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ON POVERTY AND
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"Accelerating Inclusive and Fair Digital Transformation
to Anticipate Challenges Facing the Future of Work"

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Welcome Remarks

Widjajanti Isdijoso

Director, The SMERU Research Institute

In 2019, particularly right before the pandemic, SMERU conducted a forum on Toward an Inclusive Digital Economy and a study of Inclusive Digital Economy in Indonesia. We believe that various opportunities to drive digital transformation in all sectors need to be optimized, not only to accelerate economic growth and the postpandemic recovery, but also to reduce inequality and create a more equitable welfare. Acceleration of economic growth has always been the main goal of digital transformation, but it often pays little attention to the equity aspect of the benefits received by different groups of people.

Therefore, we raised an issue of the importance of encouraging a more inclusive and fair digital transformation in Indonesia as the main theme of today's discussion. Our research team has captured the latest trends and responses, identify various challenges—particularly related to various gaps that still exist, review policies and strategies that have been initiated and implemented, and develop recommendations to support a more equitable digital transformation in Indonesia.

In this morning's discussion, we will present the results of our analysis and thoughts on how to "Accelerate Inclusive and Fair Digital Transformation to Anticipate Challenges Facing the Future of Work" and discuss with various parties regarding solutions so that digital transformation can be optimized to reduce poverty and inequality. This discussion is expected to provide a deeper understanding of the challenges, both existing and new ones that continue to emerge, currently faced by Indonesia in encouraging inclusive digital transformation. We hope that this understanding will trigger consolidated efforts from the government, development partners, nongovernmental organizations, academics, researchers, and practitioners to implement policies and strategic steps to accelerate the postpandemic recovery and create more equitable welfare through inclusive digital transformation.

In this year's policy forum, SMERU is also collaborating with CIPPEC Argentina and GIZ Germany to raise discussions at the global level, particularly regarding the future of work in the Global South. This discussion aims to continuously support the efforts of the G20 countries after the Indonesian Presidency this year. After the morning session, which discusses the Indonesian case, this forum will continue with a broader discussion on the challenges faced by the Global South by drawing on the experiences of several countries, such as Brazil, India, and African countries.

Finally, on behalf of SMERU, we would like to thank GIZ, especially Jakob Lessin (Future of Work Advisor) and Sascha Heller, and CIPPEC, especially Ramiro Albrieu (Senior Researcher) and Megan Ballesty (Future of Work Consultant), for their support and cooperation. We also thank all the organizers and parties who have supported today's event.

Enjoy the discussion and thank you.



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SMERU 2022 Policy Forum on Poverty and Inequality is an event organized by SMERU that bring together representatives from the government, development partners, non-governmental organizations, academicians, researchers, and practitioners to discuss situations, challenges, and key strategies in optimizing digital transformation to accelerate the post-pandemic recovery.

Before this forum take place, SMERU has conducted a seminar series in October 2022 under Forum Kajian Pembangunan (FKP) consortium that discuss the latest development on how digital technology has been contributed to accelerate the pandemic recovery as well as how the pandemic become the momentum to allow more people participate and benefit from digital transformation. The issues raised in the discussion have been consolidated to be further discussed in this policy forum.

The objective of this forum is to present SMERU's policy paper on the "Accelerating Inclusive and Fair Digital Transformation to Anticipate Challenges Facing the Future of Work" and to discuss solutions where digital transformation can be optimize to fight against poverty and inequality.

The discussion is expected to provide a deeper understanding of persisting and new challenges Indonesia is facing in promoting inclusiveness in digital transformation as well as to trigger consolidated efforts from the government, development partners, various non-governmental organizations, academicians, researchers, and practitioners to pursue strategic policies and actions to accelerate the post-pandemic recovery through an inclusive digital transformation.



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MORNING SESSION (09.00-12.00 PM/GMT+7)			
No.	Time	Activities	Notes
1	08.30-08.45	Participant briefing & Introduction to the activities	Megan Ballesty and Ramiro Albrieu - CIPPEC
2	08.45-09.30	Short Activity involve all participants: "In your own words: How can the T20 support Global South countries when it comes to creating plenty of decent and future-oriented jobs?"	MODERATOR: Ramiro Albrieu – Senior researcher, CIPPEC
		Special Remarks from G20 Indonesia WG	Iwan Syahril – Chair of Education Working Group, G20 Indonesia
		Special Remarks from T20 Chairs	Djisman Simandjuntak, Chairs of T20 Indonesia
4	09.45-10.45	Toward T20 2023 India's agendas on the topics of future of work in Global South	<p>SPEAKERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prateek Kukreja - Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) Sabyasachi Saha - Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) Pankaj Vashisht – Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) <p>MODERATOR: Megan Ballesty, CIPPEC</p>
5	10.45-11.45	Lessons from G20 and T20 Indonesia 2022 "What has been Indonesia's approach toward the topics that fall within the labor markets and future of work thematic umbrella?"	<p>All participants: T20 Chairs, Task Force Chairs, G20 engagement groups, government representatives, civil society organisations, etc)</p> <p>MODERATOR: Megan Ballesty, CIPPEC</p>
6	11.45-11.55	Summary of the morning session and preparation for afternoon session	Heni Kurniasih – Institute Secretary, The SMERU Research Institute



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AFTERNOON WORKSHOP: Future Agendas (13.30-15.50 PM/GMT+7)			
No.	Time	Activities	Notes
1	13.30–15.30	What are the key obstacles toward the goal of creating plenty of decent and future-oriented jobs in the Global South? The participants will engage in a “causal diagram” exercise with the aim of identifying and discussing them. This structured exercise will involve groups of 6 to 8 people who will be asked to reflect on how megatrends and institutional responses shaping labor markets play a role in the quantity and quality of job creation in the Global South. As part of the activity input, they will be able to select ideas brought about by 60 researchers, experts, and policymakers from around the globe who participated in a previous collective intelligence exercise.	ALL-IN-PERSON GUESTS MODERATOR: Megan Ballesty, CIPPEC FACILITATORS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Megan Ballesty - Future of Work consultant, CIPPEC Ramiro Albrieu - Senior researcher, CIPPEC Jakob Lessin – Future of Work advisor, GIZ Niken Kusumawardhani, The SMERU Research Institute
2	15.30–15.40	Summary of afternoon workshop	Heni Kurniasih – Institute Secretary, The SMERU Research Institute
3	15.40–15.50	Final Remarks	Ramiro Albrieu (CIPPEC) Widjajanti Isdijoso (The SMERU Research Institute)



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Chair of Education
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Iwan Syahril is the Director General for Teachers and Education Personnel at the Indonesian Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology. He oversees the management, recruitment, and professional development of around 3 million teachers in Indonesia. Prior to taking up the position in 2020, he was the Dean of Faculty of Education at Sampoerna University. DG Syahril has two doctorate degrees from Michigan State University, two masters degrees from Columbia University, and a bachelor's degree from Universitas Padjajaran.



**Djisman
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Chairs of T20 Indonesia

Prof. Dr. Djisman S. Simandjuntak has been the President Commissioner of PT Indoritel Makmur Internasional Tbk. since May 20, 2015. Prof. Dr. Simandjuntak serves as the Chairman of the Board of Management of Centre for Strategic International Studies (CSIS) and Rector of Universitas Prasetya Mulya.

He has been an Independent Commissioner of PT Indo Tambangraya Megah Tbk since July 27, 2007 and its President Commissioner since March 2018. He serves as a Commissioner at PT Indoritel Makmur Internasional Tbk. He started his career as an Auditor in SGV Utomo from 1973 to 1974, became Head of the Department of Economics Affairs of CSIS from 1984 to 1987, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of CSIS from 1999 to 2005 and Dean of Prasetya Mulya Business School from 1989 to 2003. He was a Commissioner of PT Bank Lippo Tbk.



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Ramiro Albrieu
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Ramiro is a Principal Investigator at CIPPEC's Economic Development Program leading the "Future of Work in the Global South" initiative, and a Macroeconomics professor at the University of Buenos Aires. He is also an Associate Researcher at the Center for the Study of State and Society (CEDES) and at the Commitment to Equity Institute (CEQ) at Tulane University, as well as a member of the T-20 "Technological Change and the Future of Work" task force.



Prateek Kukreja
Indian Council for
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Prateek Kukreja is a Fellow at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), where he is leading the G20 Research Programme. His research primarily focuses on the G20, labour markets, skills and creative economy. Prior to joining ICRIER, he has been associated with various government and non-governmental organisations. He frequently writes columns for a number of leading news publications. His work has appeared in high-impact peer-reviewed journals like the Oxford Development Studies, Indian Journal of Labour Economics and others. He holds a PhD in Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and a Masters in Development Economics from the South Asian University, New Delhi.



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Sabyasachi Saha
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Dr. Sabyasachi Saha is an Associate Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi since 2021. He has been Assistant Professor at RIS (2014-2020) and full-time Consultant at RIS during 2013-14. He specialises in innovation economics, trade and technology, international trade, technology and development policy.

He has regularly participated in official policy forums at the UN Headquarters and other UN led platforms and has been an active contributor on partnerships, regional cooperation and technology facilitation for SDGs. He has also been contributing to G20, BRICS and South-Asia Think-Tank forums and networks. Recently, he has also contributed as Member of the Thematic Group on Sustainable Technologies for Govt. of India's forthcoming Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2020.



Pankaj Vashisht
Research and Information
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Dr Vashisht is an Associate Professor at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based Think-Tank. Prior to joining RIS, he was with Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relation. Dr Vashisht has more than 15 years of experience in policy oriented research. He specialises in the field of International trade, Technology, Labour Economics and Applied Econometrics. He has worked closely with policymakers in India both at centre and state level. He has also conducted research studies for various international organisations such as The World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Elcano Royal Institute and Indian industry associations such as Auto Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) and Society of Indian Auto Manufacturers (SIAM).



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Niken is a senior researcher specializing in quantitative methodology. She conducts applied development microeconomic research in the fields of labor market, gender, poverty, digitalization, and micro-, small-, and medium-scale enterprises. Her areas of expertise are impact evaluation of public policy, development of household surveys, and the use of econometrics for policy analysis. She also led the development of longitudinal household survey on poor women's access to public services as well as other surveys on various topics, such as the well-being of children of migrant parents and the use of digitalization by micro- and small-scale enterprises in times of COVID-19 pandemic.



Jakob Lessin
Future of Work
advisor, GIZ

Jakob Lessin is a "Future of Work" advisor at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. He is Responsible for the implementation of the 'national component' of the project with activities in India and Rwanda. His role is also to support the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) in promoting Global Business Services (GBS) in Rwanda, the Special Initiative on Training and Job Creation in Rwanda, and also to support the project's activities related to the G20/T20 Presidencies.



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Megan Ballesty
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Megan Ballesty: Megan is a consultant at CIPPEC's Economic Development Program, where she coordinates the activities of the Future of Work in the Global South initiative. She holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Economics and a Master's degree in Public Management. Before joining CIPPEC, Megan was a Project Coordinator at the Argentinian public sector, where she led initiatives related to Open Government, Open Data, and the measurement of the digital economy.



Heni Kurniasih
Institute Secretary,
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Heni is The SMERU Research Institute's Secretary. Heni focuses on linking research to policy to build stakeholder engagement and support interlinked institutions, formally and informally. Her work addresses crosscutting policy and governance issues involving complex interactions among diverse actors and institutions at multiple levels: the government, NGOs, academics, communities, and international development agencies. She has intensively worked on developing collaborations between independent research organizations and policymakers. She has closely engaged with policymakers at national, provincial, and district levels through projects, such as Regional Development Forum.



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SMERU Research Institute (SMERU) is an independent institution for research and policy studies. Our scope of work covers a wide range of socioeconomic issues, primarily from the perspective of poverty and inequality.

We have 20+ years of experience in research focusing on poverty and inequality, social protection, and human development in Indonesia. We actively work to promote pro-poor policies at the national and regional levels through research-based evidence. We implement Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) approach in all of our work.

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CIPPEC works to promote a just, democratic and efficient State that improves the quality of life for all Argentine citizens.

CIPPEC is an independent nonprofit organization that works on better building public policies. We promote policies that would make Argentina more developed, more equal, with the same opportunities for all and solid and efficient public institutions. We want a fair, democratic and inclusive society, where everyone has the possibility to grow.

CIPPEC envisions a developed Argentina, with an equitable distribution of income, equal opportunities, solid and efficient public institutions. The organization aims to consolidate a just, democratic society, open to the world, in which all people can develop in freedom.

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