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The Future of Work

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“Where we’re going, we don’t need roads.”

- Christopher Lloyd as Dr. Emmett Brown in *Back to the Future*

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In the last 30 years, humanity has developed stronger methods of communication, travel, and connectivity. Humans today are more connected than at any other point in history and are capable of traveling the world, both physically and digitally, in new and exciting ways. However, technological innovations have also threatened the place of the worker in today’s society, as many sectors of the global economy shift to automated or robotic labor. For policymakers, business leaders, and workers themselves, these innovations create considerable uncertainty for the future of work, alongside the possibility of potential benefits.

The **2019 Global Economic Forum** explored the issues of globalization, automation, and the shifting landscape of the global economy. Working in country delegation teams, students simulated a modified G20 conference with representatives from the world’s top 20 advanced economies, as well as representatives from crucial emerging economies. Collectively, the G20 represents all inhabited continents, 85% of global economic output, two-thirds of the world’s population and 75% of international trade. Students worked to create solutions to the future of work issue and debated the topic from the lens of government, business, and social interests.

An independent panel of judges, comprising Philadelphia’s business, civic and government leaders, reviewed the arguments of four G20 working group’s—in the form of a PowerPoint presentation—as to why their policy recommendations, would have the greatest impact on long-term global economic growth and stability. Each team prepared a presentation to be delivered at the outset of the Forum’s morning breakout sessions, which addressed the following questions: (1) *What impact, if any, does this issue have on your assigned countries and/or economic bloc?* (2) *What are two strategies and/or policy recommendations that could effectively address this issue?* (3) *Why will this issue, if successfully redressed, have the greatest impact on global economic security?*

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