

# Disruptive trends and global sustainability



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# Three messages

- 1 | Tech disruption is arising from **multiple** sources-  
a first in history
- 2 | Not only tech but other types of trends make  
established world **less resilient**
- 3 | Necessary **to act and track progress now** in  
order not to deviate from SDG goals

# 1 | The first time we have a parallel growth of disruptive tech

## IT and how we use it



Mobile  
Internet



Cloud  
technology



Internet  
of Things



Automation of  
knowledge work

## Changing the building blocks of everything



Next-generation  
genomics



Advanced  
materials

## Smart Machines working for us



Advanced  
decision  
making



Autonomous and  
near-autonomous  
vehicles



3D printing

## Rethinking energy comes of age



Energy  
storage



Advanced oil  
and gas exploration  
and recovery



Renewable  
energy

## 2 | Not only tech, but other fundamental trends

1



New expanding mid class in Asia; old shrinking class in Europe

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Globalization and change in mix to data

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Major technology disruption

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Green and limited waste + climate change

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Aging of population and urbanization

# 2 | The combination of trends may lead to some major SDG challenges

Impact by 2030 on...

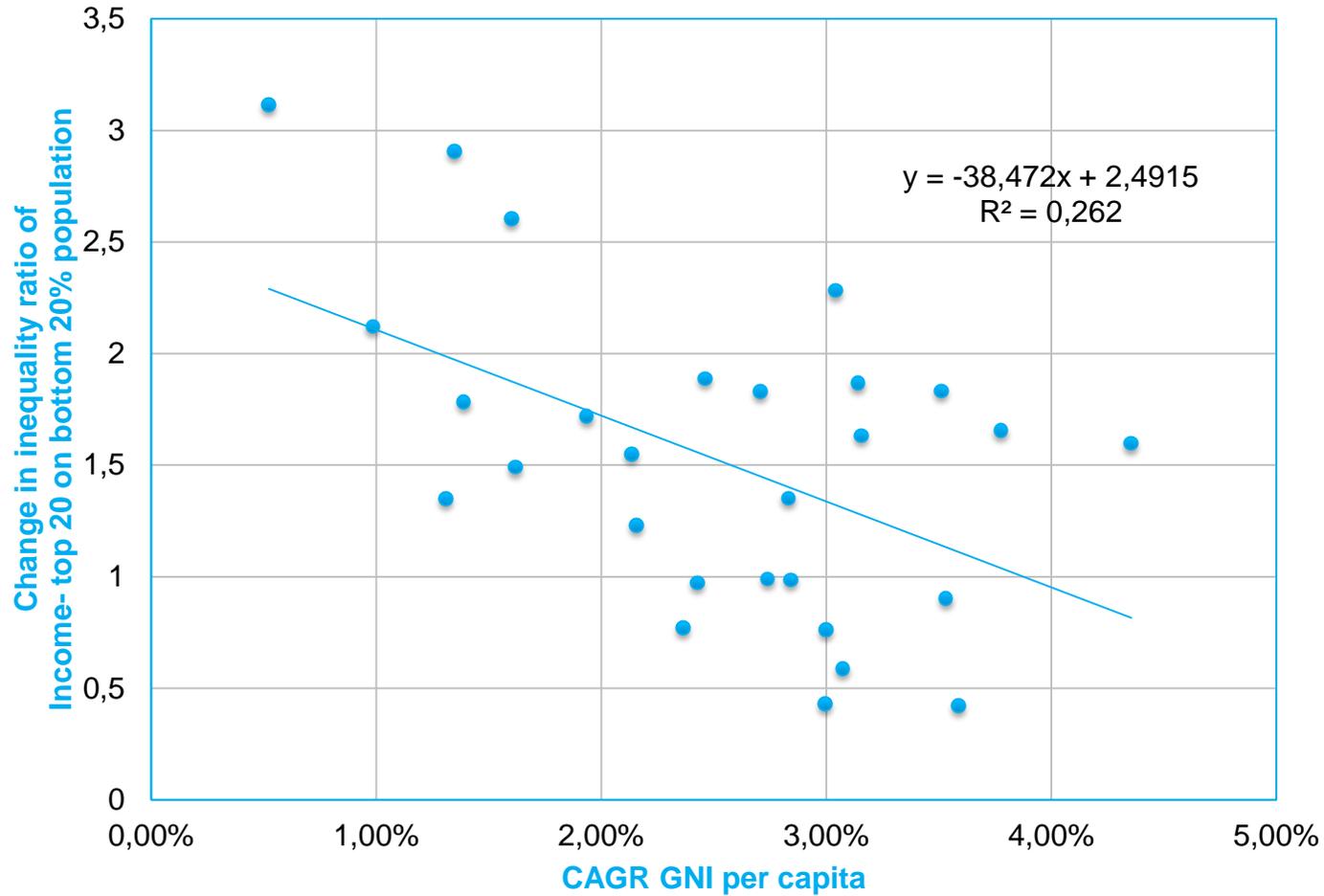
Macro trends	Economic activity	Inequality	Citizen contributions	Trust
<b>Aging of population</b> 	Stagnant working age population would reduce GDP per capita growth by 0.9 p.p. (and by -0.7 p.p. assuming later retirement)		About 2 p.p. of GDP as additional spending for healthcare and pensions (0.75 p.p based on active policies)	Lower trust from higher spending and lower growth
<b>Disruptive technologies</b> 	Productivity could significantly increase growth by 1.3 p.p., even though inequality could limit the upside	Unemployment could slightly increase but the share of labor could fall as well as the salaries of unskilled workers	Increased cost of unemployment and reskilling by about 0.5 p.p. of GDP	Higher displacement of workers and higher inequality would reduce trust, but higher growth would increase it
<b>Rise of emerging markets</b> 	Reduced EU competitiveness would negatively impact GDP per capita growth by 0.4 p.p.	Increased unemployment would reduce income for the bottom 20%	No direct impact on spending	Increased unemployment could lead to lowering trust
<b>Migration</b> 	Could increase growth but at current integration levels per-capita growth unchanged	Most migrants will be poorer than the current population, increasing inequality	No incremental impact on spending	Perceived reduction in social cohesion
<b>Climate change</b> 	Unclear impact from abating carbon emissions; about 0.3 p.p. additional GDP p.c. from shifting to a circular economy	Efforts on decarbonization could affect prices of goods, impacting the bottom more than the top	Additional 0.5-1 p.p. of GDP to close investment gap and ~5 Bn to manage higher costs of weather event	Indirect impact
<b>Return of geopolitics (cyber, trade and tax wars)</b> 	Slight loss of productivity growth from costs of cyber attacks of about -0.2 p.p. of GDP per capita growth	Lower scope for redistribution due to tax competition	Additional 0.5-1 p.p. GDP costs to manage cyber attacks and additional defense expenses to meet NATO requirements	Misinformation and lower corporate taxes would reduce trust whilst external threats may increase it
<b>Macro trends together</b>	Trends would balance each other out on growth, resulting in an average growth of ~2%	From 5.2 to 6.4 top/bottom 20 income ratio	Public expenditures could increase from 46% to ~49% of GDP	Trust could remain at the low levels of today

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In particular, level of growth per capita to hedge risk of inequality will be relatively challenging in developing economies



### 3 | Critical needs

0 | **No regret move-** embrace tech, embrace SDGs

1 | Understand how tech will develop **and scale**

2 | Understand how tech plays out **with other trends on both economic prosperity and other SDGs**

3 | Track **markers of development** of trends and impact on SDG paths