Introducing the SPEAKERS

Looking ahead to 2020, speakers will help identify the skills needed by our societies and economies as well as the increasing role and responsibilities of educators in providing them.

A thought-provoking keynote presentation will be followed by a lively panel discussion amongst an international panel of speakers followed by question and answer sessions.

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We need to think harder about how we identify the right mix of skills that will be needed for strong, sustainable and equitable growth in the 21st century.

Today, education and training systems need to prepare learners for more rapid change than ever before, for jobs that have not yet been created, using technologies that have not yet been invented, to solve problems that cannot be foreseen.

How can education systems anticipate the demand for skills and design effective learning organisations and instructional methods accordingly?

How can governments build effective coalitions with other education stakeholders to ensure sustainable and equitable financing to meet rising demand for better skills?