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**EXTENDED  
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FOURTH INDUSTRIAL  
REVOLUTION

**#SA4IR**

Shaping  
South  
Africa's  
futures



The Future of Work Beyond 2020

# Outline:

## **Fourth Industrial Revolution**

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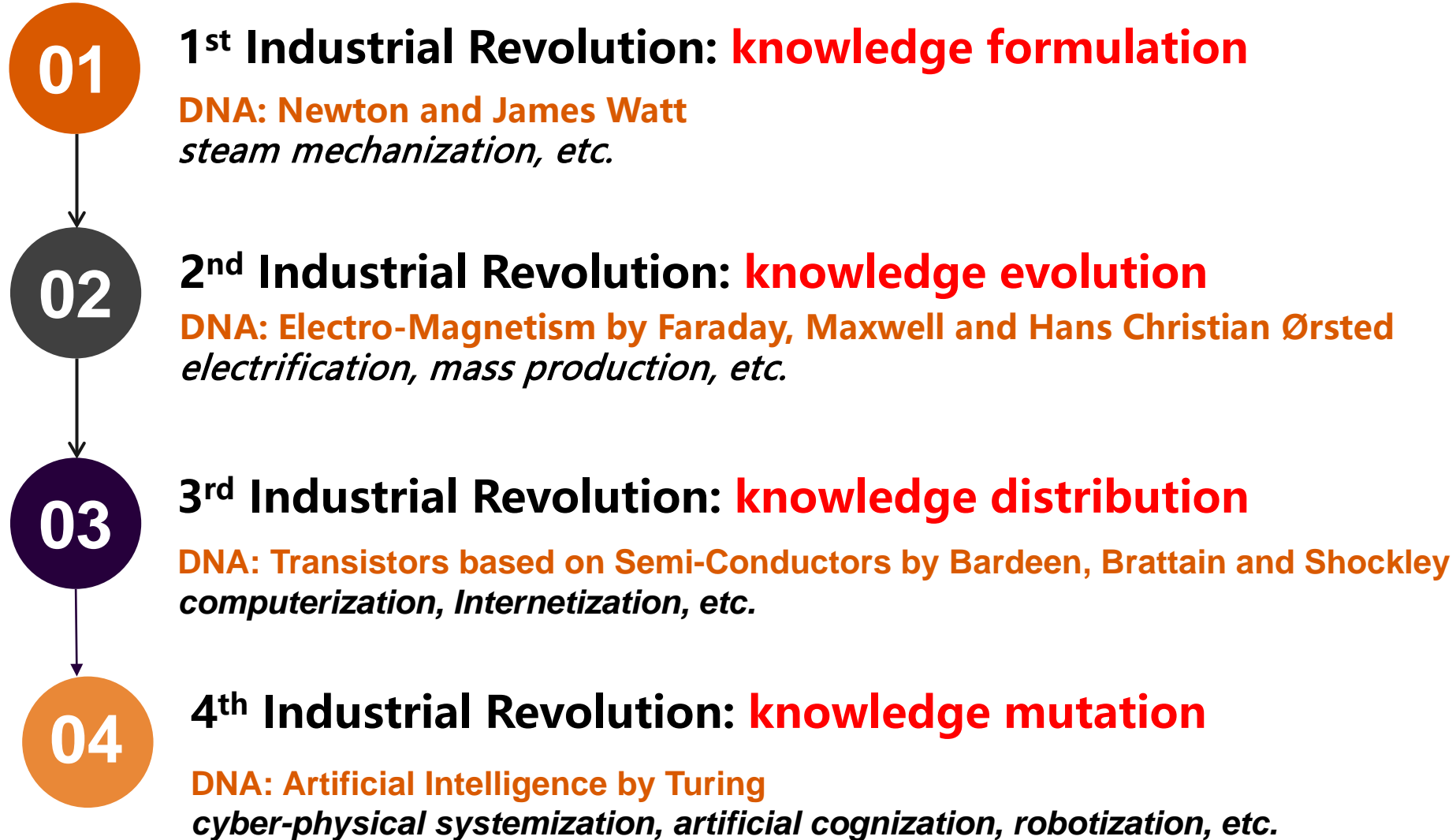
**The New World of Work**

**Remote Work**

**Some Job Roles**

# Fourth Industrial Revolution:

“The Fourth Industrial Revolution is about more than just technology-driven change; it is an opportunity to help everyone, including leaders, policymakers, and people from all income groups and nations, to harness converging technologies in order to create an inclusive, human-centered future” - WEF



# Top 10 skills

## in 2020

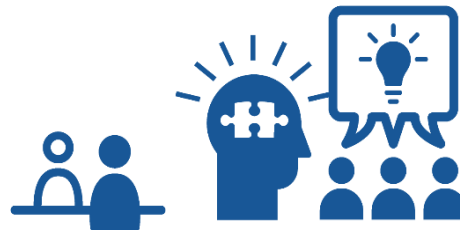
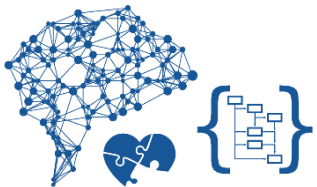
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3. Creativity
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8. Service Orientation
9. Negotiation
10. Cognitive Flexibility

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## 2050

- Moravec's Dilemma
- Most of these skills will be in machines
- What shall remain then?



# Consequences of the 4thIR

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- Post-work era (due to advanced means of production)
- **Irrelevance** in the 4<sup>th</sup>IR versus **exploitation** of 1<sup>st</sup>IR
- Increase **inequality**
- Bounded **freedom** (we are being watched)
- Bounded decision making by humans
- Bounded nationalism
- Bounded **democracy** – (democracy in peril)
- Laws and **ethics** to regulate automation
- New **economic theories**
- Human-Robot interaction will create **new psychology** in people

# Three Forces Shaping the Future of Work



BY 2020: Global access to markets and talent will reshape business



Globalization



BY 2020: Five generations will be working side-by-side in organizations



Demographics



BY 2020: Social media will connect employees, customers, and partners for immediate communication



Social Web

## Some of the rapidly growing technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution:

- Artificial intelligence (AI)
- Big data analytics
- Machine learning (ML)
- Robotics
- Quantum computing
- Biotechnology
- Additive or 3D printing,
- Nanotechnology
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Blockchain







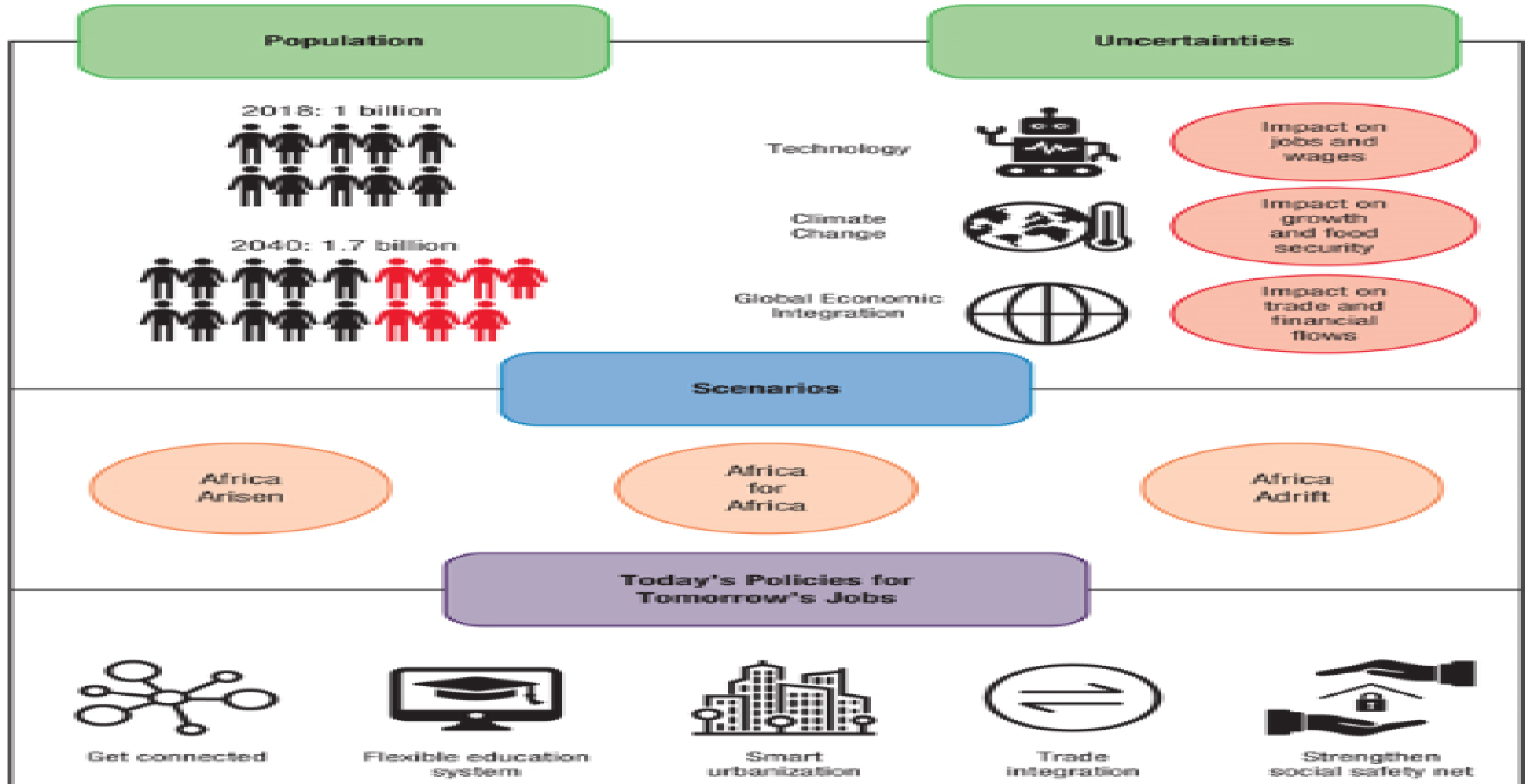


# Global Perspective:

Country	Strategy Name	Competitive Thrust	Human Capital	Industrialisation	Enablers
<b>Germany</b> 	Industrie 4.0 (I4.0)	Drive (decentralised) digital manufacturing	Technology (within broader High-Tech Strategy) to drive prosperity and maintain citizen's quality of life	Superior and efficient manufacturing	Private/Public partnerships in experimental research. Regulation, in particular financial services and data management.
<b>India</b> 	#AI4AL	Technology leadership for inclusive growth	Technology-led / -enabled socio-economic transformation	Social priorities drive technological advancement	Research leadership- the world's CERN for AI
<b>Japan</b> 	Society 5.0 (The 5th Science and Technology Basic Plan)	Resolution of social challenges through 4IR technologies	Improve wellbeing of citizens through deep integration of technology into the delivery of public and private goods.	Desired social outcomes determine technology priorities and deployment	Regulation of the trade of data and incorporation of such rules into the World Trade Organisation.

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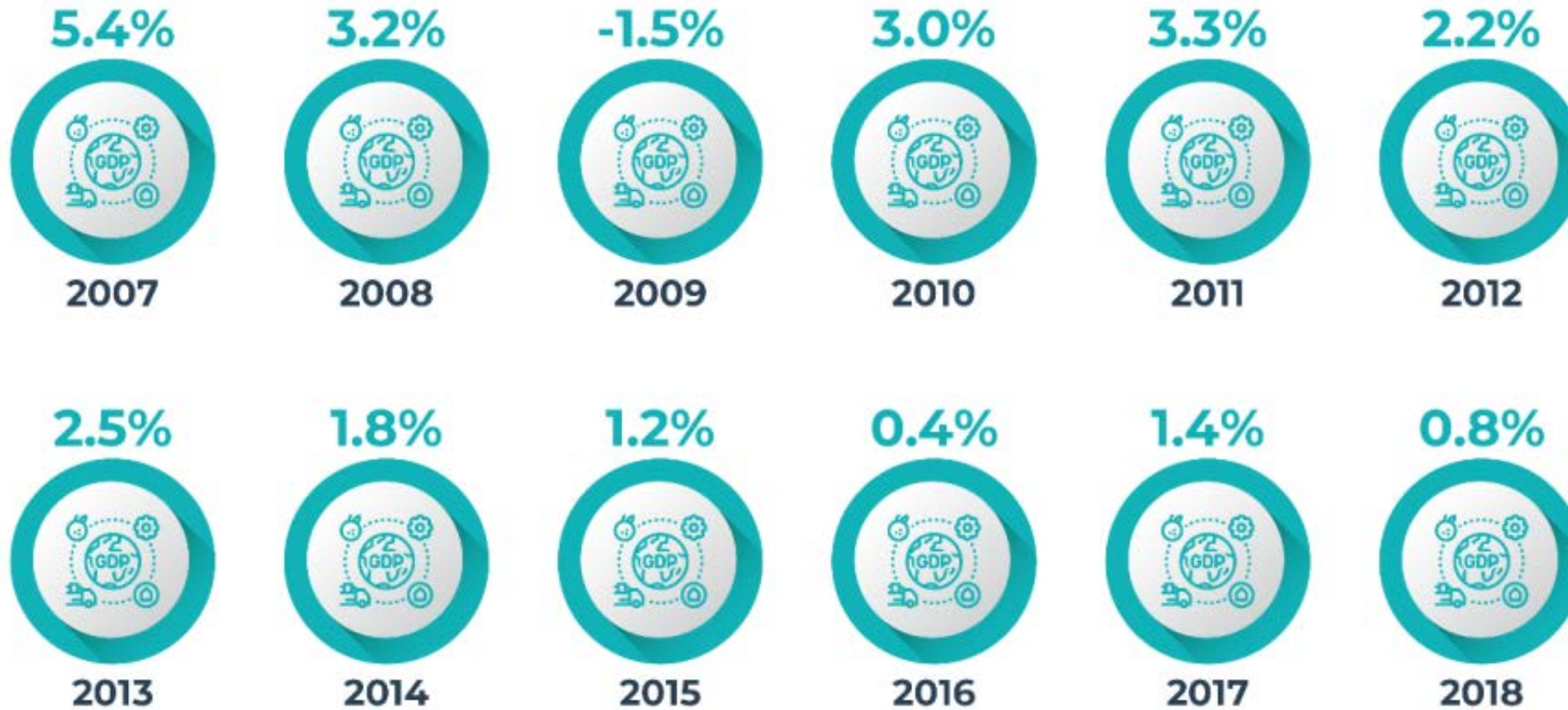
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<b>Malaysia</b> 	Industry4WRD	Digital transformation of manufacturing	Manufacturing efficiency, productivity to drive economic growth	Economic and industrial priorities inform strategy	SMME Development
<b>Singapore</b> 	Smart Nation	Digitisation of all areas of life, especially government service delivery	Digitally-enhanced government service delivery	Service-delivery priorities drive technology strategy	Clear & centralised industrial policy planning & infrastructure deployment
<b>United Kingdom</b> 	Industrial Strategy	Asserting global business leadership through AI	Invest in re-training the workforce; establish world-leading technical education centres; attract best minds in AI	Transport; housing & digital infrastructure are the focus areas	Private-public sector deals; investment in venture capital for new enterprises; SMME productivity & growth
<b>United Arab Emirates</b> 	UAE's Fourth Industrial Strategy	Becoming the world's hub and lab for 4IR applications	Enhancing quality of life through e-government and smart consumer experience	E-government; Food & Water Security; Advanced defence manufacturing & smart cities.	Become the world's open lab for autonomous and sustainable mobility to lead the innovations in transportation



# South African Perspective:



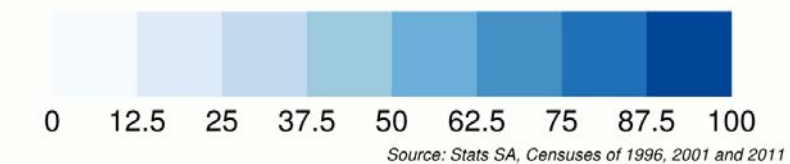
# South African Economy:



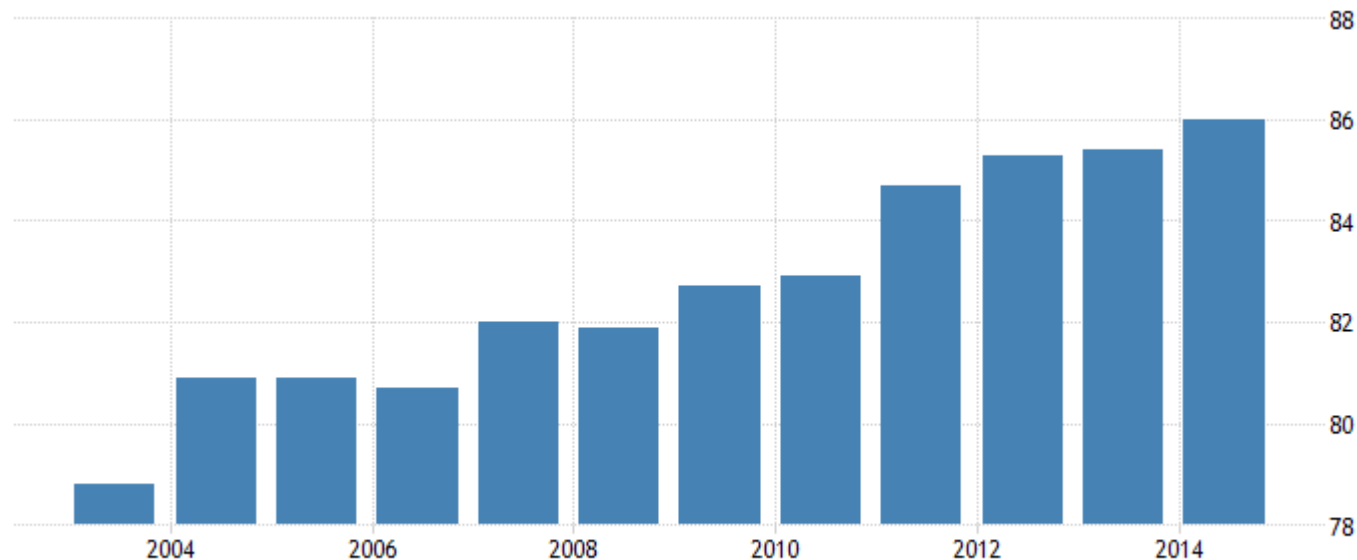
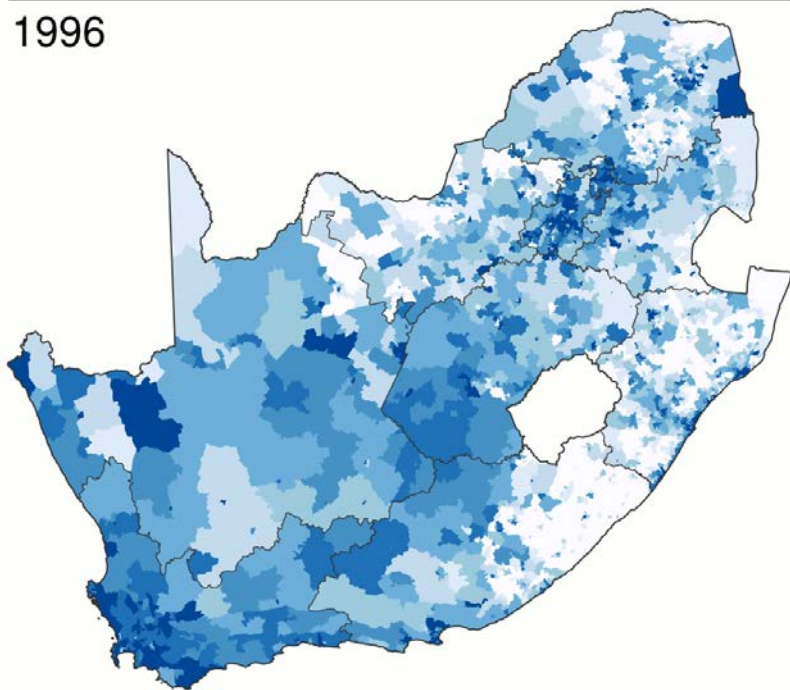
# Electricity access:

## Electrification in South Africa, 1996–2011

Percentage of households using electricity as their main energy source for lighting



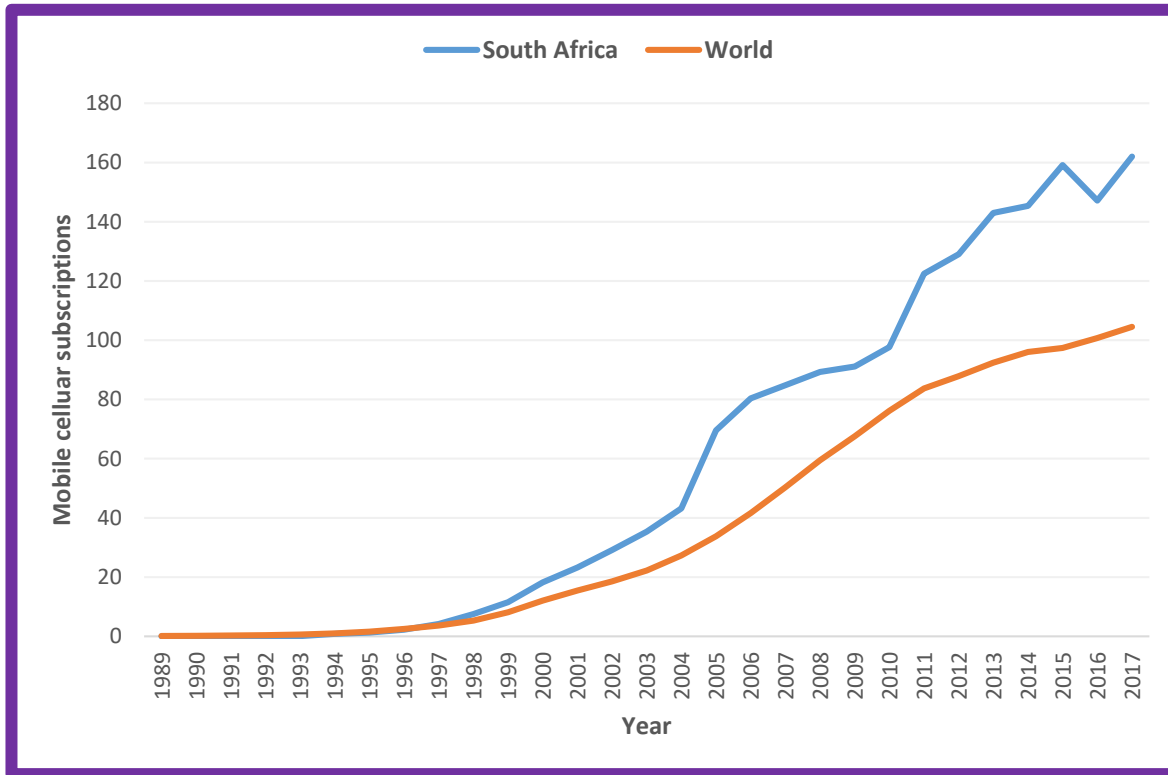
1996



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# Internet access:



## Selected Top Countries for Mobile Subscriptions, 2014

Ranked by Total Mobile Subscriptions:	Total Population (MM)	Mobile Subscriptions (MM)	Smartphone % of Mobile Subscriptions
China	1,356	1,301	39%
India	1,236	907	15
Indonesia	254	343	19
Brazil	203	274	35
Russia	142	253	23
Pakistan	196	144	6
Nigeria	177	143	16
Vietnam	93	124	17
Philippines	108	113	26
Mexico	120	110	27
Egypt	87	103	19
Iran	81	99	10
Thailand	68	99	29
South Africa	48	73	31
Turkey	82	70	33
Total Mobile Subscriptions (MM)		4,153MM	—
Weighted-Avg. of Smartphone as % of Mobile Subs			26%

## DIGITAL REACH IN SOUTH AFRICA

The following tables summarise the internet penetration rates and usage across South Africa.

Internet Penetration			Key Digital Indicators	
Total number of active Internet users	30.81 million		Total population	57.06 million (66% urbanisation)
Internet users as a percentage of the total population	54%		Active social media users	18.00 million (32% penetration)
Total number of active mobile Internet users	29.20 million		Unique mobile users	38.00 million (67% penetration)
Mobile Internet users as a percentage of the total population	51%		Active mobile social users	16.00 million (28% penetration)
Web Traffic by Device			Devices used most often to access internet	
		Y-on-Y change	Access the Internet most often via a computer or tablet	6%
Laptops and desktops	25%	+45%	Access equally via a smartphone and computer or tablet	10%
Mobile phones	71%	-9%	Access the Internet most often via a smartphone	69%
Tablet devices	4%	-16%		
Other devices	0.05%	+67%		

Source: GSMA, 2018; Statcounter, 2018; We are social, 18:15:38 UTC)





<https://fr.weforum.org/videos/the-great-reset-726dedeacb>

# South Africa – COVID-19:

	Days	COVID-19 Spread	Health System Readiness
Level 1	21 Sept -	Low	High
Level 2	35	Moderate	High
Level 3	78	Moderate	Moderate
Level 4	31	Moderate to High	Low to Moderate
Level 5	36	High	Low



## South Africa

Total cases

729K

+1 241

Recovered

659K

Deaths

19 539

+74



## Worldwide

Total cases

47,4M

Recovered

31,6M

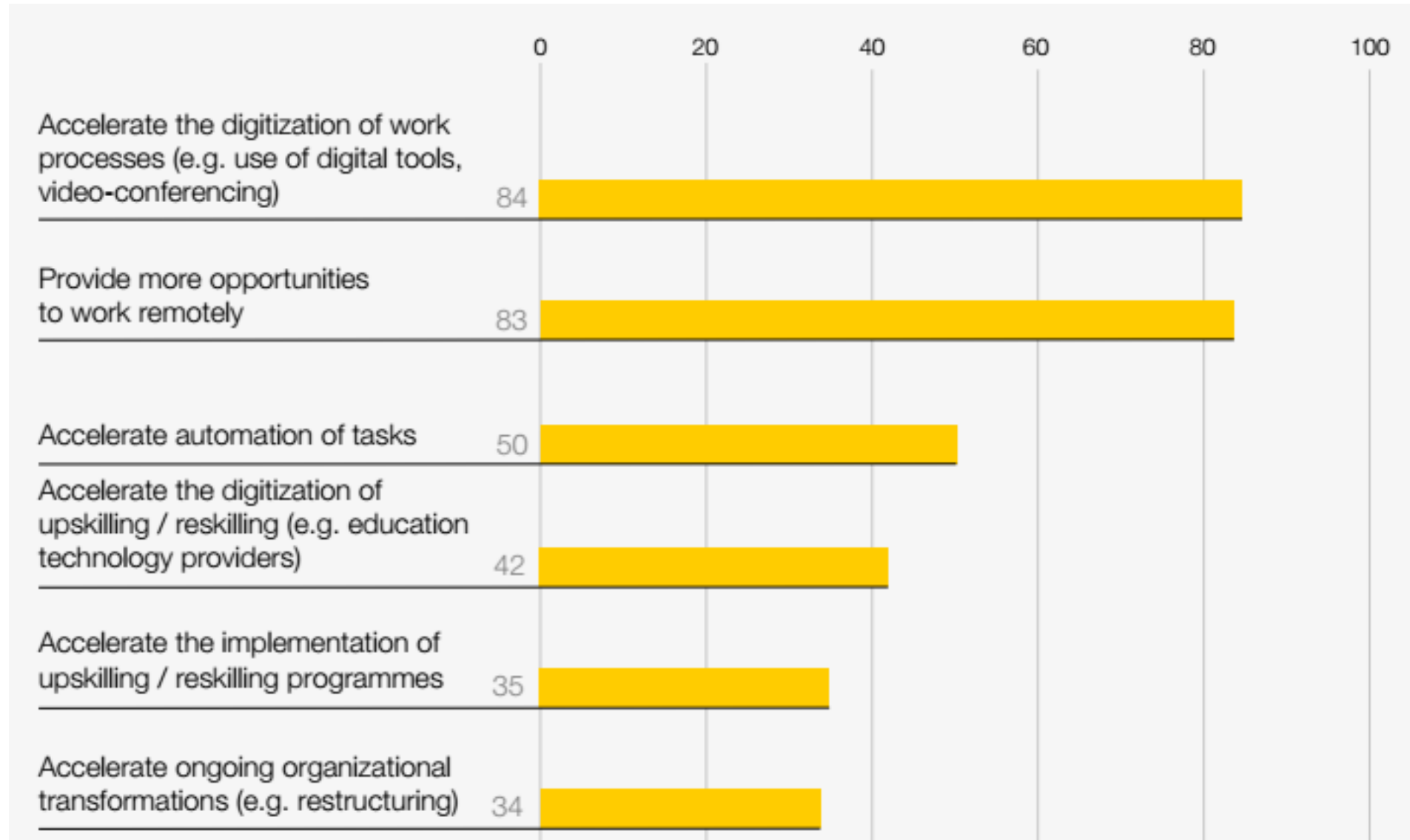
Deaths

1,21M

<https://www.gov.za/covid-19/about/about-alert-system>

Mid 2020 - 93% of the world's workers resided in countries with some form of workplace closure measure in place to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

# Planned Business Measures in Response to COVID-19:



## Recommendations of PC4IR:

- Invest in Human Capital
- Establish an AI Institute
- Establish a platform for Advanced Manufacturing and New Materials
- Secure and Avail Data for Innovation
- Incentivize future Industries, Platforms and Applications of 4IR Technologies
- Build 4IR Infrastructure
- Review and Amend (Create) policy and legislation
- Establish 4IR Strategy Implementation coordination council in the Presidency

# Five Imperatives for resetting the future of work agenda: 22



# Transforming Organization design and work design:

Empower an agile and distributed workforce

complex, multilayered, matrix structures to a network structure

Explore hybrid working options

expand talent base beyond traditional sources – geographically as well as demographically.

# Transforming Organization Design and Work Design:

## Pivot to remote working

- New digital tools
- Clarifying remote work policies
- Fostering employee engagement and mental health
- Providing equipment for home working

## Redesign the workspace

- The role of office space??
- Are offices essential??
- Remodeling offices for creative and activity based work



# Aligning new technology and skills:

## Embrace technology for business transformation

- 80% of global employers have accelerated the digitization of work processes
- Technology will continue to be a key enabler for businesses
- Digital guides to educate people across the organization on digital skills

## Integrate reskilling and upskilling

- Current workforce needs to be empowered to grow with the organization
- Lifelong learning cultures within the organization

# Cultivating health and well-being

Consider total well-being:

Physical, mental and financial well-being

Enable safe return to office

## **Building a human-centric leadership culture:**

- Empower local leaders and improve communication
- Enhance employee listening and enable human connection

# Remote | virtual | on demand Concerns (pre-Covid)

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**According to entrepreneur.com the main concerns include:**

- Different time zones to juggle
- Lack of real-time collaboration
- Misplacing information
- Confidentiality
- Not trusting workers they can't monitor
- Limited control over how employees truly spend their time and create work-life boundaries
- A belief that you need lots of extra tools, policies, training, and techniques to manage remote teams
- The switch seems like too big of a challenge

# Remote Working - Maturity Framework

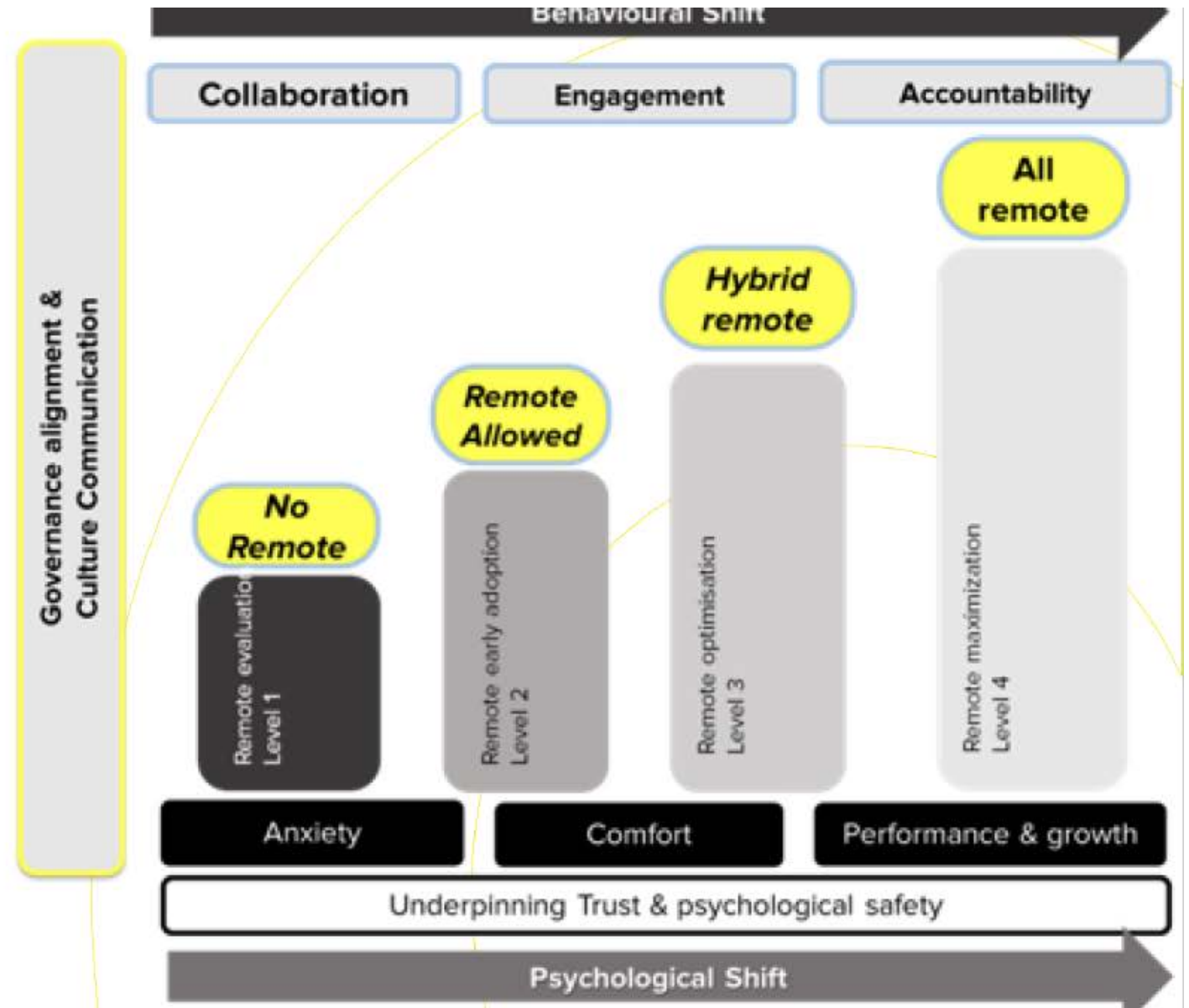
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Once the excitement of remote work set-up wears off after a few weeks, the question really is how to prevent:

- **A degenerating work culture**
- **Distraction and loss of accountability**
- **Dipping team morale and emotional commitment**
- **A reduced team bond and trust**
- **Isolation and psychological illnesses**

You should be asking yourself, **how to build a sustainable remote work organisation?**

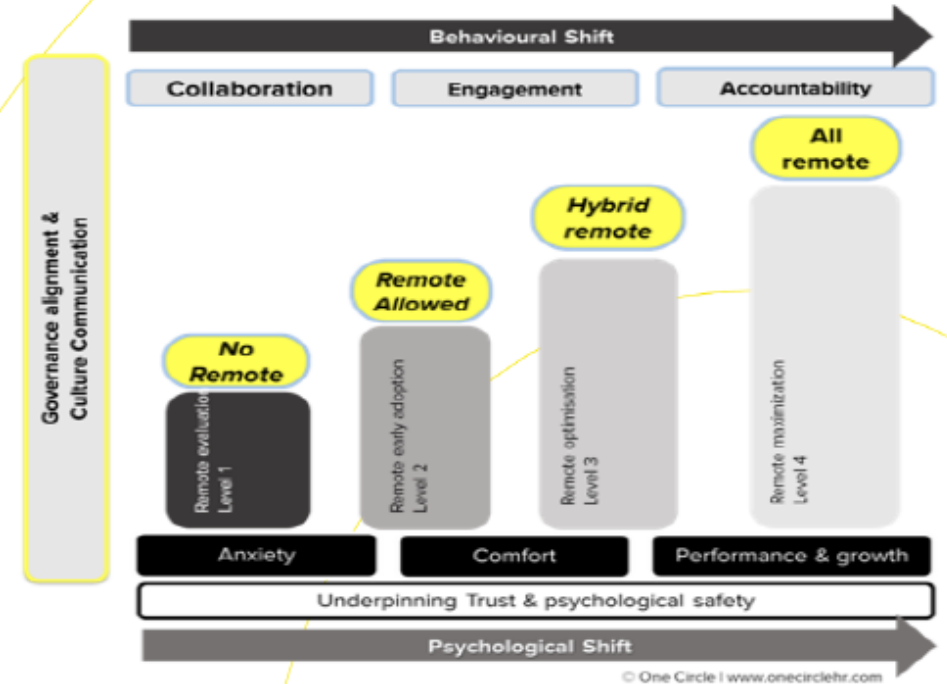
# Remote Working Maturity Framework



# Remote Working Maturity - 10 critical factors

Below are 10 critical factors to help you craft your journey and transition to remote working:

1. Leadership
2. Organisational Design
3. Culture and Values
4. Strategy & Goals
5. Performance
6. Learning
7. Communication & Engagement
8. Reward & Recognition
9. Employee Wellness & Ergonomics (psychological safety)
10. Technology & Tools



# What are you looking for today as a business?

## **What should you be looking for today as a business?**

- Fairly priced quality
- Flexibility
- Speed
- Sustainability

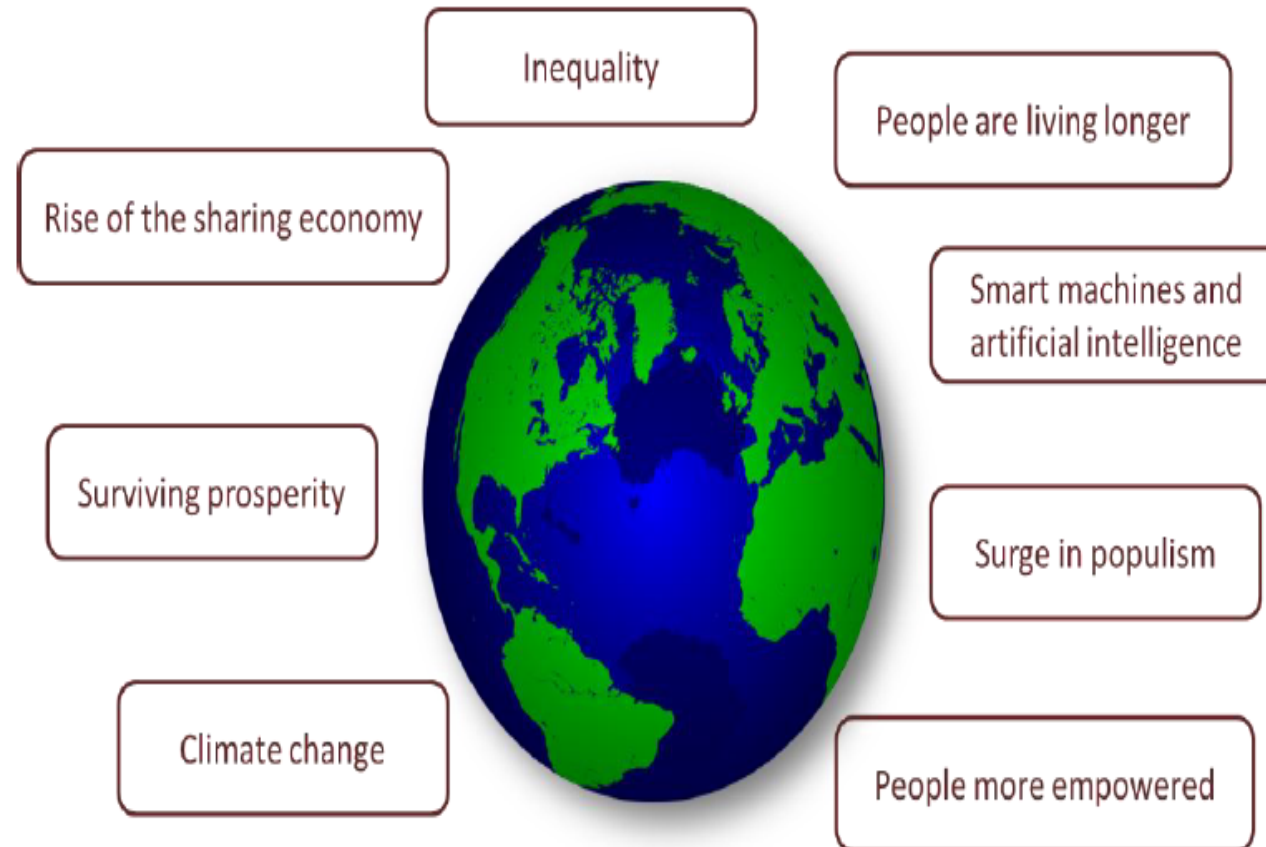
**Adaptability is your differentiator**

An **outside-in** change that is **reshaping** the business landscape.



## General environmental context

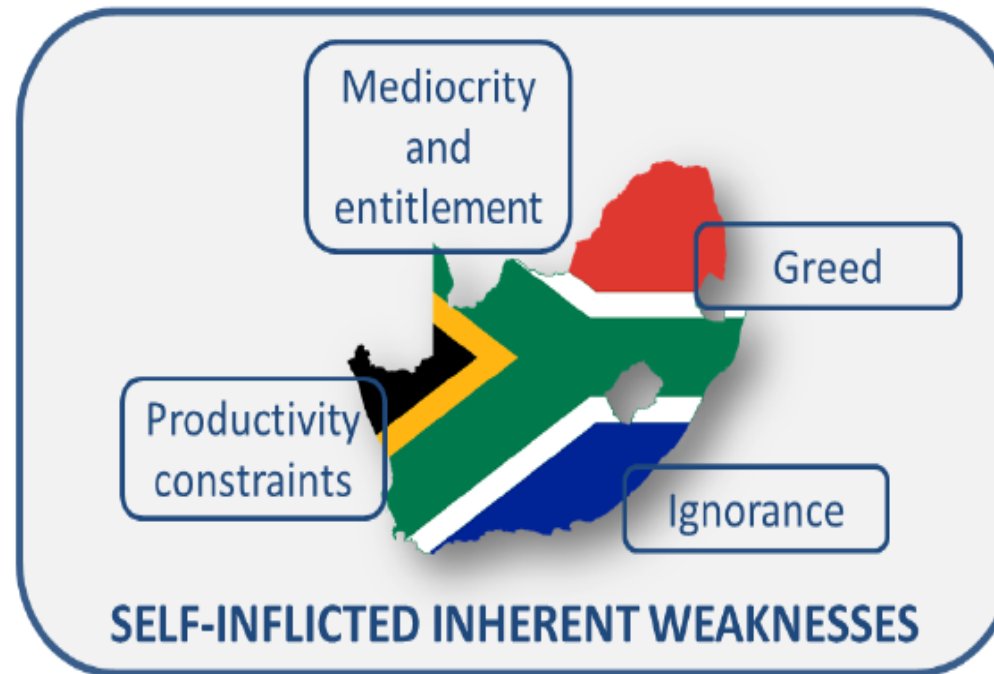
A number of global trends are influencing the world of work. In South Africa, we are feeling the influence of these trends in the economy as a whole, but also on industry and personal levels.



## The South African problematique

The South African economy finds itself in the grips of significant forces in a crisis-prone and volatile external environment as well as some self-inflicted inherent weaknesses.

### EXTERNAL FACTORS: A crisis-prone and volatile environment



Global recession

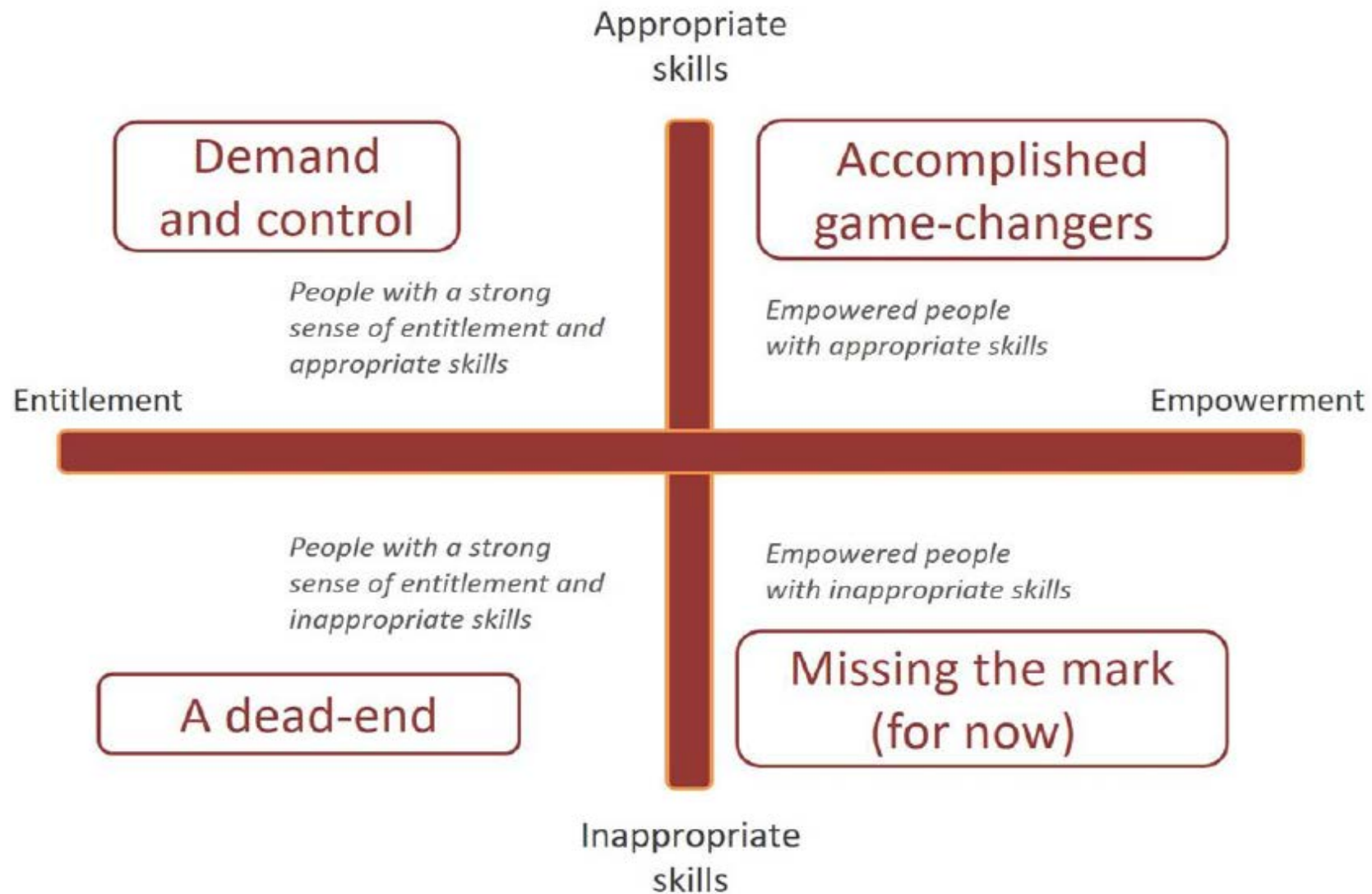
Tepid growth in Western Europe

Growth slowdown in China

Debilitating drought

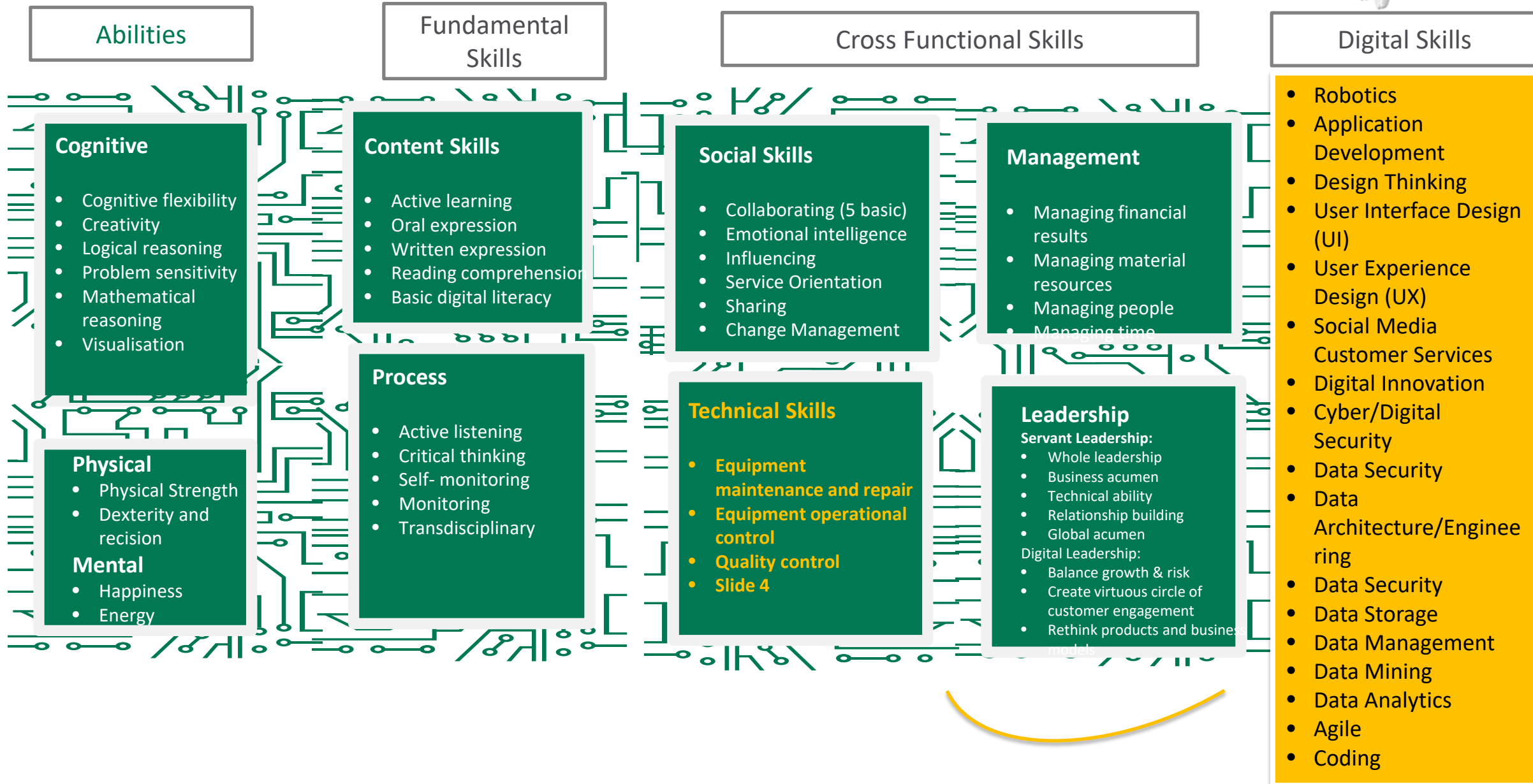
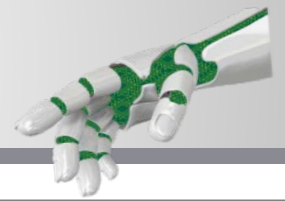
Decline in resource prices

# The world of work in South Africa in 2030





# Skills of the Future



# Country Profile South Africa

## Education & skills

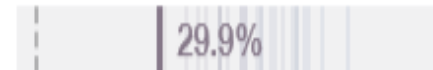
Digital skills among active population\*  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 2019-2020



Attainment of basic education  
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Business relevance of basic education\*  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 2019-2020



Attainment of advanced education  
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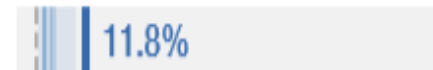
Business relevance of tertiary education\*  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 2019-2020



Supply of business-relevant skills\*  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 2019-2020



Unempl. rate among workers with adv. educ.  
2019



Unempl. rate among workers with basic educ.  
2019

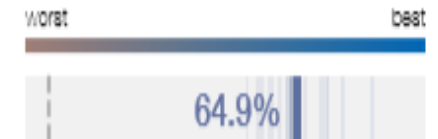


Share of youth not in empl., educ. or training  
2020



## Jobs & work

Labour force participation  
2019



Vulnerable employment  
2020



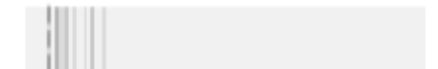
Working cond. impact of gig economy\*  
2020



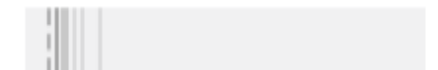
Unemployment rate  
2019



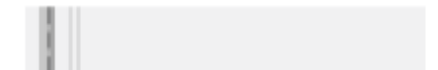
Unemployment rate  
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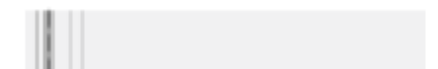
Unemployment, monthly  
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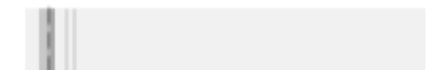
Unemployment rate change  
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Unemployment rate change, women  
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Unemployment rate change, men  
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\* The figures presented for these indicators are rebased 0-100% progress scores, with 0 being the worst performance, and 100 being the best performance.

# Jobs – Redundancy and Emerging Skills

## Emerging and redundant job roles

Role identified as being in high demand or increasingly redundant within their organization, ordered by frequency

### EMERGING

1.	Process Automation Specialists
2.	Data Analysts and Scientists
3.	Social Psychologists
4.	Management and Organisation Analysts
5.	Business Development Professionals
6.	Big Data Specialists
7.	Assembly and Factory Workers
8.	Compliance Officers
9.	Chemists and Chemical Laboratory Scientists
10.	AI and Machine Learning Specialists

### REDUNDANT

1.	Accounting, Bookkeeping and Payroll Clerks
2.	Client Information and Customer Service Workers
3.	Data Entry Clerks
4.	Administrative and Executive Secretaries
5.	Vehicle, Window, Laundry and Other Hand Cleaning Workers
6.	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technic...
7.	Insurance Underwriters
8.	Business Services and Administration Managers
9.	Assembly and Factory Workers
10.	Accountants and Auditors

## Emerging skills

Skills identified as being in high demand within their organization, ordered by frequency

1.	Analytical thinking and innovation
2.	Critical thinking and analysis
3.	Troubleshooting and user experience
4.	Leadership and social influence
5.	Complex problem-solving
6.	Systems analysis and evaluation
7.	Creativity, originality and initiative
8.	Technology use, monitoring and control
9.	Quality control and safety awareness
10.	Persuasion and negotiation
11.	Emotional intelligence
12.	Technology installation and maintenance
13.	Resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility
14.	Reasoning, problem-solving and ideation
15.	Active learning and learning strategies

# Top 15 skills for 2025

1	Analytical thinking and Innovation	9	Resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility
2	Active learning and learning strategies	10	Reasoning, problem-solving and Ideation
3	Complex problem-solving	11	Emotional Intelligence
4	Critical thinking and analysis	12	Troubleshooting and user experience
5	Creativity, originality and Initiative	13	Service orientation
6	Leadership and social Influence	14	Systems analysis and evaluation
7	Technology use, monitoring and control	15	Persuasion and negotiation
8	Technology design and programming		

## Source

Future of Jobs Survey 2020, World Economic Forum.

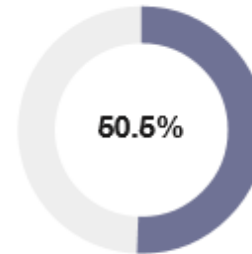
# Industry Focus – Financial Services



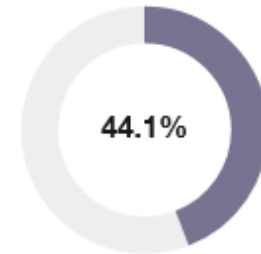
20.8%

Average share of workers at risk  
of displacement

Expected redeployment  
success rate of displaced  
workers



Average skills  
instability among  
workforce

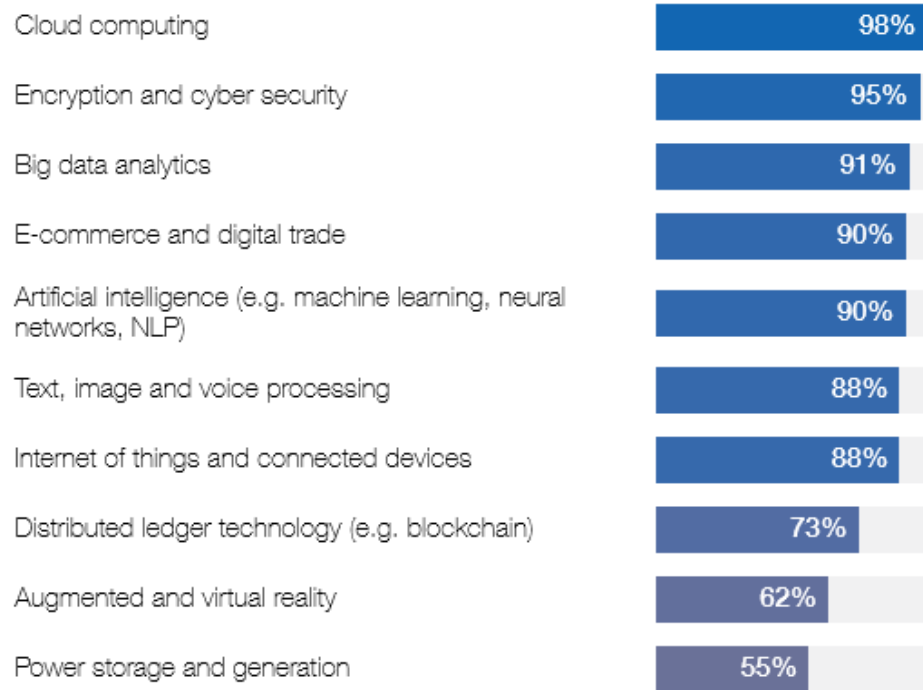




# Tech Adoption and Emerging Skills

## Technology adoption in industry

Share of companies surveyed

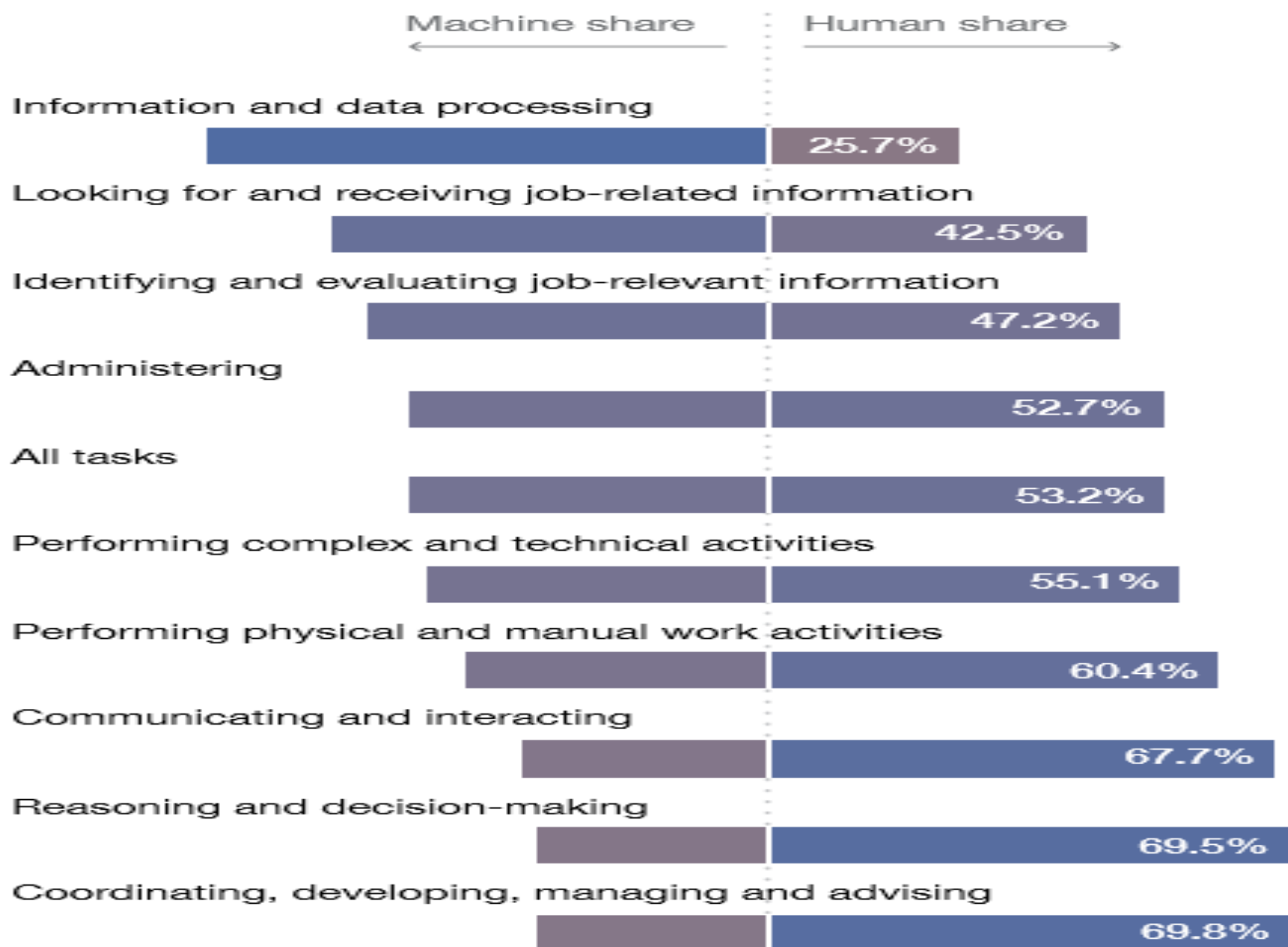


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12.	Service orientation
13.	Resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility
14.	Systems analysis and evaluation
15.	Instruction, mentoring and teaching

## Augmentation of key job tasks by 2024



# South African Perspective –Jobs of the future and Influencers

## Trends set to positively influence business growth towards 2022

- Increasing adoption of new technology
- Increasing availability of big data
- Advances in mobile internet
- Advances in artificial intelligence
- Advances in cloud technology
- Shifts in national economic growth
- Expansion of affluence in developing economies
- Expansion of education
- Advances in new energy supplies and technologies
- Expansion of the middle classes

## Trends set to negatively influence business growth towards 2022

- Increasing protectionism
- Increase in cyber threats
- Shifts in government policy
- Effects of climate change
- Increasingly older societies
- Shifts in legislation on talent migration
- Shifts in national economic growth
- Shifts in the mindset of the new generation
- Shifts in global macroeconomic growth
- Advances in artificial intelligence

# Health sector: increasing roles

Recreational  
wellness  
therapists

Nurse  
practitioner

VR experience  
designers

Drone monitors (in  
new delivery models)

Home  
health aide

Online  
diagnosis

Care-bots

Medical  
tourism

Co-bot  
surgeons

App developers  
(linking medical devices)

Geriatric  
carer

Geneticist

Wellness  
mentor



# Energy (oil and coal) sector: increasing roles

Solar  
technician

Designers  
of solar  
systems

Energy  
optimisers

Multi-  
source grid  
managers

Solar  
engineers

Wind  
energy  
technician

Process  
automation  
specialists

Data analysts

Forecourt  
destination manager

Re-trainers  
(enabling existing oil and coal  
workers to acquire new skills)

Designers of  
wind energy  
systems

# Transport sector: increasing roles

Data  
analysts

AI and  
machine  
learning  
specialists

System  
optimisers

Infrastructure designers

Supply  
chain and  
logistics  
specialists

Transport hub  
experience  
managers

Solution  
designers

Blockchain management of  
transport routes, bookings, etc

VR Training  
developers

Transport concierge

Drone  
operators



Roles and activities expected to decrease

Roles and activities expected to increase

# Public sector: increasing roles

Digital  
transformation  
specialists

Digital  
currency  
people

Embassies taking a  
bigger role as  
business developers  
and facilitators

People  
facilitating  
optimisation  
across  
departments

Process  
automation  
specialists

‘Connectors’ across  
departments – to identify  
opportunities for working  
together

Cybersecurity  
monitors and  
professionals

AI ethics officers  
and coders

Repurposers:  
people turning  
concrete jungles  
into greener  
spaces

# Services sector: increasing roles

Digital  
transformation  
specialists

Human-  
machine  
integration  
coaches

User  
experience  
designers

Artists  
that  
create  
sensory-  
focused  
items

Experience agents  
(travel agents that  
design and book  
customized  
experiences)

AI and  
machine  
learning  
specialists

Repurposing  
agents (for waste  
and redundant  
items)

AI testers

Augmented Reality  
journey builder

Gig-designers

Bot-managers



## Roles and activities expected to increase

# Education sector: increasing roles

Designers of learning  
offers for mobile  
devices

Curated  
knowledge  
specialists

Learning  
progress  
analysts

Transition coaches  
(preparing people  
for next jobs)

Special  
needs  
education  
facilitators

Ed  
experience  
customisers

Blended  
learning  
designers

AI coders for  
teaching and  
learning

Cross-disciplinary integrator of knowledge

Roles and activities expected to increase

# Financial sector: increasing roles

Conversational  
interface designer

Compliance  
expert

Mixed reality  
experience designer

Cloud  
banking

Cybersecurity  
expert

Platform  
creator

Investor protection  
specialist

Interconnectors – between business and customers,  
employers and employees, sellers and buyers

Financial services and  
fin-tech 'concierge'

Hyper-personalisation  
inventors

Interaction  
policy writers

Financial  
ecosystem  
creators



CHANGE  
@SPEED



WORKING WITH  
PURPOSE



PERMANENT  
FLEXIBILITY



PLATFORM  
FOR TALENT



DIGITAL FROM  
THE INSIDE OUT





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