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This article draws attention to the report entitled "The Future of Jobs and Skills in Africa: Preparing the Region for the Fourth Industrial Revolution", which was launched by the World Economic Forum in 2017.

With more than 60% of its population under the age of 25, sub-Saharan Africa is already the world's youngest region and, by 2030, it will be home to more than one-quarter of the world's under-25 population. As this young population – the best-educated and globally connected the continent has ever had – enters the world of work, the region has a demographic opportunity. But the region can only leverage this opportunity by unlocking latent talent and preparing its people for the future of work. The Future of Jobs and Skills in Africa: Preparing the Region for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, launched by the World Economic Forum aims to serve as a practical guide for leaders from business, government, civil society and the education sector, and finds that the region's capacity

to adapt to the requirements of future jobs leaves little space for complacency. While a number of African economies are relatively underexposed to labour market disruptions at present, this picture is changing rapidly. This window of opportunity must be used by the region's leaders to prepare for tomorrow.

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