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## British Prime Minister Boris Johnson To Deliver Special Address



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Here are some of the key conversations and addresses not to be missed:

December 14, 2021 | The future of technology: resilience and partnerships

10:00 a.m. | Special address by Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

11:15 am | Beyond the borders: science and technology cooperation in a quad

The plurilateral quad grouping is monitored around the world and has adopted a proactive agenda to collaborate on new and emerging technologies and other people-to-person initiatives. To gain a deeper understanding of the Quad and explore ways to build a virtual network that can facilitate scientific exchange for a more collaborative innovation ecosystem, don't miss this session.

The speakers include:

- K. Vijay Raghavan, Chief Scientific Advisor to the Government of India
- Cathy Foley, Senior Scientist, Australian Government
- Yoichiro Matsumoto, Scientific and Technological Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Japanese Government
- Allison Schwier, Acting Science and Technology Advisor to the White House Secretary of State
- Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries

18:00 | Cryptocurrencies: The Future of Technology and Regulation

Cryptocurrency is the hottest new asset class, but regulatory responses to cryptocurrencies range from raids (China) to uncertainty (India) to a positive hug (El Salvador). But cryptocurrencies today have a market capitalization of nearly \$ 2

trillion and cannot be ignored. You have fueled both imagination and innovation. This session will reveal the future of technology, regulators' perception of risk, and possible ways to tackle the promise and dangers of cryptocurrencies.

The speakers include:

- Subhash Chandra Garg, Strategist (Economy, Finance and Fiscal Policy)
- Robert Greene, Nonresident Scholar, Asia Program and Cyber Policy Initiative, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Priyadarshini D., Associate Fellow, Carnegie India

2:15 p.m. | Securing Vaccine Supply Chains: Partnerships and Resilience

Greater collaboration between all stakeholders, including suppliers, customers, logistics providers and others, is required to develop resilient supply chains for effective global vaccine distribution. This session will discuss the importance of such partnerships and the role technology plays in enhancing supply chain flexibility to address random and influential events.

The speakers include:

- Mahima Datla, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Vaccines and Branded Formulations, Biological E Limited
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, CEO, Biocon
- Robin Davies, Director, Indo-Pacific Center for Health Security, Government of Australia
- Neeraj Jain, Country Director, PATH India

3:15 pm | Fragmentation: The Future of Data Geopolitics

When it comes to data, most nations prefer regional and bilateral agreements over larger multilateral agreements to facilitate the flow of data. This session will discuss this changing trend and examine different approaches to facilitate global data flows. The speakers include:

- Katherine Charlet, director, data governance, Google
- Ralf Sauer, Deputy Head of Unit for International Data Flows, DG Justice, European Commission
- Michael Nelson, Senior Fellow, Technology and International Affairs Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Malavika Raghavan, Senior Fellow for India, Future of Privacy Forum

5:00 p.m. | Unified Payments Interface (UPI): Building digital highways

India has been keeping an eye on the global fintech market with countries like Singapore, Bhutan, the Philippines and Kenya looking to build digital infrastructures to enable fast and efficient digital payments. This session will discuss the benefits of adopting UPI overseas and the challenges it faces in other regions with different business and political landscapes.

The speakers include:

- Umang Moondra, Secretary, Singapore Fintech Association
- Ritesh Shukla, Chief Executive Officer, NPCI International Payments Limited
- Roberto de Oliveira Campos Neto, Governor of the Brazilian Central Bank
- Abhijit Bose, Head of India, WhatsApp
- Sahil Kini, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Setu

December 15, 2021 | Technology and Innovation: Roadmap for Sustainability and Inclusion

10:35 | Unified Health Interface (UHI): partnership for the future

In India, where only 1% of GDP is spent on health care, access to digital health services appears to be a major challenge. This conversation will discuss ways in which the UHI can be scaled domestically and perspectives for its export to other countries.

Participants in the conversation:

- Ram Sewak Sharma, Chief Executive Officer, National Health Authority, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India
- Indranil Mukherjee, Managing Director, B. Braun Medical

11:15 am | Governance: mastering cybersecurity challenges

For companies moving to the cloud, robust security is essential to protect data, systems and applications from theft, data leakage, corruption and deletion. The session aims to discuss ways in which practitioners and policy makers can maximize the cybersecurity benefits of cloud service providers and minimize cybersecurity risks.

The speakers include:

- Mark Johnston, Head of Security, Customer Engineering, Google Cloud, Asia Pacific and Japan
- Alok Joshi, former member of the National Security Advisory Council
- Latha Reddy, Co-Chair, Global Commission on Stability of Cyberspace-
- Chinenye C. Chizea, Chief Information Security Officer, National Identity Management Commission, Nigeria

– Gunjan Chawla, Program Manager, Technology and National Security Team,  
Center for Communication Governance

4:15 pm | Reaching a trillion dollar digital economy

The Indian government, which launched the Digital India program in 2015, now plans to leverage the growing opportunities in manufacturing, engineering and digitization to advance the trillion-dollar vision of the digital economy. However, it faces a number of challenges, including delays in infrastructure development, rural connectivity, digital literacy, and data security, among others. This session will discuss possible barriers to reaching the trillion dollar mark and possible solutions to bridge those gaps.

The speakers include:

- Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Salesforce
- Manish Sabharwal, Executive Vice Chairman, TeamLease Services Limited
- Venkatesh Hariharan, Representative for India, Open Invention Network

December 16, 2021 | Glocalization of Emerging Technologies: Building Digital Skills

11:45 am | Conversation: cloud and sustainability

Transition to a greener future: Companies are slowly moving to the cloud with the aim of increasing efficiency, innovating responsibly and reducing the carbon footprint of their operations. This session explores the financial, security, agility, and environmental benefits of the cloud and how they can enable new innovations for the good of this planet.

The speakers include:

- Ken Haig, Energy and Environmental Policy, Asia Pacific and Japan, Amazon Web Services, Asia Pacific and Japan
- Rajkumar Buyya, Director, Cloud Computing and Distributed Systems Lab, The University of Melbourne, Australia

12:40 pm | The future of encryption:

With the increasing regulatory focus on encryption around the world, innumerable technical alternatives or solutions are proposed to mitigate societal harm. This session will focus on what these solutions are, how likely they are to succeed, and what is the best way to resolve some of the inherent tensions between legitimate access and user security.

The speakers include:

- Marshall Erwin, Chief Security Officer, Mozilla
- Yashovardhan Azad, Chairman, DeepStrat and former Special Director, Intelligence Bureau
- Udbhav Tiwari, Nonresident Scholar, Carnegie India and Public Policy Advisor, Mozilla
- Anirudh Burman, Associate Research Director and Fellow, Carnegie India

2:45 pm | Building an AI nation

Several countries, including India, have invested in developing their AI technologies and related policies. The session will discuss the scope of action needed to drive AI innovation and diffusion in sectors beyond consumer goods and information technology.

The speakers include:

- Andrew W. Wyckoff, Director, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation
- Manish Gupta, Director, Google Research, India
- Jibu Elias, Content and Research Director, INDIENai
- Abhishek Singh, President and Chief Executive Officer, National e-Governance Division, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India

4:45 p.m. | Building data protection authorities

India is working on national data protection legislation. The effectiveness of this legislation will be determined by the effectiveness of the proposed data protection authority. This session will discuss how countries should go about setting up a data regulator, best practices and lessons to be learned from global experience.

The speakers include:

- Rahul Matthan, partner, Trilegal
- Michael Pisa, Policy Fellow, Center for Global Development
- Miriam Wimmer, Director, Brazilian Data Protection Agency, ANPD
- Andrea Jelinek, Chair of the European Data Protection Board
- Melinda Claybaugh, Privacy Policy Director-Legislation, Facebook
- Suyash Rai, Associate Director and Fellow, Carnegie India

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 The Minister for Women, Gender and Diversity, Elizabeth GÃ³mez Alcorta (left) The Ministry of Science has submitted a new call for proposals for research projects on gender and diversity September 27, 2021  
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