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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION “THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF FLEXIBLE WORK ARRANGEMENTS: TRENDS AND FORECASTS”

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DESCRIPTION

The proliferation of flexible work arrangements in the world economy (e.g. remote work, flexible schedules, occasional remote work, etc.) is forecasted to drive labor productivity, labor force participation, economy innovativeness and, as a result, GDP growth.

On top of the direct macroeconomic impact, the mass adoption of flexible work arrangements will also lead to sectoral tectonic shifts. To name but a few: approaches to calculating workers' compensation will change; taxation schemes will become more complicated; urban policies will need to adapt to the inflow of remote workers to second-tier cities and their outflow from the mega-cities; new consumer needs and thus business opportunities will arise due to all the above-mentioned trends.

As the Russian government embarks on the journey of devising measures supporting the adoption of flexible work arrangements, it is crucial to take all the macroeconomic effects and sectoral shifts into account.



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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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1. THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID ON WORK AND LIFE

Eduardo Pedrosa, Secretary General, the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council

Emmanuel A. San Andres, Analyst at APEC Policy Support Unit

2. THE FUTURE OF URBAN PLANNING

Herman Pienaar, Lead of the Urban Lab, Planning, Finance and Economy Section at UN-Habitat

Tatiana Polidi, Executive Director, Institute of Urban Economy

3. THE FUTURE OF EMPLOYMENT

Andrea Garnero, Economist at Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Jon Messenger, Senior Research Officer, ILO

4. TRENDS IN CORPORATE POLICIES (SALARY, TAX)

Uliana Zinina, Head of Public Policy for Russia, Facebook

Irina Bykhovskaya, Partner at EY, Head of the CIS Tax Global Financial Services Group

5. DIGITAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Rajeev Mantri, founder of Navam Capital

Dmitry Politov, Senior VP, VEB Ventures

