Upskilling Insights

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PwC CeO Insights

76% of global CeOs believe that *Global economic growth will improve over the next 12 months* Do you believe global economic growth will improve, stay the same or decline over the next 12 months?

Improve Stay the same Decline



How confident are you about your organisation's prospects for revenue growth over the next 12 months/three years?

(Showing only 'very confident' responses)

Confidence next 12 months Confidence next three years



47% of CeOs surveyed are

confident about their organisation's prospects for revenue growth over the next three years (Up from 34% in 2020)

CeO Insights - Skills Based Learning

The onus moving forward will be on what **skills** an employee has as opposed to their **formal qualifications**.

79% of CEOs worried about the availability of key skills – it's a 'top 3' risk issue for CEOs (PwC 22nd Annual Global CEO Survey)

35%

of skills needed by people will change by 2020 (WEF)

46%

of CEOs are primarily focused on reskilling to fill the gap (rather than hiring, links to education or gig talent) (PwC 22 Annual Global CEO Survey)

55%

are worried automation and/or other innovations will take their job away (2019 Edelman Trust Barometer)

62% of CEOs say it's harder to recruit in their industry now (PwC 22nd Annual Global CEO Survey)

74%

are ready to learn new skills or re-train to remain employable in the future (2018 Workforce of the Future)

48%

of CEOs say they're not able to innovate due to a lack of skilled people (PwC 22nd Annual Global CEO Survey) 60%

think 'few people will have stable, long-term employment in the future' (2018 Workforce of the Future)

Upskilling insights

By 2024, around **40% of workers** will require reskilling of up to six months

94% of business leaders report that they expect employees to pick up new skills on the job – a sharp uptick from **65% in 2018**.

COVID-19 has accelerated the need for Upskilling

Over 90% of the world's workers live in countries with workplace closures in place

The number of jobseekers leaving occupation fields blank when searching for jobs has **risen five percentage points to 28%** since the onset of COVID-19

Wide-scale investment in upskilling has the potential to boost GDP by \$6.5 trillion by 2030

Upskilling could lead to the net creation of **5.3 million new jobs by 2030**



The United States, India and China with the largest workforces will see the largest gains

38% of the additional GDP gained through upskilling will be created in the business services and manufacturing sectors:

Additional GDP potential due to upskilling, by global sector, 2030 (2019 prices, billion \$, % relative boost to sector GDP)



Upskilling - Hopes and Fears

The views of 32,500 workers:

Workers want more digital skills, more inclusivity and more flexibility

50% 39% are excited or confident about the future. within 5 years.	72% ete want a mix of remote and in- person working.	50% have been held back by discrimination at work.	
 People are concerned about Job Security 60% are worried that automation is putting many jobs at risk 48% believe traditional employment won't be around in the future 	skills during the pander	 Workers want to reskill 40% of workers successfully improved their digital skills during the pandemic 77% are ready to learn new skills or completely retrain 	
 Discrimination at work is holding people back 50% of workers have faced discrimination at work 14% of workers have experienced discrimination on the grounds of gender, with women twice as likely to report gender discrimination as men 	traditional commute and 72% of those who can	• Only 9% who can work remotely want to go back to a traditional commute and work environment full time.	

A call to action

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All stakeholders: Build a strong and interconnected ecosystem committed to a comprehensive upskilling agenda and give people the opportunity to participate

Government: Adopt an agile approach to driving national upskilling initiatives, working with business, non-profits and the education sector

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Business: Anchor upskilling and workforce investment as a core business principle and make time-bound pledges to act

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Education providers: Embrace the future of work as a source of reinvention to normalize lifelong learning for all