



Networking Event: Executive Networking Reception for the Leading in the Age of Intelligent Systems Residential Programme

Prosperity

Deadline: 15 Jun 2026

Type:	Other
Location:	Geneva, Switzerland
Date:	16 Jul 2026 to 23 Jul 2026
Duration:	2 Days
Programme Area:	Special event
Website:	https://unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/prosperity
Price:	\$0.00
Event Focal Point Email:	tftp@unitar.org

BACKGROUND

UNITAR is organizing a Residential Executive Programme, *“Leading in the Age of Intelligent Systems: Driving Business, SDGs and Global Impact,”* designed to equip leaders and professionals with strategic insights and practical approaches for navigating an increasingly complex and technology-driven global environment. As artificial intelligence, digital transformation, and sustainability

imperatives continue to reshape institutions and industries, the Programme provides an interdisciplinary platform for exploring how organizations can strengthen resilience, innovation, execution excellence, and long-term value creation.

Bringing together distinguished experts from international organizations, academia, industry, and global management, the Programme integrates strategic foresight, operational leadership, AI applications, and SDG-driven approaches through executive lectures, applied discussions, collaborative projects, and cross-sector dialogue.

The networking event forms an integral part of the residential programme experience, providing a structured yet informal environment for participants to deepen discussions initiated during the sessions. It complements the formal learning components by enabling peer-to-peer exchange and direct engagement with experts in a relaxed setting.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The networking event is designed to:

- Encourage cross-sector dialogue on leadership, AI, strategy, and sustainable development
- Provide an informal platform for exchanging ideas, experiences, and perspectives from diverse professional backgrounds
- Strengthen collaboration opportunities across public, private, and international sectors
- Support relationship-building that extends beyond the Residential Programme

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The event welcomes:

- Representatives from diplomatic missions and multilateral institutions
- Experts in AI, digital transformation, sustainability, and global management
- Senior executives from the European private sector across key industries (including finance, technology, manufacturing, consulting, and innovation-driven enterprises)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The event will bring together residential programme participants and a diverse group of resource persons, providing direct access to internationally recognized experts in artificial intelligence, global management, innovation, sustainable development, and organizational transformation. The resource persons contributing to the programme represent a broad range of disciplines and sectors, including academia, international organizations, industry, and consulting. Confirmed contributors include:

- **Jaehyang “Jae” So** — Chair of the Technical Committee of the Global Water Partnership and former World Bank Group Director, with extensive experience in infrastructure, partnerships, and sustainable development
- **Dr. Michael Fors** — Dean of the School of Business and Management at City University of Seattle and former senior executive at Boeing, Microsoft, and Intel, specializing in innovation, leadership, and workforce transformation
- **Tessa Forshaw** — Cognitive scientist and innovation strategist, co-founder of the Next Level Lab at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, specializing in creative cognition, learning systems, and AI-enabled innovation
- **Vedant Ahluwalia** — AI expert, global technology advisor, and CEO, contributing to AI strategy, intelligent systems, and large-scale transformation initiatives

Participation in the Networking Event is subject to limited availability of slots.

Please note that logistical arrangements and personal expenses are not be covered by UNITAR, and the Institute shall not be held liable for individual travel arrangements, visa-related costs, or other personal expenditures unless explicitly stated in the official Programme documentation. Participants are encouraged to review all Programme communications carefully for detailed information on coverage, inclusions, and responsibilities.