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Concept Note

Employment Will Lift People from Poverty and Create Sustainable Development

As the world economy slowly recovers from the COVID19 crisis, world leaders will soon have to transfer their attention from strictly saving lives to focusing on a long term goal consisting of sustainable economic growth. This will take place when all people of the world will have quality jobs that will truly stimulate and not harm the environment.

Sustainable development is also taking place as urbanization is seeing people move to cities for jobs and a better life. This will progressively become a powerful driver of sustainable development as higher population density enables governments to more easily deliver essential services throughout urban areas at a relatively low cost.

Despite this progress, poverty is at endemic levels and growing. More than 600 million people were still living in extreme poverty as of 2017, and this number increased by 100 million three years later as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of people living in poverty will persist unless leaders create sufficient jobs with decent jobs with access to affordable housing, healthcare and energy.

The global pandemic has also given birth to a new threat to job security with the rise in technology-driven changes in the way people work. At least 100 million people will need to make occupational transitions by 2030 as we will witness a new set of eight advanced and emerging economies.

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