

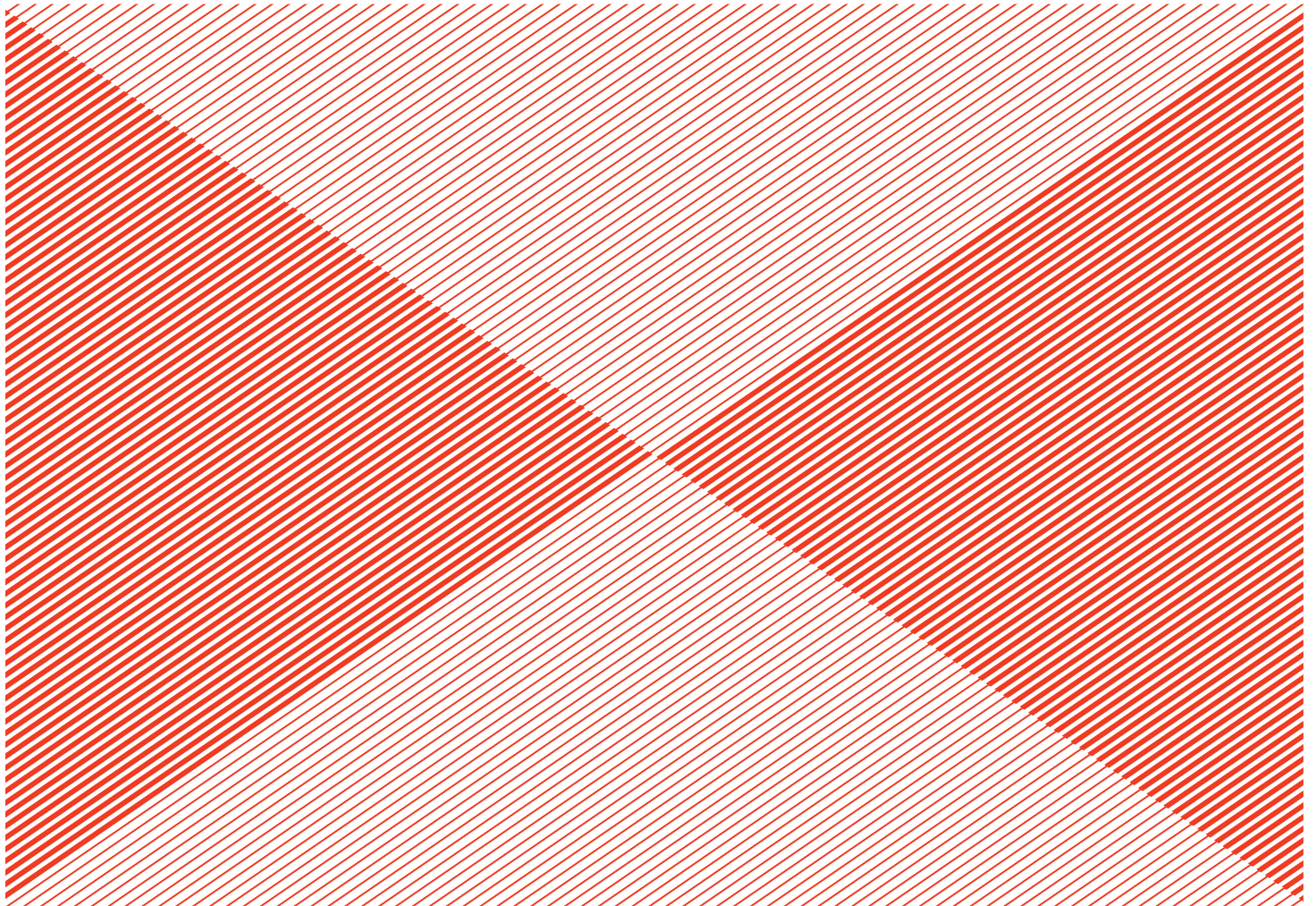
Regional Agenda

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# India Economic Summit Overview

New Delhi, India 4-6 October 2017

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# Creating Indian Narratives on Global Challenges

Join over 600 international and regional leaders to help India increase its global relevance and seize a unique opportunity to ensure that economic growth is enduring, broad-based and socially inclusive.

It is critical that India continues its strong growth trajectory to keep driving an otherwise sluggish global economy. As the world's largest democracy and with a highly diverse society, India's regional and global engagement has more than a symbolic significance. India's role is crucial if this is to be Asia's century.

From low-cost electrocardiograph machines to a successful – yet frugal – Mars mission, Indian entrepreneurs are demonstrating their mettle through innovation across sectors and fields. At the same time, Indian cinema, yoga and Ayurveda bear testimony to the diverse impact of Indian narratives on the world. India now needs to increase its leadership in global projects – a trend that is already underway. The country's leadership in the Paris Agreement and International Solar Alliance, and efforts to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council and the Nuclear Suppliers Group demonstrate a quest for a renewed international identity and a changing perception of its role in international development.

However, for this to be realized, India must ensure its economic, social and political foundations are truly robust and resilient. And it must develop innovations with more global relevance. The biometrics-based identification system Aadhar is one such example.

Come to the India Economic Summit, held in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), to join the global multistakeholder community in exploring these issues and achieving action and impact.

Join the meeting to:

- **Collaborate** with international and regional leaders to help India increase its leadership in global projects
- **Lead** new thinking on how India can ensure its economic growth is enduring, broad-based and socially inclusive
- **Accelerate** the development of truly robust and resilient economic, social and political foundations
- **Dive** into India's vibrant innovation ecosystem and its pioneering businesses and start-ups

## Co-Chairs

### Ajay S. Banga

President and Chief Executive Officer, Mastercard, USA

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Minister of Textiles, Information and Broadcasting of India, Young Global Leader

### Malvika Iyer

Member, Working Group on Youth and Gender Equality, United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development, New York, Global Shaper

### Karan Johar

Head, Dharma Productions, India

### Sunil Bharti Mittal

Chairman, Bharti Enterprises, India

# Programme

The summit will address key issues of national and regional significance under five thematic pillars:

## **Leaving No One Behind: Education and Healthcare for All**

- How can the Indian education system prepare citizens for life-long learning?
- What innovative and scalable solutions can help provide affordable healthcare?

## **Oiling India's Growth Engines: Agriculture and Manufacturing**

- How can India ensure food and nutrition security for 1.25 billion citizens?
- What will enable India to become an innovation-driven manufacturing hub?

## **Fixing India's Nuts and Bolts: Infrastructure and Energy**

- How can India build integrated solutions that encompass energy production, transmission and storage innovations?
- What public-private partnership models can help India meet vast infrastructure needs and address the financing deficit?

## **Leveraging Technology and Innovation for the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Entrepreneurship and Digital**

- How can policy-makers and regulators support technological development without stifling innovation?
- What will make India's economy truly digital?

## **Unleashing India's Untapped Potential: Jobs and Skills**

- How can the public and private sectors collaborate for sustainable job creation in India?
- What solutions can make India's growing youth population employable?

# Who Is Taking Part?

**Institutional Members and Partners** – The most influential Indian and international corporations represented by their chief executive officers and chief officers of research and development, strategy, technology and innovation

**Forum Members** – Innovative businesses harnessing technology to drive future growth

**Public Figures** – Ministers and bureaucrats committed to improving competitiveness

**Technology Pioneers** – Companies developing life-changing technologies with the potential for long-term impact on business and society

**Young Global Leaders** – Leaders under the age of 40 providing insight into the priorities and expectations of future generations

**Civil Society Organizations** – Leaders driving social progress from non-governmental, labour and faith-based organizations

**Global Shapers** – Individuals under the age of 30 selected for their leadership potential

**Social Entrepreneurs** – Leaders driving social change with innovative business solutions and partnership models

**Young Scientists** – Exceptional researchers producing ground-breaking work across disciplines

**Faculty and Global Future Council Members** – Top experts generating insight through thought leadership and interdisciplinary collaboration

**Cultural Leaders** – Renowned artists challenging assumptions about technology, sharing visions of the future and building bridges on global issues

**Media Leaders** – Publishers and editors-in-chief, top economic columnists, and science and technology editors

# Continue Your Meeting Experience

Continue the conversations from New Delhi via TopLink and tap into the Transformation Maps, which tie issues together through data visualization.

# Registration and Information

Visit our online collaboration platform, TopLink, to register, contribute to the agenda and receive updates on the programme, participants and other meeting highlights.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## When does the meeting take place?

Wednesday 4 October (evening) starting with the Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award Ceremony and Welcome Dinner, until Friday 6 October (late afternoon)

## How will the meeting be structured?

The programme will be based on the following 7 System Initiatives:

- Shaping the Future of Digital Economy and Society
- Shaping the Future of Financial and Monetary Systems
- Shaping the Future of Food Security and Agriculture
- Shaping the Future of Health and Healthcare
- Shaping the Future of Long-Term Investing, Infrastructure and Development
- Shaping the Future of Mobility
- Shaping the Future of Production

It will feature innovative formats to generate insight, spark inspiration and drive impact. It will include plenaries and arena sessions, interactive and televised sessions, issue briefings, transformation hubs, a virtual reality experience, and art and culture exhibits. In addition, an Open Forum will bring some of the summit's most inspiring conversations to students at New Delhi University.

## Where will the meeting take place?

Taj Diplomatic Enclave Hotel  
Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave  
New Delhi 10021  
Tel.: +91 112 611 0202  
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<https://taj.tajhotels.com/en-in/taj-diplomatic-enclave-new-delhi/>

## Where will I stay?

PublicisLive, service provider of logistics and key support services to the World Economic Forum, will arrange accommodation at the Taj Diplomatic Enclave Hotel. You will receive a hotel booking form upon confirmation of your registration.

## What does registration include?

Registration includes access to all sessions, including lunches and dinners.

## What is the working language of the meeting?

Sessions will be held in English.

## By when do I need to register?

The deadline for registration is 22 September. We recommend that you register before this date.

## Do I need a visa?

Please check with the Indian embassy or consulate nearest you for visa requirements. The World Economic Forum cannot assist with visa provision.

## Where do I find additional information about the programme?

When you register, you will receive access to TopLink, the Forum's online collaboration and interaction platform, where you can find the programme and other details.

## Who do I contact for more information?

Please send you enquiry to [India@weforum.org](mailto:India@weforum.org)



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