

WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2026

WHY IN NEWS?

The World Bank has released the World Development Report 2026, its annual flagship publication focusing on a major development issue and providing analysis and policy recommendations.



WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT (WDR)

FEATURE	KEY FACT
Published by	World Bank
First published	1978
Frequency	Annual
Focus	A major development issue
Purpose	Analysis + Policy recommendations

IMPORTANT WORLD BANK PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS
1 World Development Report (WDR)
2 Global Economic Prospects (GEP)
3 Human Capital Index (HCI)
4 Ease of Doing Business Report

AI & DEVELOPMENT - KEY FINDINGS

1. Automation Risk

Jobs in high-income countries are more than 3 times as likely to face automation risks from generative AI compared with jobs in low- and middle-income countries.

2. Productivity Gains

AI could increase productivity in:

- >16% of existing jobs in developing economies
- >18% of existing jobs in advanced economies

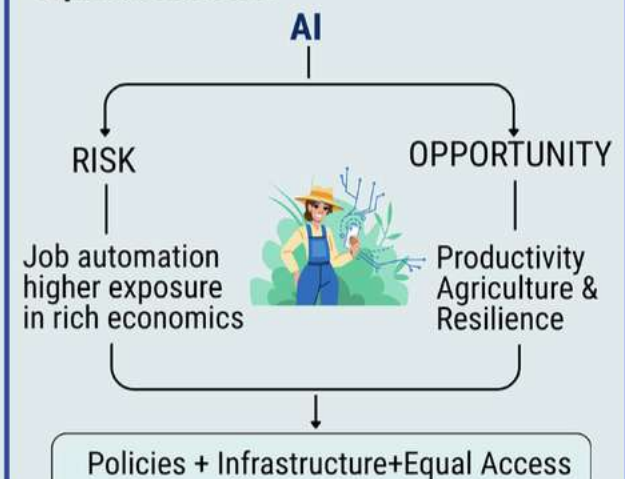
3. AI in Agriculture

AI can improve agricultural productivity and resilience, but its benefits depend on:

Supportive policies + Infrastructure + Equitable access



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THE 5 INSTITUTIONS OF WORLD BANK GROUP

INSTITUTION	WHAT IT DOES	EASY MEMORY	INDIA
IBRD	Loans to middle-income & creditworthy low-income countries	Development Loans	Member
IDA	Grants & concessional/soft credits to poorest countries	Poor Countries	Member
IFC	Invests in private sector in developing countries	Private Sector	Member
MIGA	Provides political-risk insurance to investors	Insurance	Member
ICSID	Settles international investment disputes	Disputes	NOT a Member

IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONAL RULES

IMF → IBRD

COUNTRY

Must become IMF member

Can become IBRD member

Note : Membership of the IMF is a prerequisite for IBRD membership.



VOTING POWER

World Bank voting power is broadly linked to financial shareholding, rather than population.

The United States has the largest voting share and therefore significant blocking/veto power on major decisions requiring a supermajority.