

GROWING TOGETHER

BUILDING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO BOOST THE AI REVOLUTION

November 12–13, 2024 / San Francisco

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – DAY 1

INNOVIT – The Italian Innovation and Culture Hub – 710, Sansome Street – San Francisco

9.15am Welcome

9.30am Welcome address by **Sergio Strozzi**, *Consul General of Italy to San Francisco*

9.40am Opening remarks by

- **Fausta Bergamotto**, *Italian Under Secretary for Enterprises and Made in Italy*
- **Leila Elmergawi**, *Director and Senior Advisor, Office of the Special Envoy for Critical and Emerging Technology, U.S. Department of State*

10.00 - 12.30am **WORKING SESSION N.1**

Artificial Intelligence as a source of competitiveness, innovation and growth: driving factors and challenges of AI adoption among companies

- **Moderated by Laura Caroli**, *Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)*

Artificial intelligence (AI) can profoundly transform business practices, boosting productivity, efficiency, and sustainability in industrial processes. Yet, international data shows few SMEs have adopted AI solutions.

Aligned with the G7 Report on AI adoption by MSMEs, as outlined in the Ministerial Declaration from the March 14-15, 2024 meeting in Verona and Trento, this debate aims to explore how AI can enhance efficiency and address the main barriers to its adoption.

Additionally, the discussion will consider effective policies and strategies to support mSMEs in deploying safe, secure, and trustworthy AI.

10.00 - 10.10am **Introductory remarks by Eva Spina**, *Co-Chair, G7 Italian Presidency's Industry and Tech Ministerial Track*

10.10 - 11.20am **FIRESIDE CHAT #1 / PART 1 - The Future of AI: Driving Factors, Challenges and Opportunities for the AI Revolution**

- **Juan La Vista**, *Corporate Vice President and Chief Data Scientist AI for Good Lab, Microsoft*
- **Eric Loeb**, *Executive VP of Global Government Affairs, Salesforce*
- **Nicole Foster**, *Director, AWS Global AI/ML and Canada Public Policy*
- **John Miller**, *Senior Vice President of Policy, Data and Technology, Information Technology Industry Council (ITIC)*
- **Michael Punke**, *VP Global Public Policy, AWS*
- **Rob Sherman**, *VP Policy and Deputy Chief Privacy Officer, Meta*

Q&A

11.20 - 12.20am **FIRESIDE CHAT #1 / PART 2 - The Future of AI: Driving Factors, Challenges and Opportunities for the AI Revolution**

- **Alice Friend**, *Global Head, AI and Emerging Technology Policy, Google*
- **Gary Litman**, *SVP Global Initiatives, US Chamber of Commerce*
- **Waldo McMillan**, *Vice President of The Americas for Government Affairs, CISCO*
- **Sylvie Ouellette**, *CEO and Co-Founder at Versatil, Board Member of TechNation Canada*

Q&A

12.20 - 12.30am **Wrap-up by G7 Presidency and anticipation of Working Session no. 2, by Andrea Gumina**, *Senior Policy Advisor to the G7 Sherpa Office*

12.30am - 2.00pm **Networking Lunch**

2.00 - 5.30pm **WORKING SESSION N.2**

The AI Hub for Sustainable Development – Mobilizing Industry Partnership for Growing Together

- **Moderated by Keyzom Ngodup Massally**, *Head of Digital Programming, UNDP Chief Digital Office*

At a pivotal moment of the Global Digital Compact and the G7 Leaders' Declaration in 2024, the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy (MiMIT) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) designed the AI Hub for Sustainable Development, working with the African Union, governments, private sector, startups, academia, and international organizations. The Hub's strategy harnesses private sector innovation to strengthen AI foundations in developing African countries and drive sustainable, inclusive development across six critical sectors: education and training, agriculture, infrastructure, health, water, and energy. This work is structured around four core pillars—data, green computing, talent, and enabling environments—and guided by principles of equitable governance, localized approaches, sustainability, and inclusive design.

The session aims to:

- Shape private sector-led collaborations to develop scalable solutions and trust & safety that advance progress towards the SDGs across Africa.
- Create private sector co-operation and innovations in critical resources that developing countries need: computing, data pipelines, and talent to forge sustainable development solutions.
- Orchestrate talent exchange, start-up accelerators to drive the research and implementation of new use cases for development.
- Foster shared public goods to enhance transparency and accelerate innovation driven by private players across various sectors.

2.00 - 2.10pm **Introductory remarks by Vincenzo Del Monaco**, Minister Plenipotentiary and G7 Industry Co-Chair

2.10 - 2.20pm **Presentation of the AI Hub for Sustainable Development by Robert Opp**, *Chief Digital Officer, UNDP*

2.20 - 3.20pm **FIRESIDE CHAT #2 / PART 1 - Building the AI Revolution together: connecting G7 and African excellences**

- **Mohamed Elbashir**, *Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council Geo-Tech Center*
- **Jen Gennai**, *AI Ethics and Governance Expert, T3 Consultants*
- **Massimo Dal Checco**, *President, Anitec – Assinform and Tech7 Chair*
- **Alex Tsado**, *Founder and CEO, Ahura AI*
- **Janet Sawari**, *Founder and CEO, Tair Labs*
- **Raniero Romagnoli,** *CTO, Almawave*

Q&A

3.20 - 4.20pm **FIRESIDE CHAT #2 / PART 2 - Building the AI Revolution together: connecting G7 and African excellences**

- **Emre Varol**, *CEO, A2SV*
- **Houda Ghozzi**, *CEO, Open Startup International*
- **Wei Xiao**, *Director of Developers Relations, Middle East and Africa, NVIDIA*
- **Joey Stryker**, *VP Marketing, iGenius*
- **Daniel Boateng**, *Venture Talent Specialist, The Future List*
- **El Mahdi Aboulmanadel**, *CEO, DeepLeaf*

Q&A

4.20 - 5.10pm **African Start-Ups Pitching Demo Session Chaired by Diego Teloni**, Harmonic Innovation Group, **Alberto Acito**, INNOVIT

Introductory Remarks before Pitching Session by Ali Diallo, *CEO and Founder, Aurion Capital*

- **Nasrallah Hassan**, *Founder, IRIF: Birrama Digital Commerce PLC – Ethiopia (tbd for in presence participation)*
- **Mohamed Mekki Maalej**, *Founder, IrWise – Tunisia*
- **Tonee Ndungu, Founder**, *Kytabu - Kenya*
- **Hichem Mokni, Founder**, *NextAV - Tunisia*
- **Ochich Magero, Founder**, *TradePulse - Kenya*

5.10 - 5.20pm **Wrap-up by G7 Presidency and anticipation of Day 2, by Andrea Gumina**, *Senior Policy Advisor to the G7 Sherpa Office*

5.20 - 5.30pm **Final remarks by Sam Yala**, President of the African Institute of Mathematical Sciences

5.30 - 6:30pm **Networking cocktail**

6:30 pm **End of Day 1**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - DAY 2

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9.15am **Welcome**

9.30am **Welcome address and wrap up of Day 1 by Sergio Strozzi**, *Consul General of Italy to San Francisco*

9.40am - 1.00pm **WORKING SESSION N. 3**

The Emerging Technologies Revolution: how G7 Members, PDBs and DFIs could pave the way for a collaborative investment framework

– **Moderated by Jillian Manus**, *Managing Partner, Structure Capital*

Day 2 will be focused on the importance of investing together on responsible and ethical use of emerging technologies within the G7 and towards outreach Countries, setting a precedent for AI development across financial markets.

The agenda will be opened by keynote speeches, followed by a line-up of prominent international speakers from some of the most active Investors from the Bay Area as well as from Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), the G7 Public Development Banks (PDBs) and Development Financing Institutions (DFIs). Interactive discussion will be related to their commitment on working together to contribute to the responsible and ethical use of new AI technologies by focusing on the elaboration of common standards for responsible investing in AI, in close cooperation with the relevant thematic G7 Working Groups.

– **Introduction by Agostino Scornajenchi**, *CEO, CDP Venture Capital SGR*

9.50 - 11.00am **FIRE-SIDE CHAT 3 / PART 1 - Building a Framework for Responsible Investment in AI and other Emerging Technologies: from partnership to Commitments to Common Standards**

– **John Wesley**, *Director, NVentures*
– **Marcie Frost**, *CEO, CALPERS*
– **Angelo Del Priore**, *Investor, HP Tech Ventures*
– **Dominic Perri**, *Partner at Vertex Ventures*
– **Bill Rodoni**, *Founder and Managing Partner of Janix Capital*
– **Michael Kim**, *Founder, Cendana Capital*
– **Sergio Rinaudo**, *Vice President, Permira*
– ***Anis Uzzaman***, *Founder and CEO, Pegasus Tech Ventures*

Q&A

11.00 - 12:00am **FIRE-SIDE CHAT 3 / PART 2 - Building a Framework for Responsible Investment in AI and other Emerging Technologies: from partnership to Commitments to Common Standards**

– **Moderated by Enrico Petrocelli**, *Head of International Institutional Relations, CDP*
– **Ana María Ibáñez**, *Vice President for Sectors and Knowledge, Inter-American Development Bank*
– **Markus Berndt**, *Deputy Director General and Head of EIB Group Representation to the US and the UN, European Investment Bank*
– **Ousmane Fall**, *Director of Non-Sovereign Operations and Private Sector, African Development Bank*
– **Ean Hundley**, *Director of ICT Policy, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation*

Q&A

12.00 - 12.40am **Wrap-up of the session the G7 Consul Generals to San Francisco and Tech Envoys [TBD]**

12.40 - 12:50am **Closing Remarks by**

– **Massimo Carnelos,** *Head of Unit for Technological Innovation and Startups, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.*

12:50 am - 2:00 pm **Networking Lunch**

2:00pm **End of the Event**



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