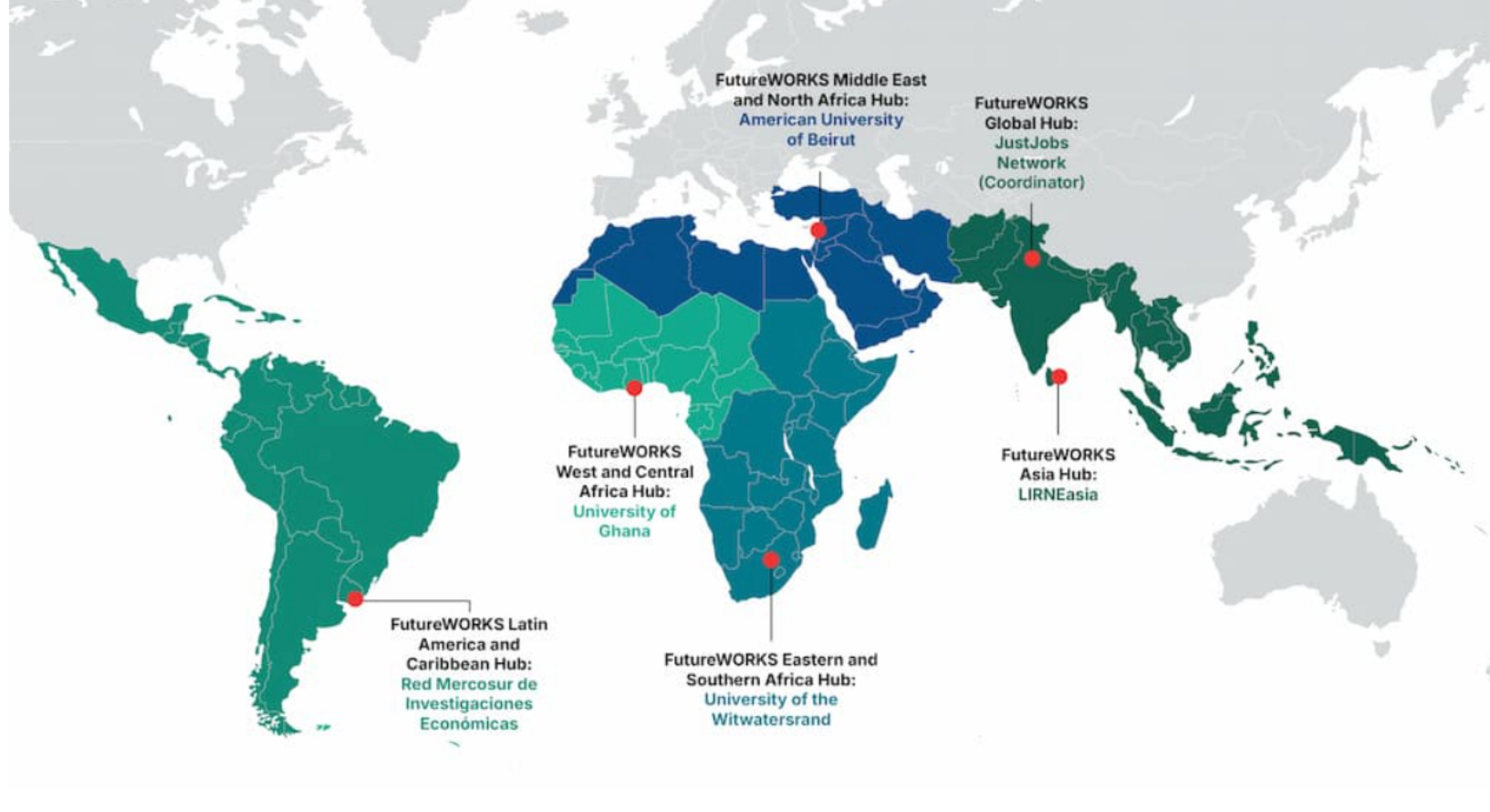


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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first edition of the **FutureWORKS Collective Global Bulletin** — a digest of research, events, and insights on the future of work from across the Global South. As questions around artificial intelligence (AI), climate transition, and the platform economy gain prominence in global policy debates, this bulletin brings together evidence and perspectives from the ground up.

The **FutureWORKS Collective (FWC)**, supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, is a global consortium of research organisations from across the Global South, examining how, shifting labour markets create both opportunities and new fault lines for workers.

We hope it sparks thinking and contributes meaningfully to the conversations shaping the future of work.

Warm regards,

JustJobs Network (Global Hub) | Lead Coordinator,

FutureWORKS Collective (FWC)

RESEARCH FROM THE COLLECTIVE

FWC hubs bring new evidence on how technological change, climate pressures, and labour market shifts are reshaping work across the Global South.

Ten Years of Labour Market Transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

The **2026 Atlas of Future Jobs** traces a decade of structural change across LAC labour markets, showing how technology, climate pressures, and demographic shifts are redrawing employment. It calls for scaling emerging roles, reducing transition risks, and aligning skills systems with future demand. Published by [Sur Futuro](#), FWC LAC Hub.



[Read the Report \(Spanish\)](#)

[Executive Summary \(English\)](#)

Digital Technologies, Climate Change and Agricultural Work in West and Central Africa (WCA)

Agriculture is the dominant source of livelihood across the WCA region, yet it is also among the least digitally connected sectors of the global economy. This framework paper maps how digital technology and climate change together are transforming agricultural work in the region and foregrounds a critical question: who benefits from these shifts, and who is excluded? Published by [ISSER \(Institute of Statistical, Social & Economic Research\)](#), FWC WCA Hub.



[Read the Report](#)

India's Electric Vehicle Transition: Uneven Gains, Uneven Risks

A peer-reviewed study finds that India's EV transition is concentrating investment geographically, intensifying regional disparities while exposing workers in affected areas to displacement with limited protection. It argues that decarbonisation and labour policy are proceeding without sufficient integration. Authored by Gregory F. Randolph and Sabina Dewan, [JustJobs Network](#), FWC Global Hub.



[Read the Research Paper](#)

SPOTLIGHT

“AI is not just a technology. It is a system used for social, political, and economic engineering.”

AI governance is being shaped now, and the world's majority finally has a voice in that conversation.

FutureWORKS Collective has been part of that process. From a pre-summit policy dialogue in January, to a high level international private roundtable, to a public panel at the **AI Impact Summit in India 2026**, FWC has worked to bring the perspectives of the developing world into one of the most significant policy debates of our time.



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[Watch the India AI Summit Panel](#)

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Inside platform work in Latin America

“I already have a boss who has no face.”

— A delivery worker in Chile

Sur Futuro's microsite weaves worker voices, regulatory analysis, and research from 7 countries into one place.

[Explore the Microsite](#)

VIDEO PLAYLIST | 5 Regions

Conversations shaping the future of work.

Five regions. One conversation. Across trade, technology, skills, and climate change — the issues redefining work in every corner of the world. Watch the FutureWORKS Collective in dialogue across the globe.

[Watch the Playlist](#)

DEEP DIVE | Data Gap

The AI jobs debate has a data problem

Most AI-and-jobs research is built on the developed economies' data.

LIRNEasia unpacks why these measures don't translate and what better measurement looks like.

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