

accelerating digital

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Summit Agenda

Monday, March 4

3:00–5:00 pm *Pre-registration in Atrium & MC Entrance*

5:00–8:00 pm
Atrium
Plenary 1: Keynote & Networking Reception
 The Internet Turns Fifty
Vint Cerf, *Chief Internet Evangelist, Google*
Afua Bruce, *Engineer and Author of The Tech That Comes Next*

Tuesday, March 5

8:00–9:00 am
Atrium & MC Entrance
Breakfast, Registration, and Networking

9:00–9:15 am
Atrium
Welcome

9:15–10:15 am
Atrium
Summit Opening: Accelerating Digital: A Conversation with Ajay Banga and Hans Vestberg
Ajay Banga, *President, World Bank Group* & **Hans Vestberg**, *Chairman and CEO, Verizon*
 moderated by **Stephanie Mehta**, *CEO, Fast Company*

10:15–10:45 am
Atrium
Plenary 2: Building a Collective Digital Agenda
Vilas Dhar, *President, McGovern Foundation* & **Amandeep Gill**, *Secretary General's Envoy on Technology, United Nations*; moderated by **Stephanie Mehta**, *CEO, Fast Company*

10:45–11:00 am
Atrium
Coffee break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Various locations
Breakout Sessions

- » Can Satellite Close the Rural Connectivity Gap? (*Atrium*)
- » Cyber resilience in the age of AI—how can the Global South stay ahead of the curve? (*MC4-800*)
- » Government in Your Pocket: Innovations in Service Delivery (*MC7-800*)

12:30–1:00 pm
Atrium
Spark Talks

1:00–2:00 pm
Atrium
Lunch & Exhibition

2:00–3:30 pm
Various locations
Breakout Sessions

- » Who's Afraid of Cloud? (*Atrium*)
- » Getting it Right: What it Takes for Digital Investments to Deliver Better Health Results for Everyone (*Preston*)
- » Transforming small holder agriculture through data, AI and digital technologies (*MC4-800*)

3:30–4:00 pm *Coffee break*
Atrium

4:00–5:15 pm **Plenary 3: Connect**
Atrium
Panel: Shaping A Decade of Digital Inclusion: Access, Affordability and Internet for All

Wednesday, March 6

8:30–9:00 am *Breakfast, Registration, and Networking*
Atrium & MC Entrance

9:00–9:15 am **Day 2 Opening: Development in the Digital Era**
Atrium
Axel van Trotsenburg, Senior Managing Director, World Bank

9:15–10:30 am **Plenary 4: Innovate**
Atrium
Panel: Doing Digital Faster, Smarter, and Safer

10:30–11:00 am *Coffee break*
Atrium

11:00 am–12:30 pm **Breakout Sessions**
Various locations
» From “What” to “How”: Lessons for Scaling DPI (Atrium)
» Navigating the Linguistic Gap in AI (MC4-800)
» Powering digital transformation—why digital needs energy and vice versa (MC7-100)

12:30–1:00 pm **A Conversation with Satya Nadella (Virtual)**
Atrium
Anna Bjerde, Managing Director of Operations, World Bank & Satya Nadella, Chairman and CEO, Microsoft

1:00–2:00 pm *Lunch & Exhibition*
Atrium

2:00–3:30 pm **Breakout Sessions**
Various locations
» Digital Futures: Building Digital Skills Today for the Jobs of Tomorrow (Atrium)
» Digital Solutions for a More Resilient Future (MC4-800)
» Governing the Digital Future: Optimizing Trust in Data-Driven Economies (MC7-100)

3:30–4:00 pm *Coffee break*
Atrium

4:00–5:00 pm **Plenary 5: Transform**
Atrium
Panel: A World Transformed: Key Scenarios for Our Digital Future

5:00–5:30 pm **Plenary 6: Event Close**
Atrium
Guangzhe Chen, VP Infrastructure, World Bank

5:30–7:00 pm *Networking Reception*
Atrium

Thursday, March 7

8:00 am–5:30 pm **Client Consultations**