



DAY I

Date: 12th October (Monday)

Inaugural Session: Reimagine the World

Time: 1745 -1900 hrs (IST) /1215- 1330 hrs (GMT)

Theme: Responsibility, respect for humanity and ensuring development which is in sync with preservation of our environment are the new mantras of inclusive, human centric globalisation. Governments and organisations today face multiple challenges that transcend the traditional realm of business and governance: Nations must look beyond comparative advantage or financial prowess to achieve real progress and prosperity. For industry, in addition to serving shareholder interests and the commitment to prosperity, businesses across the world are undergoing transformation in VUCA times. Conducting business is as much a 'science' as it is an 'art' in an environment where change is the only constant. The goal needs to be of finding convergence between self-reliance and globalization. Sustainability and diversity will remain as cornerstones of future global growth and development.

The Inaugural session of FICCI LEADS 2020 shall set the tone for four days of intense deliberation bringing together government and business leaders from Asia, Europe, Africa, Americas and the Pacific. The session shall feature vision statements on reimagining the world through economic excellence and resilient leadership.

I. North America Session: Reimagining Innovation

Time: 1900 – 2100 hrs (IST) /1330- 1530 hrs (GMT)

Theme: The cross fertilization of ideas, knowledge and human talent are the hallmarks of India's engagement with North American nations like US & Canada. In today's scenario technology and innovation led growth has taken the center stage. The focus of investors from the region into India, has shifted from cost arbitrage to innovation and business transformation. The next 'green revolution' will be led by innovation in Fintech, Banking, Edtech, Healthcare, Manufacturing and even marketing models of global organizations, in the backdrop of unforeseen disruptions in business value chains. India and the North American countries can complement each other in developing business ecosystems for the future.

The session would talk of *leadership* approach to our engagement with North American countries, built on business *excellence* & *adaptability* to change. *Diversity* and *sustainability* will always be the foundation.



DAY II

Date: 13th October (Tuesday)

II. East Asia Session: Reimagining Global Value Chains

Time: 0915 – 1115 hrs (IST) / 0345- 0545 hrs (GMT)

Theme: Economic partnerships with the major economies of East Asian countries can be harnessed to its highest potential by *reimagining* global supply chains. Given that some of these major economies have decided to de-risk their manufacturing investments and diversify their supply chains, India provides an opportunity to the East for reimagining their manufacturing value chains, making them simple, cost-efficient and ‘glocal’. The session will also have global business leaders sharing their vision on realignment of policy framework, collaborations and manufacturing excellence.

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III. Oceania Session: Reimagining Synergies in Sustainable Resources

Time: 1115 – 1315 hrs (IST) / 0545- 0745 hrs (GMT)

Theme: In an era of accelerating change, there is immense focus on sustainability across sectors for the better future by economies. Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Islands support rich natural-resource economies, and rely on their natural resources for subsistence and economic development. The Oceania countries are leading the world when it comes to achieving sustainable development in sectors such as Renewable Energy, Agriculture, Mining of Rare Earth Minerals and Ocean Resources. Likewise, India’s focus on clean energy sector and sustainable practices across sectors, create value opportunities for India and Oceania to collaborate to provide better future.

The session would talk of *leadership* approach to our engagement with Oceania region, built on business *excellence*, *adaptability* to change. *Diversity* and *sustainability* will always be the foundation.



IV. Europe Session: Reimagining Technological Innovation

Time: 1345 – 1545 hrs (IST) / 0815- 1015 hrs (GMT)

Theme: India and Europe are natural partners, with mutually beneficial economic partnerships. The recent India EU Virtual Summit witnessed a shared vision for reviving world economy on a path of sustainable and inclusive growth. Synergies in vision for open markets, resource-efficiency, smart infrastructure and clean technologies were the hallmark of this deliberation.

Europe, Western, Central and Eastern, has seen emergence of technological innovation be it with smart infrastructure, smart cities, urban mobility, healthcare, clean technologies and harnessing Blue Economy sustainably. India strengths in frugal innovation and industrial ecosystem, holds potential for *reimagining* technological partnerships.

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V. Africa Session: Reimagining a Resilient Africa

Time: 1615 – 1815 hrs (IST) / 1045- 1245 hrs (GMT)

Theme: The African continent is best viewed as a collage of countries with cross-cultural nuances and diverse historical lineage. Together, this confluence of Arab, French, English, Portuguese, and Indian cultures is at the cusp of being a global growth hub. This will happen by *reimagining* its economic vision, human capital, diverse demographics, and geographical vagaries.

The catalyst for transformation would be digital renaissance, infrastructure development, education and skill enhancement on an economic canvas. Hence the future drivers for inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Africa would lie in enhancing its resilience to global disruptions, especially for its SME sector. Accordingly, the session shall focus on India-Africa business relations for reimagining Africa beyond conventional trade, agriculture and mineral resources. With its penchant for innovation and strong SME base across sectors, India can be a long-term partner for Africa. This is considering that Africa too is keen to engage with India and transform its own economy on the foundation of infrastructure, digitization and skills.

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DAY III

Date: 14th October (Wednesday)

VI. Gulf & West Asia Session: Reimagining Business Beyond Oil

Time: 1045 – 1245 hrs (IST) / 0515- 0715 hrs (GMT)

Theme: India-West Asia relations remain centered on two key pillars, Energy security and a huge Indian diaspora. In this era of global disruptions India's shared vision with the region, of cooperative growth, prompts us to reimagine our future opportunities for economic growth. The session will focus on India-Arab engagement for reimagining business beyond oil. India-West Asia relations remain centred on two key pillars: energy security and a huge Indian diaspora. In this era of global disruptions and India's shared vision with the region of cooperative growth, prompts us to reimagine our future opportunities for economic growth. Various countries in the region have transformed themselves from trading hubs to media, entertainment and tourism centres. Other countries are rapidly adapting themselves to new realities and transforming into services or manufacturing hubs. The focus on sustainability and commitment to diversity and inclusion, are part of this transformation and new growth story. At the same time, major economies of the Middle East look at India as an opportunity for investments and trade.

The session would talk of *leadership* approach to our Arab engagement built on business *excellence & adaptability* to change. *Diversity* and *sustainability* will always be the foundation.

VII. South Asia Session: Reimagining Neighborhood Economic Integration

Time: 1345 – 1545 hrs (IST) / 0815- 1015 hrs (GMT)

Theme: India's vision of a stable, integrated, prosperous region through 'neighborhood first policy', catalysing the vision for regional economic growth and social development through a calibrated and systematic strategy of engagement with neighbours to create successful partnerships and value chains. South Asia is currently among the least integrated regions of the world, with intra-regional trade at 5%, while the region has great opportunity to grow into a powerful geo economic hub by leveraging human capital, rich resources, innovation culture and strengths in manufacturing and services.

To harness this potential, India and partners in South Asia must *reimagine* our regional co-operation by taking leadership positions to create fresh South Asian value chains and tap deeply into existing value networks.



The session would talk of *leadership* approach to our neighbourhood nations, built on business *excellence & adaptability* to change. *Diversity* and *sustainability* will always be the foundation.

VIII. Latin America & Caribbean Session: Reimagining Distances

Time: 1815 – 2015 hrs (IST)/ 1245- 1445 hrs (GMT)

Theme: The region’s economic resurgence is an unfolding story, which has made it a powerful magnet for foreign investment from near and far. Indian investments are on the rise, as are Latin American investments in India. India exported more to the distant Dominican Republic than to the nearby Cambodia; more to Colombia than to our neighbour Myanmar. Distances are in the mind. It’s time to *reimagine* distances and bridge the oceans with Latin America.

Geo-economic dynamics are changing with global disruptions throwing up an opportunity for India and LAC region to come closer. India and LAC are large markets with combined population of approximately 2 billion, and with a combined GDP of \$8 trillion. It’s an opportunity that present each other as a gateway to the East and West.

The session would talk of *leadership* approach to the Latin American and Caribbean countries, built on business *excellence & adaptability* to change. *Diversity* and *sustainability* will always be the foundation.

It is time for India and Latin America to bridge the distances: Let’s Grow Together.



DAY IV

Date: 15th October (Thursday)

IX. ASEAN Session: Reimagining Technology Excellence

Time: 0945 – 1145 hrs (IST) / 0415- 0615 hrs (GMT)

Theme: India-ASEAN economic engagement has been about complementing each other's strengths. India's prowess in technology led business excellence while the leadership, teamwork, creativity, and social skills of the former, and the speed, scalability, and quantitative capabilities of the latter, big question to answer and accept the reality. The influence of the technology is so prominent that it's drastically changing the way we work, communicate and even live. Hence, we need to *reimagine* the way we engage with each other. The ability to transform data into meaningful insights is the cornerstone of industrial development. Companies are making use of information technology to touch our everyday lives, about 2 billion lives.

India and ASEAN need to leverage the cutting-edge technological leadership to take the economic engagement to the next level. The session would talk of *leadership* approach to ASEAN, built on business *excellence* & *adaptability* to change. *Diversity* and *sustainability* will always be the foundation.

X. CIS Session: Reimagining New Economic Threads for Developing 'Extended Neighborhood'

Time: 1345 – 1545 hrs (IST)/ 0815- 1015 hrs (GMT)

Theme: The region is part of India's "extended neighborhood" and of great geostrategic value to India. In view of the historical engagement with the region since India's independence, it has a potential to emerge as an important economic partner for India. Notwithstanding the shared values and the 'Asian' heart, the region is far but yet near.

The time is now for India and the region to redefine and re-invent the business and economic fabric that awaits new intent and focus, both from policy makers and businesses alike to realize the goal. Enhanced connectivity and greater recognition of how our economies could develop a blue-print of collaborative economic partnership of tomorrow, will be the key. At the same time future of this VUCA world makes it imperative to build a framework of digital connectivity and strategic trade and investments, leveraging complementarities the CIS economies have with India. We need to *reimagine* India's economic engagement with the region.

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XI. Multilateral Session: Reimagining a ‘Glocal’ Ecosystem

Time: 1615 – 1815 hrs (IST)/ 1045- 1245 hrs (GMT)

Theme: The geopolitical and economic context within which modern day multilateralism, paints a picture that global cooperation that is daunting. At first glimpse, it seems that countries are self-isolating through the concept of self-reliance. However, help which some countries are offering to other countries in the current crises, is also playing a constructive role in rebuilding confidence in globalization.

Even as countries and organizations talk of reducing dependence on complex supply chains and becoming more ‘self-reliant’, globalization is here to stay. Keeping product and services at highest quality standards and competitive will be imperative for any business or a Government to ensure the larger well-being of a country’s human capital. There could be diversification of supply chains or simplification but harnessing the comparative advantage of various economies around the world will drive leadership of organizations to innovate their business models.

In this backdrop it becomes important for global multilateral platforms like G-20, SCO, G-8, BRICS, IORA, BIMSTEC, ASEAN among others, to work towards a global engagement system which takes care of local growth imperatives. Nations need to be ‘GLOCAL’. The session would talk of *leadership* approach to globalization, built on business *excellence & adaptability* to change. *Diversity* and *sustainability* will always be the foundation.

Valedictory Session: Reimagining Economic Diplomacy

Time: 1845 – 2015 hrs (IST)/ 1315- 1445 hrs (GMT)

Theme: The valedictory session of FICCI LEADS 2020 shall be the finale of four days of intense deliberation around the central questions that underlie the quest for global economic prosperity. An inclusive and sustainable growth model would be imperative for achieving this vision. The session shall reflect upon the essence of the discussions to re-imagine economic growth on the pillars of open economies, self-reliance, economic resilience and multilateralism.

The LEADS 2020 key takeaways will be shared in this session. Eminent thought leaders would also share their perspective on what future holds for global leadership, wherein business *excellence & adaptability* to change will be hygiene factors, while *diversity* and *sustainability* will be the foundation.