How to Stay Ahead in the Global Race for Skills

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Agenda

• Why are foreign skills a policy priority?
• Recent trends
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Why are foreign skills a priority?

• Innovation, business development, and economic growth
• Most wealthy countries are not producing enough talent
• The global skills pool is expanding
Recent trends

• The global financial crisis
• Global boom and bust
• Return migration and diaspora return
How to stay ahead in the global race for skills

• Recognizing the limitations of policy
• Engaging the corporate sector
• Promoting objective debate