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AN OVERVIEW



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The CII Partnership Summit 2023

The 28th edition of CII's flagship event – the Partnership Summit – concluded on a high note, having witnessed deliberations by global, national and industry leaders.

The three-day Summit held from 13–15 March 2023 was organised around the theme 'Partnerships for Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable and Equitable Businesses.'

Partnership Summit 2023 was closely aligned with the B20 agenda and was significant in driving forward actions that are specific and impactful. Mr Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry; Textiles; and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, was the Chair of the Summit and Mr Sanjiv Bajaj, President, CII and Chairman & Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Ltd was its Co-Chair. Key representatives including policymakers, Industry, civil society and academia came together to make joint efforts for addressing multiple global challenges at the platform.

There were 10 thematic tracks of global significance. These were:

- Inclusive Global Value Chains for Resilient Global Trade and Investment
- Financing Global Economic Recovery
- G20
- Future of Work, Skilling and Mobility
- Energy, Climate Change and Resource Efficiency
- Financial Inclusion
- Digital Transformation
- Technology Innovation and R&D
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in Business
- African Economic Integration.

2000+
Business delegates

400+
Foreign delegates

16
Ministers from India & abroad

67
Countries

150
Speakers

65
Speakers from 24 countries

35
Knowledge sessions

Leaders Speak



“Indian agricultural transformation would happen in sync with other sectors only with the contribution of technological and infrastructural innovation.”

Narendra Singh Tomar
Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare



“Indian women are at the fulcrum of change and need to occupy leadership roles in corporations.”

Smriti Zubin Irani
Hon'ble Minister of Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs



“India is looking for resilient, distributed and stable sources of growth, supply chains and greater market access, minimizing its exposure to risks.”

Piyush Goyal
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles



“How a nation, company or family uses the limited capital that is available to them makes a big difference in the outcomes.”

Ashwini Vaishnaw
Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Communications, and Electronics and Information Technology



“Health is a service in our country, it is not commerce and this is the Indian Model of Care and we can offer this as a solution to the world.”

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers



“With proactive collaboration among innovators, entrepreneurs, and government, green hydrogen has the potential to reduce CO2 emissions, fight climate change and put India on path towards Net Zero energy imports.”

Bhupender Yadav
Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change & Labour and Employment



“We need to have sustainable startups and for sustainability to happen, you need to have effective linkages with lucrative sources of livelihood.”

Dr Jitendra Singh

Hon’ble Minister of State (I/C) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister’s Office; Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; and Department of Space



The health and growth of the financial sector are important to support trade and investment, and to enable our transition to a low-carbon future.

H.E. Lyonpo Loknath Sharma

Minister of Energy & Natural Resources; Industry, Commerce and Employment, Royal Government of Bhutan



“It is clear that partnerships between governments and industry will continue to drive national economic prosperity and in turn global economic prosperity.”

The Hon’ble Mary Ng

Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, Canada



“There is a major need to strengthen the political will of nations to go forward in the path of economic integration.”

H.E. Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz,

Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment, Republic of Cuba



“Indonesia looks up to India in terms of IT, as well as health and pharmaceuticals and is ready to explore further cooperation in these areas.”

H.E. Dr (H.C.) Zulkifli Hasan

Minister of Trade, Republic of Indonesia



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Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection, Mauritius



“Businesses must accelerate to become responsible, innovative, sustainable and equitable, but must also identify partnerships to achieve these goals.”

H.E. Gan Kim Yong

Minister for Trade & Industry, Republic of Singapore



“Global issues require global solutions and cannot be resolved by a single nation or a small group of nations, and require significant concrete actions.”

H.E. Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri

Minister of Economy, United Arab Emirates



“To avoid lasting global economic damage, we need strategic global cooperation, which includes reforming and strengthening the WTO.”

Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Director General, World Trade Organization



Partners in Growth



“The growth of the world will come from sunrise areas, requiring technology leap frogging and thus huge amount of tech innovations.”

Amitabh Kant
G20 Sherpa of India



“Real development happens when every citizen is able to make choices about what they want to do with their life without worrying about the basic necessities of life.”

Anurag Jain
Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India



“By 2030, India will be the only country in the world to have a talent surplus of nearly 250 mn people.”

Atul Kumar Tiwari
Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India



“We have a comprehensive and holistic approach to planning and building infrastructure to bring last-mile connectivity in a multi-modal manner.”

Sumita Dawra
Special Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India



“Enabling digital infrastructure while sharing experiences with global technology and providing a multilingual platform is crucial.”

Abhishek Singh
CEO, National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India



“Businesses need to actively innovate by heading their respective industry, doing whatever it takes to meet constantly evolving market conditions and consumer demand.”

Akhilesh Gupta
Secretary, Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Government of India



“The choice that the JAM Trinity has provided to the vulnerable citizens at the bottom of the pyramid by essentially drawing ration from any shop at the swipe of a fingerprint is truly empowering.”

Saurabh Garg
Chief Executive Officer, The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), India



Global Views



“The green transition is accelerated and the future belongs to the green and the sustainable.”

Håkan Jevrell

State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Trade, Government of Sweden



“With 5G, we are going to digitalise societies and enterprises, and jobs are going to be created in countries where digital infrastructure is in great space.”

Borje Ekholm

President & CEO, Ericsson, Sweden



“There are huge implications and opportunities for the future of blue economy in India and this has hence become a very important topic nationally.”

Paul Holthus

Founding President and CEO, World Ocean Council, United States



“More needs to be done across the world to unlock potential emerging market opportunities and to ensure equitable economic opportunities.”

Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem

Group Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, DP World, United Arab Emirates



“India has grown to be the largest employment market across the globe, we are building 5G base stations here due to its tremendous manufacturing, exporting and R&D base.”

Pekka Lundmark

Co-Chair, B20 Task Force on Digital Transformation, and President & CEO, Nokia Corporation, Finland



“ESG has become an important part of finance and transactions in South Africa and throughout the African continent.”

Christo Els

Senior Partner, Webber Wentzel, South Africa



“Energy transition is affecting societies in a different manner and each country must have more stable and predictable sources of energy as clean energy economy would have strong impact on rest of world’s economies.”

Michele Crisostomo

Chairman, Enel Group, Italy



“India is able and willing to provide a leadership role in the area of sustainability given its history of long traditions of espousing sustainability.”

Julia Charlton

Founder & Principal Partner, Charltons Law, Hong Kong, China



“There has never been a more pressing time to utilise the asset of the commonwealth. Our job is to bring the economic opportunities of the commonwealth to India and Africa’s doorstep.”

Rosie Glazebrook

Chief Executive, Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council, United Kingdom



“The G20 countries can make a competitive leap by improving the benchmarks to compare, make strong policies citing best practices, addressing the limitations, and identifying strengths.”

Fernando Landa

President, CERA (Chamber of Exporters of the Argentine Republic), Argentina



“There are significant opportunities for global and Indian businesses to take advantage of the free trade area in 2023 to facilitate trade.”

Robert Lee Appelbaum

Partner, Webber Wentzel, South Africa



“The best way to note how regulators have responded to capacity building is the fact that during COVID times, an unprecedented 20+ digital bank licenses were issued in ASEAN market.”

Sopnendu Mohanty

Chief Fintech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore, Singapore



“There is a critical need for long-term financing and innovative public-private partnerships to drive growth in emerging markets and finance global public goods.”

*Auguste Tano Kouamé
Country Director, World Bank, India*



“We share the enthusiasm of India and its role in increasingly diverse, secure, resilient supply chains, along with the energy of its entrepreneurial spirit.”

*Dan Bryant
Executive Vice President, Global Public Policy and Government Affairs, Walmart, USA*



Industry Voices



“The development journeys of many countries depend on stable and peaceful global political environment, free and open trade, conducive business ecosystems, and policies that foster global inclusion.”

*Sanjiv Bajaj
President, CII; Chairman & Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Ltd; Summit Co-Chair, The Partnership Summit*



“India has a unique opportunity to lead the way in development and adoption of clean & sustainable technologies.”

*R. Dinesh
President-Designate, CII; Executive Vice Chairman, TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd, India*



“All sections of society, businesses, policymakers, and civil society must come together for finding solutions to some of the societal issues that the world faces today.”

*Sanjiv Puri
Vice President, CII; Chairman & MD, ITC Limited, India*



“Indian model must be applied to Africa because it is frugal, low cost, and we understand the payment capacities of a country as compared to US or European intervention.”

*Sunil Bharti Mittal
Past President, CII; Founder & Chairman, Bharti Enterprises, India*



“It is essential to increase targeted global cooperation in energy efficiency, carbon capture and storage, and the development of green hydrogen.”

*T.V. Narendran
Past President, CII; CEO & MD, Tata Steel, India*



“Modern work is harnessing the power of frontier technology to reinvent, redesign, create sustainable value chains, which will be further enabled by globalisation and digitisation.”

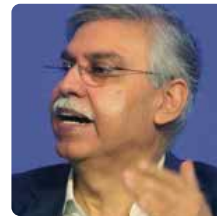
*Shobana Kamineni
Past President, CII & Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited*



“The importance of technology and innovation has grown significantly. It has become even more essential to build our economies with more inclusive innovation led growth driven by startups and innovative MSMEs.”

Kris Gopalakrishnan

Past President, CII; Chairman, Axilor Ventures; Co-Founder, Infosys, India



“Financial inclusion is an important and critical tool for enabling individuals, families, and communities to have a standard of living and have access to opportunities that allow them to make choices.”

Sunil Kant Munjal

Past President, CII; Chairman, Hero Enterprise, India



“India’s G20 Presidency is guided by the principle of unity and partnership.”

Chandrajit Banerjee

Director General, CII

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Conversations on Growth

● Inaugural Ministerial Session



MAR 13, 2023

India to achieve \$750 billion of exports in 2022-23

"Sustainability has been at the core of G20 agenda for several years now, the core of all multilateral and bilateral engagements over the last few years, but for India, sustainability is a way of life," said Mr Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, and Textiles, Government of India while inaugurating the CII Partnership Summit 2023

H.E. Lyonpo Loknath Sharma, Minister of Energy & Natural Resources, Industry, Commerce and Employment, Royal Government of Bhutan said that the health and growth of the financial sector are important to support trade and investment, and to enable our transition to a low-carbon future.

The Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, Canada stated that it is clear that partnerships between governments and industry will continue to drive national economic prosperity and in turn global economic prosperity.

H.E Mr Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment, Republic of Cuba noted that there is need to strengthen the political will of nations to walk the path of economic integration and reduce asymmetries, with partnerships focussing on the fair integration of economies into the international trade.

H.E. Dr (H.C.) Zulkifli Hasan, Minister of Trade, Republic of Indonesia stressed that Indonesia looks up to India for information technology, as well as health and pharmaceutical and is ready to explore further cooperation in these areas.

H.E. Mr Dukgeun Ahn, Minister for Trade, Republic of Korea observed that India has been successful in creating favourable conditions for businesses with its 'Make in India' and 'Self-Reliant India' policies, playing a pivotal role in establishing a stable global supply chain.

H.E. Mr Soodesh Satkam Calichurn, Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection, Mauritius said that developing skills and economic structures that make us resilient in the face of unexpected economic and social crisis cannot be relegated to future generations.

Businesses must accelerate to become responsible, innovative, sustainable and equitable, and must identify partnerships to achieve these goals, said H.E. Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Trade & Industry, Republic of Singapore.

H.E. Mr Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri, Minister of Economy, United Arab Emirates said that global issues require global solutions and cannot be resolved by a single nation or a small group of nations, and require significant concrete actions.

Mr Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, DP World, United Arab Emirates said that meeting physical and digital infrastructure needs can reduce transport costs and build efficient and sustainable transport networks.

Mr Sanjiv Bajaj, President, CII and CMD, Bajaj Finserv Limited said that the development journeys of many countries depend on stable global political environment, free and open trade, conducive business ecosystems, and policies for global inclusion. As a large, resilient, and rapidly developing economy, India has much to offer the world, he added.

Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII, moderated the session.

● Ministerial Sessions



MAR 14, 2023

Technology, Research & Partnership: Key pillars for agri growth

Scaling adoption of technology at farm level, demand driven research and its last mile connectivity and enhanced private sector participation are critical for growth of agriculture, said Mr Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare speaking at the CII Partnership Summit 2023 at New Delhi today.

The Minister emphasised that the growth of Agriculture sector and profitability of farmers have always been a key priority for the Government, and focus today is on pushing a digital agriculture mission to deliver new, robust technologies to the farmers to uplift them from the old, traditional, marginally less-profit-driven agricultural practices to more result oriented practices. The budget allocation for the sector has been increased by more than 5 times compared to 2014-15.

He further mentioned that to make the sector economically more viable and lucrative for the younger generation, technology and research will play an important role. He added that the allied sector is another important area to create employment opportunities and called for investment from the Industry.

Mr Sanjiv Puri, Vice President, CII & Chairman and MD, ITC Ltd said that Industry is working closely with the Government on the agenda of agriculture growth.



MAR 13, 2023

Need to scale up the small businesses to medium-sized organizations

There is a need to scale up small businesses to medium-sized organizations, which will be transformational for the economy, said Ms Smriti Zubin Irani, Hon'ble Minister of Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, Government of India at the CII Partnership Summit 2023. The Minister observed that India has been successful in creating favourable conditions for businesses with its 'Make in India' and 'Self-Reliant India' policies, playing a pivotal role in establishing a stable global supply chain.

Ms Shobana Kamineni, Past President, CII & Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited, India, said that as India takes up the G20 Presidency, women empowerment is high on the agenda and every Indian needs to work through complex challenges and make it a possibility to create better opportunities for women.

Ms Smita Agarwal, Chairperson, CII National Committee on Women Empowerment and Indian Women Network (IWN) and Director and CFO, PTC Industries Ltd, India, said that the IWN is working to establish a strong women-led development agenda to create equal opportunities, enable capacity building and empower women to occupy leadership roles.

Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII, said it is important to enhance the role of women to build a more sustainable and prosperous future for all.

● Ministerial Sessions



MAR 14, 2023

Historic budget allocation to Railways will dramatically change logistics in the country

Mr Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Communications, and Electronics and Information Technology stated that the 2023 Budget allocation to Indian Railways is historic and would fundamentally change the productivity of Indian economy.

The Minister added that Railways logistics costs in the country would be brought down through the increased allocation. The Government is focusing on increasing the capacity at the bottlenecks and increasing the rolling stock on an average. On the manufacturing side, the Government has taken 3 major initiatives viz, creating the ecosystem, laying out a clear policy framework and focusing on developing the semiconductor industry. With the work being done by Industry and the Government today, India will have a vibrant semiconductor industry in the coming 3-4 years.

On the global digital divide front, the Minister highlighted that globally 4 elements significantly contribute to the current digital divide i.e. affordability, accessibility, availability, and knowledge. As the telecom sector is the entry to digital world, there is a need to make sure that the telecom sector is stable, healthy and competitive.

Mr Rajiv Memani, Chairman, CII National Committee on Taxation & Chairman-India Region & Emerging Markets Committee, EY India stated that digital innovation in India is not only fueling economic growth but is also giving it very significant, competitive advantage.



15 MARCH, 2023

One Health must take all living beings into account

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, stated that the health sector can never be a country-specific sector; rather, it is a global sector since the health of one country affects the health of another. The Minister elaborated on why the concept of "One Health" should be prioritised. He said that the health of all whether animal, environment, or human, all are interdependent.

On the goal of "One Health", the Minister said that while we may learn from best global practices, we must rely on our traditional knowledge as well for attaining this goal. Health is a service in our country, it is not commerce, and this is the Indian Model of Care - and we can offer this as a solution to the world, added the Minister.

Dr Naresh Trehan, Chairman, CII Healthcare Council & CMD Medanta, The Medicity said that to consider the future for ourselves and future generations, we must do so collectively, because no one, no country, and no group of people will be able to handle, manage, or truly overcome the global healthcare challenge in its entirety.

Mr Rajesh Jain, Chairman, CII National Committee on Biotechnology & Managing Director, Panacea Biotec Ltd. stated that technological innovations such as lab-grown meat proteins are the future solution to one-health issues.

Ms Suchitra Ella, Chairperson, CII Southern Region & Co Founder & MD, Bharat Biotech, India said that it's important to build product capabilities, indigenous technology and focus upon our goal of affordable health care.

● Ministerial Sessions



MAR 15, 2023

Despite the enormity of the challenge in building a sustainable future, partnerships can make the journey easier

Mr Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment, Government of India said that green technologies are set to unleash an unprecedented wave of disruption, propelling the Indian economy towards a sustainable future. He stated that India has demonstrated global leadership on promoting renewable energy and was looking beyond borders through international initiatives such as the One Sun One World One Grid, The International Solar Alliance, and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, all aimed at strengthening international cooperation to tackle climate change.

Mr R Dinesh, President Designate, Confederation of Indian Industry & Executive Vice Chairman, TVS Supply Chain Solutions Ltd. stated that that India has a unique opportunity to lead the way in development and adoption of clean and sustainable technologies.

Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, highlighted the key initiatives of the Government that aim to promote sustainable lifestyles and consumption patterns globally.



MAR 14, 2023

India is utilizing unexplored natural resources through various Agritech and allied start-ups

Dr Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office: Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, highlighted that science, technology and entrepreneurship in India are working in a cohesive model to foster the country's economy. He also mentioned about the role of start-up ecosystem in accelerating the country's economy and overall value globally. Today, India has passed more than 90,000 start-ups and more than 100 unicorns quantitatively, and numerous sectors, qualitatively.

The Minister stated that there is need for effective linkage to lucrative sources of livelihood to foster the start-up ecosystem to mature as sustainable start-up ecosystem. With the assumption of G20 presidency, India is ready to match the global R&D scale, he added.

Mr Kris Gopalakrishnan, Past President CII, Chairman, B20 Task Force on Technology, Innovation and R&D, CII, and Chairman, Axilor Ventures & Co- Founder, Infosys highlighted that India has leapfrogged 41 positions in a span of 7 years and has acquired 40th position from the 81st position in the global innovation index.



TRACK 1

Inclusive Global Value Chains for Resilient Global Trade and Investment

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Creating Supply Chain Resilience against Geopolitical Disruptions

"We have a comprehensive and holistic approach to planning infrastructure so that when we build a road, we don't overlook its connectivity to the economic nodes, economic townships or agriculture producing areas."

Sumita Dawra

Special Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Mallika Srinivasan

Chairman & Managing Director, Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited, India

Rodrigo Santos

Head of Crop Science Division and Member of the Board of Management, Bayer, Germany

Dan Bryant

Executive Vice President-Global Public Policy and Government Affairs, Walmart, USA

Guggi Laryea

Head, Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships, amfori, Belgium

Easwaran Subramanian

Partner (Strategy & Operations Consulting), Deloitte, India

Saad Alkhuzayim

Director, Localization & Local Content, Ministry of Energy, Saudi Arabia

Salil Gupte

Chairman, CII National Committee on Aerospace & President Boeing India, India



Future of Multilateralism

"The past 3 years have exposed supply chain vulnerabilities, especially in manufacturing. To address these concerns, WTO calls for re-globalization, diversifying GVCs to bring in marginalized communities."

Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Director General, World Trade Organization

OTHER SPEAKERS

Vir S. Advani

Chairman, CII International and Trade Policy Council and Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Blue Star Ltd, India

Stephen Jacobi

Executive Director, The New Zealand International Business Forum, New Zealand

Rupa Chanda

Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP, Thailand

Peter Draper

Executive Director-Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide, Australia [Virtual]

Nicola Allocca

Director, Risk, Compliance, Business Continuity and Quality, Autostrade per l'Italia, Italy

TRACK 2

Financing Global Economic Recovery

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Rates and Recession: How to Insulate the World from Shocks?

"India managed external shocks based on 4 principles namely BCCR - 1. Creating Balance, 2. Being Counter-cyclical, 3. Coordinated monetary & fiscal policy 4. Smart Reforms."

Prof. Ashima Goyal

Member, Reserve Bank of India, Monetary Policy Committee and Professor of Economics, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research

OTHER SPEAKERS

Luis Breuer

Senior Resident Representative, IMF, India

Janmejaya Sinha

Chairman, CII Financial Sector Development Council and Chairman, The Boston Consulting Group India Private Limited, India

Tom Orlik

Chief Economist, Bloomberg, USA



Financing Growth in Emerging Markets

"There is a lot of capital withdrawal from emerging markets owing to policy shifts in the west. Emerging markets need to bring forth their resilience and lead reforms."

Leo Puri

Chairman, South and South-East Asia, JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A., Singapore

OTHER SPEAKERS

Sopnendu Mohanty

Chief Fintech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore, Singapore

Auguste Tano Kouamé

Country Director, World Bank, India

Neil Parekh

Partner & Head of Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Tikehau Capital, Singapore

Anat Bernstein-Reich

President, Israel-Asia Chamber of Commerce and CEO, BDO Israel India Investment Banking & Consulting, Israel

TRACK 3 G20

● TRACK 3 : G20



G20 and the State of the World: How to Play a Constructive Role?

"India's significant contribution to carbon mitigation till date as well as its ambitious targets with respect to renewable power generation and forestation is noteworthy."

Mathias Cormann
Secretary General, OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development)

OTHER SPEAKERS

Michael J. Pyle
Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economics and G7 & G20 Sherpa of USA [Virtual]

Michael Goutama
Co-Chair, Executive Committee of E20 Indonesia (Engineering 20) and Vice Chairman, International Cooperation Committee, The Institution of Engineers, Indonesia

Vir S. Advani
Chairman, CII International and Trade Policy Council, Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, Blue Star Limited, India



Competitiveness of Nations: Can the G20 Play a Role?

"The growth of the world will come from sunrise areas, requiring technology leap frogging and thus huge amount of tech innovations. There is need for numerous structural reforms in each country in the fields of politics and administration."

Amitabh Kant
G20 Sherpa of India

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Sanjiv Puri
Vice President, CII, and Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Limited, India

Michele Crisostomo
Chairman, Enel Group, Italy

Sumitra Rajagopalan
Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Bioastra Technologies, Canada

Fernando Landa
President, CERA (Chamber of Exporters of the Argentine Republic), Argentina

Patsian Low
Vice President and Head, Inclusive Impact & Sustainability for Asia Pacific, Visa, Singapore

TRACK 4

Future of Work, Skilling and Mobility

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Future of Work: Building Resilient & Sustainable Workforce

"Given the scope, nature and demand for skills in emerging industries, it is important to create a cross border digital skill platform for formal and informal workforces at a global level."

Vikramjit Singh Sahney

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Founder and Chairman, Sun Foundation, India

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Past President, CII & Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited, India

Håkan Jevrell

State Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Trade, Government of Sweden

Victor Thomas

President & CEO, Canada-India Business Council (CIBC), Canada

Edith N. Nordmann

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Paul W. Bradley

Chairman and CEO, Caprica International, Singapore



Harmonization of Skill Standards: Key Enabler for Mobility of Skilled Talent

"The global skill and job scenario presents India with opportunity to fill in the talent gap. By 2030, India will be the only country in the world to have a talent surplus of nearly 250 mn people."

Atul Kumar Tiwari

Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Nicole Scoble-Williams

Global Future of Work Leader, Partner, Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting, Japan

Dr Nirav Mandir

Chief Human Capital Officer, Shree Ramkrishna Exports Pvt. Ltd, India

Lohit Bhatia

President, Workforce Management, Qness Corp Limited, India

Gabriel H. Bordado

Skills & Employment Specialist, International Labour Organization

TRACK 5

Energy, Climate Change and Resource Efficiency

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Enhancing Global Cooperation in Accelerating Net-Zero Transitions

"It is essential to increase targeted global cooperation in energy efficiency, carbon capture & storage, and the development of green hydrogen."

T.V. Narendran

Past President, CII and CEO & MD, Tata Steel, India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Vineet Mittal

Chairman, Avaada Group, India

Thomas Kerr

Lead Climate Specialist, South Asia, World Bank Group, United States

Rajiv Ranjan Mishra

Managing Director, Apraava Energy, India

Divya Sharma

India Executive Director, Climate Group, India

Ashish Sethia

Global Head of Commodities, Energy & Environmental Markets, BloombergNEF, United States



Building Resource Efficient and Resilient Green Supply Chains

"The world needs to focus on sustainable energy supply chains to replace petrol. Europe's example of changing its energy mix by 100 percent in one year shows that drastic changes can happen."

Christian Cahn von Seelen

Member of the Board and Executive Director, Volkswagen Group Sales India

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Dr Martin Keller

Laboratory Director and Alliance President, NREL, USA

Ashwani Kumar

CEO, Suzlon Group, India

Joel Ruet

President, The Bridge Tank, France

TRACK 6

Financial Inclusion

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Inclusion on the Back of Technology: Best Practices

"Technology serves as a great enabler and leveler by creating capacity along with inclusivity & equity through the entire lifecycle."

Anurag Jain

Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Sunil Kant Munjal

Past President, CII and Chairman, Hero Enterprise, India

J. Venkatramu

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, India Post Payments Bank, India

Ravi Aurora

Executive Director- Global Policy Affairs & Community Relations (USA), Mastercard

Royston Braganza

Chief Executive Officer, Grameen Capital India



Learnings from the JAM Trinity

"The collateral unforeseen benefit of JAM trinity has been the realization of "one nation, one ration card" which has enabled the choice to draw ration from any state or shop in the country."

Dr Saurabh Garg

Chief Executive Officer, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Saurabh K. Tiwari

Joint Secretary, DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India

Ranen Banerjee

Government Sector Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers India (PwC)

Arun Sharma

Senior Digital Development Specialist, World Bank, India

Suhela Shaukat Ali Khan

Country Program Manager, UN Women, India

Chetna Gala Sinha

Founder & Chairperson, Mann Deshi Mahila Bank, India

TRACK 7

Digital Transformation

● TRACK 7 : Digital Transformation



Bridging the Digital Divide

"Enabling digital infrastructure while sharing experiences with global technology & providing a multilingual platform is crucial. In line with this, all projects are being implemented to ensure digital empowerment, better delivery of services and empowerment of citizens."

Abhishek Singh

CEO, National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Pranjal Sharma

Economic Analyst, Advisor & Author, India

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SVP- Sales, Marketing, CEM, ST Media Global Data Centres, India

R. Venkatadri

Chief Commercial Officer, Tata Chemicals Limited, India

Fabio De Felice

Founder, Protom Group, ItalyCentre of Excellence, Singapore



Digital Transformation: The Opportunity for SMBs

"Small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) that do not have access to big data can leverage the pool data that is shareable, which in turn can effectively serve as the big data for them."

R. Mukundan

MD & CEO, Tata Chemicals Ltd, India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Nuttha Toonsuwan

ADG in charge of Data and Situation unit, OSMEP, Thailand

Dr Makoto Yokozawa

Co-Chair, Committee for Digital Economy Policy Business OECD, Japan

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CEO & MD Proxtera, Singapore

Ranjan Bhattacharya

Managing Director and Chief of Staff, Head of Strategy, HSBC India

Rajeev Singh

Head for Emerging Markets, SAP India Centre of Excellence, Singapore

● TRACK 7 : Digital Transformation



Digital Transformation: An Imperative for Accelerating Growth and Progress

"With 5G, we are going to digitalise societies and enterprises, and jobs are going to be created in countries where digital infrastructure is in great shape. The way 5G has paced in India, it will have the most modern digital infrastructure in the world."

Börje Ekholm
President & CEO, Ericsson, Sweden

OTHER SPEAKERS

Shereen Bhan
Managing Editor, CNBC-TV18, India

Pekka Lundmark
President & CEO, Nokia Corporation, Finland

Suresh Narayanan
CMD, Nestle India

Sandeep Naik
MD & Head, General Atlantic, India



Gender Diversity an Imperative for the Digital Ecosystem

"We need to sort out the gender inequality if we are looking at acceleration with respect to our digital journey and growth."

Kavita Mehra
Senior Director, India COE, DELL Technologies, India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Namrata Bhattacharya
Managing Director, Accenture, India

Bhairavi Jani
Chairperson & Founder, IEF Entrepreneurship Foundation & Executive Director, SCA Group, India

Dilip Sawhney
Managing Director, Rockwell India

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Lt Gen. (Dr) R.K. Anand
Prof & Director General, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research & Studies and Dean, FMS, MRIIRS, India

● TRACK 7 : Digital Transformation



Emerging Technology Roadmap: Hype or Reality

A strong and inclusive digital infrastructure is central to enable digital transformation and thereby foster the next level of economic growth. The gap in availability of science, technology, engineering and mathematic skills must be bridged to make digital technologies inclusive and derive higher benefits from them. Challenges around cybersecurity and enterprise adoption should be addressed as digital technologies will change the way our societies live, work and interact, stated the panelists.

SPEAKERS

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Vinod Sood
MD, Hughes Systique, India

Christoph Seydel
CEO, mededis GmbH, Germany

Gaurav Malik
Chief Strategy Officer, Successive Technologies, India

Arijit Bonnerjee
Vice President & Head, India Region, Tata Communications Ltd, India



Cybersecurity in the Age of Evolving Technologies

"G20 nations can combine their resources through international cooperation and seek solutions that entail threat intelligence, building resilience, tracing of cryptocurrency, etc."

Lt General (Dr) Rajesh Pant
National Cyber Security Coordinator, National Security Council Secretariat of India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Dr Prem Chand
Co-Founder, Executive Vice Chairman, MitKat Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd, India

Jasbir Solanki
CEO, Homeland & Cyber Security, Mahindra Defence Systems Ltd, India

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Public Affairs Manager, APAC, Kaspersky, Singapore

Anil Saraswat
GM, Information Security, Samsung Electronics, India

TRACK 8

Technology, Innovation and R&D

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Innovate or Perish: The Technology Leap

"Businesses need to actively innovate by staying at the forefront of their respective industry, doing whatever it takes to meet constantly evolving market conditions & consumer demand."

Dr Akhilesh Gupta
Secretary, Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB),
Government of India

OTHER SPEAKERS

Vipin Sondhi
Chairman, CII National Mission on Technology, Innovation & Research, India

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Founder & Director, HCT Sun (India) Pvt. Ltd, India

Yoji Taguchi
Chairman and MD Mitsubishi Corporation India Pvt. Ltd, India

N.G. Kuo Pin
CEO, NCS Group, Singapore

Vinod Sood
Co-Chair, DT & AT committee, CII Northern Region and Cofounder & MD, Hughes Systique, India

Kishore Balaji
Executive Director, IBM, India Centre of Excellence, Singapore



Technology Partnerships: The New Route to Success

Technology partnerships are efficient routes through which companies share business operations and can obtain greater market access, acquire new skills and technical knowledge, and scale operations. As technology becomes more complex and it becomes increasingly difficult for a single company to keep up with these developments, it is critical for businesses to leverage the many opportunities that these partnerships can offer to create impact and grow further, noted the speakers.

SPEAKERS

Jayant D. Patil
Chairman, CII National Committee on Space and Whole Time Director, L&T, India

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Chief Technology Officer, Delta Electronics India Private Ltd, India

Rohan M. Ganpathy
CEO & CTO, Bellatrix Aerospace, India

TRACK 9

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) in Business

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Sustainable Finance for Impact

"The largest potential for carbon sequestration by far is sequestration in the ocean, in terms of nature based solutions and harnessing natural systems to take additional carbon out of the atmosphere."

Paul Holthus

Founding President and CEO, World Ocean Council, United States

OTHER SPEAKERS

Kamal Bali

Deputy Chair CII, Southern Region, President & Managing Director, Volvo Group, India

Christo Els

Senior Partner, Webber Wentzel, South Africa

Dibirath Sen

MD & Head of Global, Banking, HSBC, India

Manish Chourasia

MD, Tata Cleantech [Virtual]

Kamran Khan

Managing Director, Head of ESG for Asia Pacific, Deutsche Bank's ESG Centre of Excellence, Singapore



Transforming Global Sustainability Reporting Landscape: Harmonization of ESG Standards and Framework

Sustainable finance and new financial instruments are essential for impact on climate action. The blue economy has the highest carbon sequestration potential and finance should be provided for promoting it in a sustainable manner. Sustainability and ESG reporting should be developed in a way that is credible to investors and stakeholders. Different reporting systems across the world are confusing and should be addressed, opined the panelists.

SPEAKERS

Sanjiv Puri

Vice President, CII & Chairman and Managing Director, ITC

Peter Bakker

President, WBCSD, Switzerland [Virtual]

Edouard Shaffrath

Mayor of Narangal, Paraguay

John Bolton

Director of Policy, ICAEW, United Kingdom

CA (Dr) Sanjeev Kumar Singhal

Central Council Member, Chairman, Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, Vice Chairman, Sustainability Reporting Standards Board, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), India

● **TRACK 9 : Environmental, Social and Governance in Business**



Good Corporate Governance – Imperative for ESG Compliance

“ESG has emerged as the front runner framework to monitor our collective progress on sustainability.”

Rajeev Peshawaria
CEO, Stewardship Asia Centre, Singapore

OTHER SPEAKERS

Dr Emanuel Macedo de Medeiros
Global CEO, SIGA; Chairman & CEO, SIGA AMERICA;
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Julia Charlton
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● TRACK 10 : African Economic Integration

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Role of Global Businesses in Facilitating African Economic Integration

With a population of 1.3 billion and a GDP of close to \$3 trillion, the African economies are set on a path to development transition. Agenda 2063 established by the African Union is a powerful framework for driving its growth, with the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) bearing the potential to transform its participation in global trade and moving beyond commodity trade to generate value-added products. Global businesses need to work on facilitating the contours of regional production networks in Africa.

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Founder & Chairman, Bharti Enterprises, India

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Partner, Webber Wentzel, South Africa

Rosie Glazebrook
Chief Executive, Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council, United Kingdom

Simon Hess
Head of Monitoring and Evaluation, Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), World Trade Organization, Switzerland

Country Sessions

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Cuba

A special country session with the Republic of Cuba discussing bilateral trade opportunities was organized in presence of the chief guest, H E Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment, Government of the Republic of Cuba.

SPEAKERS

H.E. Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz

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Head, Renewable Energy Resources, National Electric Union, Republic of Cuba

David Roger Curbelo Rodriguez

Head, Business and Marketing, BioCubaFarma, Republic of Cuba



Indonesia

A special country session with the Republic of Indonesia presenting collaboration opportunities was organized in presence of the Chief Guest, H.E. Dr (H C) Zulkifli Hasan, S.E. M.M. Minister of Trade, Republic of Indonesia.

SPEAKERS

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Ambassador of Indonesia to India

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Didi Sumedi

Director General, National Export Development, Ministry of Trade, Republic of Indonesia

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Confederation of Indian Industry

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering Industry, Government and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.

CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, with around 9000 members from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 300,000 enterprises from 286 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

For more than 125 years, CII has been engaged in shaping India's development journey and works proactively on transforming Indian Industry's engagement in national development. CII charts change by working closely with Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and business opportunities for industry through a range of specialized services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues.

Extending its agenda beyond business, CII assists industry to identify and execute corporate citizenship programmes. Partnerships with civil society organizations carry forward corporate initiatives for integrated and inclusive development across diverse domains including affirmative action, livelihoods, diversity management, skill development, empowerment of women, and sustainable development, to name a few.

As India completes 75 years of Independence in 2022, it must position itself for global leadership with a long-term vision for India@100 in 2047. The role played by Indian industry will be central to the country's progress and success as a nation. CII, with the Theme for 2022-23 as Beyond India@75: Competitiveness, Growth, Sustainability, Internationalisation has prioritized 7 action points under these 4 sub-themes that will catalyze the journey of the country towards the vision of India@100.

With 62 offices, including 10 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 8 overseas offices in Australia, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Singapore, UAE, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with 350 counterpart organizations in 133 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

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