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***Innovation in the Age of AI: Business, Society And Governance***

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<b><i>Wednesday 4 June 2025</i></b>	
08:30 - Ongoing	<b><i>Registration</i></b>
09:30 - 10:00	<b><i>Official Opening Ceremony</i></b>
10:15 - 11:00	<u>One-on-One dialogue</u>  <b><i>With:</i></b> <b>Sanjeev Sanyal</b> , Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of India
11:15 - 12:30	<b><i>AI and Deep Tech as the new frontier of innovation</i></b>
12:30 - 13:30	<b><i>Buffet lunch</i></b>
13:30 - 14:45	<u>Plenary in parallel</u>  <b><i>The race to market: The changing paradigm for the go-to-market process</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The enhanced role of Accelerators</li> <li>• Adjusting product-market fit to the accelerating changes in consumer expectations</li> <li>• Leveraging AI to compress time-to-market and enhance productivity and market research</li> </ul>

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13:30 - 14:45	<p><u>Plenary in parallel</u></p> <p><b><i>What success factors for joining the world's leaders in semiconductors?</i></b></p>
13:30 - 14:45	<p><u>Brainstorming</u></p> <p><b><i>What next in Fintech?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next developments to expect</li> <li>• What new opportunities this could create</li> <li>• How does India stand in this domain compared to what is happening elsewhere?</li> </ul>
15:00 - 16:15	<p><u>Plenary in parallel</u></p> <p><b><i>Leveraging the impact of customer centric technology</i></b></p> <p>The increasing use of customer-centric technologies is contributing to reshape various products and services markets all over the world. Technologies such as AI and Machine-Learning, customer data platforms allow companies – and in some cases new market entrants – to capture evolving customer expectations and needs, in high-growth sectors such as HealthTech, Fintech or E-Commerce. A case in point is what is happening in the insurance sector moving from a product to a customer-centric approach and generating new categories of products that respond to the market new trends and expectations – and even anticipating them, for instance in the domain of health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to ensure that the “right” data is available to leverage customer-centric technologies, and not create an adverse impact?</li> <li>• Are regulations evolving fast enough to allow new services and products to be in synch with customers’ new expectations and needs?</li> <li>• What does the move from a product to a customer-centric approach mean in terms of changes in management culture?</li> </ul>
15:00 - 16:15	<p><u>Plenary in parallel</u></p> <p><b><i>Shaping AI for society and society for AI</i></b></p>

	<p>As we become increasingly aware of the transformative – and even potentially revolutionizing – impact of AI on economies and societies, there is a realization that transparency, accountability and ethical safeguards are crucial to address the concerns that this technology is generating and to ensure its widespread acceptance. At the same time, it is no less crucial to ensure that people are able to acquire the skills and mindset needed to operate in an environment reshaped by AI, to manage a human-AI interaction that will increasingly permeate more and more aspects of our professional and social lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What actions are needed to achieve these two intertwined goals?</li> <li>• What is required to avoid creating “AI divides” domestically and among countries?</li> <li>• How can startup founders pioneering the new disruptive technologies capabilities help leveraging AI for the common good?</li> </ul>
15:00 - 16:15	<p><b><u>Brainstorming</u></b></p> <p><b><i>What next in Aerospace?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next developments to expect</li> <li>• What new opportunities this could create</li> <li>• How does India stand in this domain compared to what is happening elsewhere?</li> </ul>
16:15 - 16:45	<p><b><i>Networking break</i></b></p>
16:45 - 17:30	<p><b><u>One-on-One dialogue</u></b></p> <p><b><i>The coming blood revolution</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Speakers:</u></b></p> <p><b>Ari Gargir</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, RedC Biotech, Israel  <b>Praveen Kumar Vemula</b>, Professor, Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (inStem); Principal Investigator, Vemula Lab, India</p>
17:40 - 18:45	<p><b><i>Capitalizing on the innovation dynamics between startups and established corporations</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing the role of Global Capability Centers (GCCs) in the race for technology innovation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategies for successful corporate-startups collaboration</li> </ul>
17:40 - 18:45	<p><b><u>Brainstorming</u></b></p> <p><b><i>What next in Cleantech?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next developments to expect</li> <li>What new opportunities this could create</li> <li>How does India stand in this domain compared to what is happening elsewhere?</li> </ul>
18:45 - 19:30	<p><b><i>Cocktail Reception</i></b></p>
19:30 - 21:15	<p><b><u>Sit-down gala dinner</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Featuring a keynote speaker</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>Thursday 5 June 2025</i></b></p>	
09:00 - 10:15	<p><b><i>Making the most of the new ways of raising capital for startups</i></b></p> <p>New funding models have emerged – or have been developing in the last few years – which are offering more diverse options to startup founders. It is not only Family Offices and Corporate VCs getting increasingly involved in startups funding. The revenue-based financing model is, for instance, creating access to non-dilutive financing. Or the model of Simple Agreement for Future Equity – SAFE – could be an efficient way to get funding at an early stage of the startup as it gives investors the right to purchase preferred shares in the startup when the company raises a future round of funding. There is also the increasing role played by crowdfunding and Angel Investors, while the debt-financing model can be mostly attractive in a low-interest rates context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What criteria to select the most efficient funding model?</li> <li>In what ways different funding models condition a startup's strategy and the Modus Operandi?</li> </ul>
10:30 - 11:30	<p><b><i>Engineering cross-border innovation synergies</i></b></p> <p>There is no underestimating the benefits of engineering cross-borders synergies between innovation ecosystems to benefit from the multiplier impact of combining complementary knowledge and resources to accelerate the development of new technologies. Joint research</p>

	<p>projects, technology transfer programs, Joint-Ventures on technology projects are among the most used ways of implementing these synergies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What success factors for developing genuine innovation synergies?</li> <li>• What ways to measure the tangible results of these synergies?</li> <li>• What safeguards to protect the interests of each party in such synergetic collaborations?</li> </ul>
10:30 - 11:30	<p><u>Brainstorming</u></p> <p><b><i>What next in Clean Energy?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next developments to expect</li> <li>• What new opportunities this could create</li> <li>• How does India stand in this domain compared to what is happening elsewhere?</li> </ul>
11:30 - 12:00	<p><b><i>Networking break</i></b></p>
12:00 – 12:50	<p><u>One-on-One dialogue</u></p> <p><b><i>The geopolitics of innovation ... And why it matters to you</i></b></p> <p>Deep technologies and the Data that sustain their development are today key tools driving growth performance and military capability, creating dominant positions or even supremacy in these domains, and providing to countries that master them with a crucial tool for international influence and geopolitical leveraging. Increasingly stringent restrictions on technology transfers, sanctions banning the export of categories of chips, or high-tech products or services to specific countries are now part of the standard panoply of the geo-economic competition among countries. The fact that Deep Technologies are by nature dual-use ones creates even more complex situations, opening the gates to discretionary decisions and pressures by the country most able to dictate its will.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can countries of middle technological level protect their ability to develop further their capabilities in this context of great powers competition for technological dominance?</li> <li>• What should startup founders be aware of to avoid becoming the collateral casualties of the geopolitics of innovation?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can open-source technological platforms be developed and leveraged to mitigate the impact of the geopolitics of innovation on third parties?</li> </ul>
12:00 - 12:50	<b><i>India Innovation going global</i></b>
12:00 - 13:00	<p><u>Brainstorming</u></p> <p><b><i>What next in Defense/Security?</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next developments to expect</li> <li>What new opportunities this could create</li> <li>How does India stand in this domain compared to what is happening elsewhere?</li> </ul>
13:00 - 14:00	<b><i>Buffet lunch</i></b>
14:00 - 15:15	<p><b><i>How do we innovate with AI?</i></b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u></p> <p><b>Nir Koren</b>, Global Innovation expert, CEO &amp; Founder, Buildinn, Israel</p> <p>In this thought-provoking session, Nir Koren explores how individuals and organizations can not only survive but lead in a world defined by rapid technological shifts and constant disruptions. Drawing from real-world examples, powerful visuals, and cutting-edge AI tools, Nir invites the audience to embrace experimentation, and turn uncertainty into opportunity. With a dynamic storytelling style and deep insights into innovation ecosystems, this talk is a wake-up call — and a practical guide - to stay ahead in the age of exponential change.</p>
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15:30 - 16:15	<p><u>Plenary Dialogue</u></p> <p><b><i>Above and beyond the Unicorn aura</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The disruptor's journey</li> <li>• What social impact to be commended for?</li> <li>• What next after the Billion-dollar milestone?</li> </ul>
16:30 - 17:30	<p><b><i>The innovators leveraging the fine edge of AI's capabilities</i></b></p> <p>Startup founders pioneering new products and services by leveraging the very fine edge of AI capabilities describe their work, the challenges they have faced -or are still facing - and look at the next stage they want to get in their innovation process.</p>
17:45 - 18:30	<p><b><i>A roadmap for a \$ 6-7 trillion Indian economy by 2030?</i></b></p> <p>While there is today a momentum and mobilization of efforts to get India's economy to the 6-7 trillion dollars milestone by 2030, there is still a lot of debate about the different elements of the strategy to achieve that goal, and not yet a clear road map on how these elements should be implemented in a synergetic and complementary way to successfully implement this strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to combine a technology-driven approach to growth with one producing the millions of new jobs needed to absorb the cohorts entering the job market?</li> <li>• How to engineer the necessary synergies between government policies, corporate initiatives and the R&amp;D contribution from academia?</li> <li>• What is needed to mobilize the bigger domestic and foreign investment resources required?</li> </ul>
18:30 - 19:15	<p><b><i>Farewell cocktail</i></b></p>

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