LEADING THE NEW ECONOMY
PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
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INDIA ECONOMY, FINANCE AND INNOVATION

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

GLOBAL ECONOMY, FINANCE AND INNOVATION

6:30 AM
REGISTRATION

7:00 AM
WORKING BREAKFASTS

8:30 AM
OPENING OF THE 13TH EDITION OF THE TORONTO GLOBAL FORUM

9:00 AM
INAUGURAL PLENARY SESSION
LEADING THE NEW ECONOMY
The global economy faces a number of complex challenges - from economic nationalism and trade disputes between the world’s largest economies to rapid technological advances - which threaten to fragment the international economic order that has so far prevailed. How can we interpret the recent slowdown in global trade growth? More than a decade after the 2008 recession, is the financial sector prepared to face the risk of a new collapse? How can a more inclusive and sustainable economy be fostered?

10:30 AM
FORUM 1 simultaneously
FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN THE AGE OF FINTECH
Although nearly 2 billion people worldwide are still effectively excluded from the formal financial system, fintech has considerably contributed to the rise of financial inclusion, and thus to the reduction of poverty and the boost of prosperity. What innovative solutions are being implemented to advance financial inclusion? How do established companies respond to the rise of fintech and the increased competition in the sector? How can institutions regulate fintech to avoid any downward slides while enabling this positive impact?

FORUM 2 simultaneously
INVESTING FOR IMPACT
Impact investing is a growing focus for investors as many companies and banks are eager to find investments generating business as well as social and environmental benefits. Can this type of social investment give returns as interesting as traditional ones? How can we prevent these investments from being associated with plain marketing initiatives? Is impact investing just a trend or the best strategy to address the fraying contract between society and business?

FORUM 3 simultaneously
FOSTERING FINANCIAL HEALTH TO IMPROVE MENTAL WELL-BEING
Money is the leading cause of stress around the world, impacting mental well-being and health but also influencing employee engagement and productivity in the workplace. What evidence exists that demonstrates the correlation between financial wellbeing and mental health? How can employers help mitigate the effects of financial stress? What can be done to help prepare youth for healthier futures?

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THE WORKPLACE OF THE FUTURE
The workplace is being redefined as technology enables businesses to streamline tasks, but also as a new generation of workers puts into question the social standards and the benefits attracting top talent. As automation makes progress, what skills will be most valuable for workers of tomorrow? What strategies can ensure diversity and gender inclusion in the workplace? How does the rise of digital communications impact the workplace and the mobility of workers?
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LUNCHEON
LEADERSHIP IN AN ERA OF CHANGE

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NETWORKING COFFEE AND DESSERT

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AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION
TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION: THE PATH TO GROWTH
Technologies such as artificial intelligence and blockchain seem to be the new drivers of growth as they are transforming how businesses automate complex tasks, allocate labor and innovate. How is the use of big data transforming firms and markets? What impact does machine learning have on the productivity and efficiency of corporations? How can companies get the most out of this tech innovation?

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CLOSING PLENARY SESSION
THE UNRAVELING OF THE GEOPOLITICAL ORDER
Trade disputes, geopolitical tensions across the globe and debt accumulation all constitute severe risks for the global economy. How is the current geopolitical reality affecting the global economy? What impact do geopolitical tensions have on companies and investors? What can companies and states do to mitigate risks and continue to grow and prosper?

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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MORNING PLENARY SESSION
THE NEXT GENERATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE
As global infrastructure comes under stress and faces growing challenges related to population growth, cyber threats and climate change, its development has become more crucial than ever in fostering economic prosperity. What are the main challenges that must be overcome to turn our cities and industries into efficient, connected and sustainable systems? How is technology changing infrastructure and planning projects? Which avenues should we focus on to finance the next generation of infrastructure?

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TOWARDS TOMORROW’S SMART CITIES
While cities occupy just 2 per cent of the earth’s land surface, they are home to more than half of the world’s population and generate 80 per cent of all economic output. As urbanization continues to grow, how is technological innovation reviving our cities and shaping the way we live? How can cities transition to smarter and more sustainable urban solutions? How can private and public stakeholders work together to create and ensure cities are safer, more sustainable and better connected?

FORUM 2 simultaneously
INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY
Responding effectively to the growing demand for energy while limiting CO2 emissions means successfully embracing smart energy generation and consumption. How can technology be useful to improve energy efficiency in storage and transportation, which present major challenges? Could innovative solutions provide wider energy access to underserved populations? In what ways can the players of the global energy market collaborate better to optimize the exploitation of a stable and sustainable energy networks?

FORUM 3 simultaneously
DISRUPTIVE CLIMATE: FINANCING THE DECARBONIZATION OF THE ECONOMY
While the global economy is facing pressure to transform as states, power companies and consumers seek to address climate change, accessing financing for sustainable and clean alternatives remains a key hurdle. How can legacy energy companies, utilities and investors help overcome this investment barrier and encourage their own long-term growth prospects? What types of investment vehicles exist or could be leveraged to bolster capital growth in the green economy? How can public policy encourage investments to help move the fight against climate change forward?

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THE AI REVOLUTION

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DRIVING THE GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION
While major economies fail to meet their carbon emission targets and climate change looms more threatening than ever, the world still strives to close the energy gaps and provide access to clean, reliable and affordable energy to all. What does the future of energy look like? How can fossil fuels be part of the sustainable energy solution? Are countries and businesses adapting fast enough to keep pace with the shifting energy landscape?

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CYBERSECURITY STRATEGIES TO SECURE THE REAL WORLD

As systems and structures increasingly become connected and attackers increase their digital capabilities, cybersecurity is standing out as a crucial challenge for most industries and businesses. What are the new practices and technological innovations that can counter criminal plans? Do businesses and governments have the proper resources to implement effective cybersecurity measures? Could policies and laws help circumvent the cyberattacks and threats both locally and globally?
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<td>Awareness regarding the role of businesses in providing positive social outcomes is growing quickly both in the general public and executives’ minds, and new generations are at the forefront of this movement. How are young entrepreneurs making an impact and improving the world? What are the main challenges in making these social endeavours prosper economically? In what ways is social entrepreneurship redefining practices in different industries?</td>
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IMPLEMENTING MEDICAL INNOVATION

Large investment into big data, blockchain, and machine learning promise to drastically change the healthcare sector by providing innovative solutions both to medical challenges and system inefficiencies. What challenges are faced in implementing innovation to the healthcare sector? How can blockchain improve efficiency of the sector’s transactions and foster better affordability? As we move towards personalized treatment relying on big data and AI, what steps must be taken to ensure the ethical and safety standards are respected globally?