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Suggested Session Tracks & Topics

Track 1 – Trade:

Session 1: Gateway to Growth: The Trade and Investment Imperative

India stands at a pivotal moment in its economic journey, leveraging transformative reforms, strategic FTAs, and digital innovation to become a global trade and investment hub. As the world grapples with supply chain realignments, climate challenges, and inclusive growth imperatives, India's initiatives like Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, ONDC, and UPI are driving resilience and competitiveness.

This session will explore how strategic trade and investment partnerships can unlock new avenues for sustainable economic growth. The dialogue will highlight actionable strategies to strengthen global value chains, attract investments, and foster long-term partnerships.

Session 2: Crisis to Competitiveness: Reinforcing Economic Security

As global geopolitics grow increasingly complex, economic security has become a cornerstone of national resilience and competitiveness. For India, navigating disruptions, from supply chain shocks and energy vulnerabilities to strategic dependencies, demands a robust and adaptive economic strategy.

This session will explore how India can turn external crises into opportunities by strengthening domestic capabilities, diversifying trade partnerships, securing critical technologies, and enhancing strategic autonomy. Through a geopolitical lens, the discussion will examine policy imperatives, regional alliances, and global positioning that can help India reinforce its economic security and emerge as a more resilient and influential player in the evolving world order.

Track 2 - Future of Industrialisation

Session 1: Industry 5.0 Leap: Can It Become a Global Hub for Tech-Driven Manufacturing?

As Industry 5.0 reshapes global manufacturing, India has a unique opportunity to lead by integrating human creativity with AI, IoT, and robotics to build adaptive, sustainable production systems. With initiatives like Make in India 2.0 and the PLI scheme, India is advancing toward becoming a manufacturing hub. However, gaps in physical infrastructure, supply chains, and workforce skills wherein only 25% of engineering graduates are industry-ready, pose challenges.

This session will explore India's Industry 5.0 roadmap: boosting semiconductor capacity, enabling smart factories, promoting green growth, leveraging the China+1 strategy, and implementing reforms to create a future-ready, high-tech manufacturing workforce.

Session 2: Industrial Corridors 2.0: Building Smart, Connected Ecosystem for Industry 5.0

As we move towards Industry 5.0, the next generation of industrial corridors must evolve into intelligent, interconnected ecosystems. This session will explore how digital infrastructure, sustainable design, and advanced technologies can transform industrial zones into hubs of innovation and resilience. Experts will discuss strategies for integrating smart logistics, green energy, and data-driven governance to enhance competitiveness and inclusivity.

Track 3 - Sustainability & Climate Action

Session 1 : Climate Risks for Indian Businesses

Climate change poses significant risks to Indian businesses, impacting operations, supply chains, assets, and markets. Extreme weather events like floods, heatwaves, droughts, and cyclones can disrupt production, damage infrastructure, and affect workforce health. To manage these risks, businesses must identify vulnerabilities, assess potential impacts, and integrate adaptation and mitigation strategies into their decision-making processes.

This session will deliberate on how by proactively managing climate risks, Indian businesses can safeguard continuity, drive innovation, and achieve long-term value creation.

Session 2 : ESG Evolution: Driving Transparent and Inclusive Climate Action

As the climate crisis intensifies, ESG frameworks are becoming central to corporate transparency and sustainability. Globally, businesses face mounting pressure from investors, consumers, and regulators to embed environmental, social, and governance performance into mainstream financial reporting.

This session will explore the evolving ESG landscape in India and worldwide, addressing reporting challenges, framework gaps, and inclusive strategies for ESG integration with emphasis on ensuring emerging economies are part of the global sustainability agenda.

Track 4: Technology and Innovation

Session 1: Innovation Amidst Global Shifts: Opportunities in Critical and Rare Earth Minerals

Critical and rare earth minerals are vital to clean energy, electronics, defence, and semiconductors, making them central to the 21st-century economy. As countries pursue green and digital transitions, securing sustainable and diversified access is now a geopolitical priority. India, with rich mineral deposits in states like Andhra Pradesh, holds strategic potential.

This session will convene global leaders to discuss cooperation models, innovations in extraction, responsible sourcing, and circularity. It will also explore global partnerships, ESG frameworks, and technology transfer as key levers for building a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready critical minerals ecosystem.

Session 2: Transforming Ideas into Global Impact: Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Innovation

In an increasingly interconnected world, research and development (R&D) is a foundational pillar of national competitiveness and technological leadership. When paired with strong and strategic intellectual property (IP) frameworks, R&D can be transformed into real-world innovations that drive economic growth, societal benefit, and global progress. This session will spotlight how countries, industries, and research institutions are fostering international R&D collaborations, sharing best practices in IP management, and co-developing solutions to complex global challenges—from climate change and healthcare to digital transformation and deep tech.

Track 5 – Growth

Session 1: Global Financial Architecture: Time for a Reset?

The global economy is navigating unprecedented disruption – from the pandemic and rising geopolitical tensions to geoeconomic fragmentation and climate-related costs, with developing nations hit hardest. Debt sustainability has become a major concern, and risks to financial markets have intensified. Amid this turbulence, calls to reform the global financial architecture are growing stronger. As multilateralism is increasingly questioned, the need for renewed global cooperation has become urgent.

This session will discuss on how to reshape international collaboration to deliver effective, equitable solutions for a rapidly changing world.

Session 2 : Navigating the New Normal: "Uncertainty is certain"

The Global Economic Policy Uncertainty Index are at new highs today, even eclipsing the levels seen during the Covid-19 pandemic. "Change is the only constant" has now become a hard reality that economies and businesses alike are grappling with. Amidst this hyper-dynamism, the long established "wait and see" approach has become rather archaic. Instead, it is an opportunity to reorient strategies to leverage emerging areas of growth. For example, high tariffs by some countries have opened bandwidth to forge new partnerships.

This session will deliberate on what are some of these key opportunities India could proactively tap to prepare for the next wave of growth.

Track 6 - Geoeconomic Framework

Session: Securing Economic Interests in a Multi-Polar World

The global economy is transitioning to a multipolar order, with several nations rising in economic influence. This shift calls for a reassessment of trade norms and alliances. As the world's fourth-largest economy, India is well-positioned to shape this emerging landscape. Its potential role in championing the interests of the Global South is gaining attention. This session will explore how nations and businesses can navigate the complexities of a multi-polar world, balancing competition, collaboration, and geopolitical risks. Thought leaders and policymakers will share insights on trade realignments, supply chain diversification, and emerging economic blocs.

This session would examine actionable strategies for safeguarding national and corporate interests while fostering inclusive growth and global stability.

Track 7: Inclusion

Session 1: Inclusive Innovation – Gender Equity in the Age of Industry 5.0

Industry 5.0 is redefining the future of work, making it essential to ensure that technological progress does not deepen existing gender disparities. This session will delve into how frontier technologies: AI, automation, and digital platforms, can be harnessed to promote gender equity in employment, education, and entrepreneurship. Experts will discuss the risks of algorithmic bias, the importance of inclusive design, and the role of digital skilling in empowering women to thrive in tech-driven industries. The panel will also explore how public-private partnerships can foster innovation ecosystems that are equitable, diverse, and future-ready.

Session 2: Industry 5.0: Reskilling for an Automated World

As automation and AI reshape industries, Industry 5.0 brings a human-centric approach to innovation—where collaboration between humans and machines drives productivity and purpose. This session explores how businesses, governments, and academia must work together to reskill the workforce for this new paradigm. Discover strategies for empowering talent with digital fluency, adaptive thinking, and emotional intelligence to thrive in an automated world. Join thought leaders and change-makers as they share insights on building resilient, inclusive, and future-ready ecosystems that balance technological advancement with human value.

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