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## Global Access Partners 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Growth Summit

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Hosted by public policy institute Global Access Partners, the annual *National Economic Review* leads the national debate on productivity, infrastructure, innovation, employment, education and growth. Its parliamentary format encourages open and constructive dialogue and offers unique networking opportunities for its speakers, delegates and international guests.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Summit, to be held on 17 and 18 September in Sydney, will discuss ‘The Future of Jobs in Advanced Economies’. A select high-level audience of one hundred delegates will consider the current trends and disruptions shaping the future of employment and identify the challenges and opportunities facing individuals, employers, education providers and policy makers.

About 40 million workers<sup>1</sup> remain unemployed in developed economies, with hiring restrained by weak growth and fears of recession. Over the next decade, almost half of all occupations could be affected by automation, while by 2021 nearly two-thirds of all college graduates will emerge from developing countries. Major technological, economic, social and demographic disruptions will continue to affect employment and demand the urgent attention of business leaders and governments. Collaboration between the public and private sector in the creation of productive, high quality jobs and sustainable and inclusive growth must be a top priority.<sup>2</sup>

The GAP Jobs Summit will explore the consequences of this tightening labour market and assess policies to promote Australian productivity and international competitiveness. It will discuss new job opportunities to counter-balance a decline in manufacturing and mining, how new technologies are changing the job market and the cultivation of skills beyond the reach of technological substitution. The future of work will involve more flexible, freelance and collaborative approaches in a less secure job market and will need to encourage productive ageing, given Australia’s changing demographic profile.

### 2015 JOBS SUMMIT THEMES

1. Which sectors of the Australian economy will offer growth and employment in the future?
2. How do we create conditions to attract the workers we will need in the future?
3. Where will our future workforce come from?

### DISCUSSION TOPICS

- ▶ The Australian job market in the context of the global economy
- ▶ Emerging job market trends and the drivers behind them
- ▶ Disruptive technologies and the changing nature of work
- ▶ The future of work and its implications for employers, employees and public policy
- ▶ Skill shortages, continuous education and reskilling
- ▶ Unemployment and the management of public finance
- ▶ The freelance revolution and rise of the ‘on-demand economy’
- ▶ Entrepreneurship and self-employment
- ▶ Mature-age workforce participation
- ▶ Female workforce participation
- ▶ Youth unemployment and career paths for young people
- ▶ Helping disadvantaged job hunters

GAP welcomes partnership proposals from interested organisations and individuals. For more information, please contact +61 2 8303 2420 or [info@globalaccesspartners.org](mailto:info@globalaccesspartners.org)

<sup>1</sup> McKinsey Global Institute (2012), *Help wanted: The future of work in advanced economies*  
<sup>2</sup> World Economic Forum (2015), *Global Agenda Council on the Future of Jobs*

