of the side event.
16:00 – 18:00	Side events
18:00 – 20:00	Break before reception and dinner. At 19:45 participants will be picked up from the hotels.

Reception and dinner (20:00-22:00)

20:00 – 22:00	<p><u>Reception and Dinner</u></p> <p>Ministers and senior officials are welcomed at the location of the reception and dinner at Restaurante Donjuán. The dinner will be preceded by an informal reception and the following speeches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. María Juliana Ruiz Sandoval – First Lady of Colombia: welcoming participants to Skills Summit 2022. ● Keynote speech by Ms. Keishia Thorpe – Winner Global Teacher Prize: The Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize is a US \$1 million award presented annually to an exceptional teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to their profession. Keishia Thorpe, a teacher in the US who has opened up college education for low-income, first-generation American, immigrant and refugee students, has been named the winner of the Global Teacher Prize 2021, which was hosted by UNESCO.
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Day 2 - Friday 25 March 2022

Breakfast meeting with LAC Ministers and Authorities (07:30-08:45)

07:30–08:45	<p><u>Breakfast meeting with LAC Ministers and Authorities</u></p> <p>Objective: Obtain feedback and deepen discussions to identify mutual skills challenges and opportunities, and consider possible avenues for cooperation and collaboration across countries to strengthen the skills base and competitiveness of the region. Provide an opportunity for informal consultation on the margins of the Summit between LAC Ministers and Authorities</p> <p>Overview: This is a closed event for Ministers and Authorities from Latin America. Topics to be discussed are priorities of engagement among countries in the region on the topics of education and skills; the LAC Regional Programme cycle (2022-2025); and the Fourth Ministerial Summit on Productivity by the OECD Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Programme (LACRP). This meeting will be co-chaired by Ms. María Victoria Angulo González, Colombian Minister of Education, and Mr. Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills and Special Advisor on Education Policy to the Secretary-General at the OECD.</p>
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Opening of Skills Summit 2022 (09:00-10:30)

09:00–10:15	<p><u>Opening plenary</u></p> <p>In this opening, the moderator will welcome participants and introduce speakers who will introduce the topic of the Skills Summit, set the scene for discussions, and inform the public about the Skills Summit. This session can be joined virtually, press will be allowed the join, and the event will be livestreamed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair (Ms. Maria Paula Correa, Chief of Staff of Colombia) and Co-Chair (Mr. Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen, Deputy Secretary-General OECD): welcoming participants, presenting the objectives of the summit and the agenda of the sessions. <p>Presentations by OECD Secretary-General and President of Colombia on “Strengthening Skills for Equity and Sustainability”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mathias Cormann – OECD Secretary-General: presenting the importance of strengthening skills for equity and sustainability, global megatrends, and the need to promote equity through skills development. • Mr. Iván Duque – President of Colombia: presentation on “<i>Skills for those in need: the Colombian Example</i>” • Keynote speeches and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professor James Heckman: 2000 Nobel Prize winning American economist who is currently at the University of Chicago, Director of the Centre for the Economics of Human Development (CEHD) ○ Mr. Nicolas Schmit – European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights: A member of the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP), he was previously a member of the government of Luxembourg from 2004 to 2019 and Member of the European Parliament (MEP) in 2019 	
10:15 – 10:30	<p><u>Press conference</u></p> <p>Mr. Iván Duque, President of Colombia, and Mr. Mathias Cormann, Secretary-General OECD (details TBC)</p> <p><i>(will continue during Session 1)</i></p>	<p><u>Short break</u></p> <p>For Ministers and senior officials</p>

Session 1: Adopting innovative approaches for inclusive lifelong learning opportunities (10:30-12:15)

10:30 – 12:15	<p>Session 1: Adopting innovative approaches for inclusive lifelong learning opportunities</p> <p>Objective: build a common understanding of how adopting innovative approaches can not only reduce some of the barriers that youth and adults face for participating in lifelong learning, but also how they allow for the personalisation of learning to ensure that the groups of the population that are most at risk are not left behind.</p> <p>Overview: this closed session will follow the opening remarks and will be the first discussion session for participants.</p>
10:30 – 10:50	<p>Opening presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lina Arbeláez, ICBF General Director, and Juan Sebastian Arango, Presidential Youth Counsellor: presenting the Colombian perspective on the challenge to adopt innovative approaches for inclusive lifelong learning opportunities. • Mr. Stefano Scarpetta – Director for the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs: presenting key data on lifelong learning (e.g. participation, motivations and barriers to participation), and highlighting the importance of ensuring access of high quality learning opportunities for all.
10:50 – 12:15	<p>Plenary discussions</p> <p>2-3 participants will be given 5 minutes each to kick off the discussions.</p> <p>A moderator will facilitate discussions between all participants (both in-person and virtual) on what countries are doing to make lifelong learning opportunities more inclusive. The moderator will stimulate the discussions with targeted questions, and a note-taker will take detailed notes.</p> <p>To facilitate open discussions, Chatham House rules are applied – any comments made during the meeting will not be attributed to specific countries or speakers.</p> <p>Questions for discussion</p> <p>The following questions for discussion are included in both the agenda and the issues paper that were circulated in advance of the Summit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is your country doing to ensure high quality education and training provision for promoting the successful integration of vulnerable youth and adults in society? 2. What is your country doing to ensure that financial and non-financial incentives raise participation in lifelong learning for underrepresented groups? 3. How is your country improving information and guidance on lifelong learning to be better targeted and tailored to vulnerable groups? 4. What is your country doing to make the education and training provision personalised and tailored to the needs/skills gaps of vulnerable groups?
12:15 – 13:30	<p>Lunch break</p>

Session 2: Ensuring that education systems equip all people with the skills needed for success in the future (13:30-15:15)

13:30 – 15:15	<p><u>Session 2: Ensuring that education systems equip all people with the skills needed for success in the future</u></p> <p>Objective: Discuss how education systems and skills policies need to be redesigned to facilitate full and effective participation in the digital, green, and interconnected global economy. Discuss the importance of recognising and validating skills acquired in non-formal or informal settings.</p> <p>Overview: this closed session will follow the lunch break.</p>
13:30 – 13:50	<p>Opening presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. María Victoria Angulo González, Minister of Colombian National Education, and Mr. Andrés Felipe Uribe Medina, Vice Minister of Employment and Pensions of the Ministry of Labor: presenting the Colombian perspective on the challenge to ensure that education systems equip all people with the skills needed for success in the future. • Mr. Andreas Schleicher – OECD Director for Education and Skills: presenting key findings from OECD research on identifying and addressing skills gaps in a dynamic economy.
13:50 – 15:15	<p>Plenary discussions</p> <p>2-3 participants will be given 5 minutes each to kick off the discussions.</p> <p>A moderator will facilitate discussions between all participants (both in-person and virtual) on what countries are doing to equip all people with the skills needed for success in the future. The moderator will stimulate the discussions with targeted questions, and a note-taker will take detailed notes.</p> <p>To facilitate open discussions, Chatham House rules are applied – any comments made during the meeting will not be attributed to specific countries or speakers.</p> <p>Questions for discussion</p> <p>The following questions for discussion are included in both the agenda and the issues paper that was circulated in advance of the Summit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the skills (e.g. foundational, digital and social and emotional skills) people need to fully contribute to and participate in digital and green economies? 2. What is your country doing to identify changing skills needs for different groups in rapidly changing societies? 3. What is your country doing to make education and training responsive to changes in skills needs? 4. How can national qualifications systems (including microcredentials) in your country help to improve the development and utilisation of skills in the labour market?
15:15 – 15:30	<p>Short break</p>

Closing Skills Summit 2022 (15:30-18:00)

15:30 – 16:45	<p><u>Closing statements</u></p> <p>In this closing plenary, the Chair and Co-Chair invite all Ministers and senior officials in a tour de table to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share final thoughts on the day, • What they think about differently after this day, • What they will do in their countries moving forward on skills for equity and sustainability • What the OECD could do to support them. <p>This is followed by a formal closing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair and Co-Chair will briefly present the next steps, including the summary and other announcements for follow up events. • Closing Remarks by President of Colombia, Mr. Iván Duque.
16:45 – 18:00	<p><u>Closing Reception</u></p> <p>The closing reception including a cultural act.</p>