



DAY I
Date: 12th October (Monday)

I. 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.

II. 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 IT and enabled services has shifted from cost arbitrage to providing digital transformation. Technology led innovation is being harnessed for the next ‘green’ revolution, education, healthcare and overall shared vision for human development. What is required is that our countries *reimagine* our relationship and pursue a 3C approach i.e. to Collaborate, Co-Create and Cooperate.



DAY II

Date: 13th October (Tuesday)

III. East Asia Session: Reimagining Global Value Chains

Time: 0845 – 1100 hrs (IST) /0315- 0530 hrs (GMT)

Theme: Japan, Republic of Korea, China and Taiwan have been major investors in India. The economic partnerships with these major economies can be harnessed to its highest potential by *reimagining* global supply chains. Some of them 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'.

Global leaders would share their vision on realignment of policy framework, collaborations and manufacturing excellence.

IV. Oceania Session: Reimagining Sustainable Energy

Time: 1100 – 1230 hrs (IST) /0530- 0700 hrs (GMT)

Theme: In an era of accelerating change, the rapid cost efficiencies in clean energy, improving energy efficiency, widespread adoption, increasing “smart” technologies and transition of our future generations into a sustainable future. India’s achievements in the clean energy sector and focus on E-mobility has made the world look up. Likewise, Oceania’s clean energy ecosystem is striving towards excellence and offers value creation opportunities for India. Oceania’s inherent advantage with solar and wind resources coupled with its technological excellence, create a potential for innovation in energy value chains from competitive manufacturing (in India) and generation technologies, to regional distribution and transmission. We need to *reimagine* energy collaborations for a better world.

V. Europe Session: Reimagining Technological Innovation

Time: 1345 – 1600 hrs (IST) / 0815- 1030 hrs (GMT)

Theme: India and EU 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.



VI. Africa Session: Reimagining a Digital Africa

Time: 1645 – 1845 hrs (IST) / 1115- 1315 hrs (GMT)

Theme: Africa’s economic resilience is important for the World not only as a large market but also a rich continent for resources. The future drivers for inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Africa would lie in adapting its healthcare, education, industrialization, governance, and social development to global disruptions. African continent needs to be viewed as a collage of countries with cross-cultural nuances and diverse historical lineage. Together, this medley of Arab, French, English, Portuguese, and Indian societies, 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. This will happen through a digital renaissance interconnecting its people and polity on an economic canvas.

India with its leadership in digital innovation across manufacturing, finance, education, medicine, governance and services, can be a long-term partner for Africa, towards its digital growth.

DAY III

Date: 14th October (Wednesday)

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

Time: 1045 – 1300 hrs (IST) / 0515- 0730 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. UAE, for example has already set a benchmark by transforming itself from a major trading hub to a media, entertainment and tourism center. Other countries in West Asia like Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia are also adapting themselves to the new realities and transforming themselves as centers of services or manufacturing. Sustainability and gender diversity focus in the region, will hold it in good stead.

The West Asian Arab world can unleash its vibrant economies and people power to look beyond conventional energy and synergies with India can be nurtured for future growth.

VIII. South Asia Session: Reimagining Neighborhood economic integration

Time: 1345 – 1600 hrs (IST) / 0815- 1030 hrs (GMT)

Theme: When India talks of ‘neighborhood first’, it’s talking of a shared vision for regional economic growth and social development. In letter and spirit. It comes in the backdrop of diverse expectations of its people despite a historically common heritage and resilient cultures. The delicate balancing act successive Governments had to manage meant that we have a great



opportunity to grow into a powerful region for the world to look at with awe. Our human capital, frugal innovation culture, strengths in manufacturing and services are the foundation of a prosperous future.

To harness this future, we need to *reimagine* our regional co-operation by taking leadership positions in our individual areas of strengths. For India it could be about its technologic excellence, while some of our neighbors offer competencies in ecological and environmentally sustainable growth for manufacturing and services. It's time to create South Asian value chains.

IX. Latin America & Caribbean Session: Reimagining Distances

Time: 1845 – 2100 hrs (IST) / 1315- 1530 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.

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

DAY IV

Date: 15th October (Thursday)

X. CIS Session: Reimagining Connectivity to 'Extended Neighborhood'

Time: 0945 – 1200 hrs (IST) / 0415- 0630 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 potential to emerge as an important partner for India. Notwithstanding the shared values and the 'Asian' heart, the region is near us but yet too far.

Strong economic ties with the region can be built on strong foundation of connectivity. Connectivity not only by historical land routes but also by air. At the same time future of this VUCA world makes it imperative to build a framework of digital connectivity leveraging complementarities the CIS economies have with India. We need to *reimagine* India's connectivity with the region.



XI. ASEAN Session: Reimagining Technology Excellence

Time: 1345 – 1600 (IST) / 0815- 1030 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.

XII. Multilateral Session: Reimagining a 'Glocal' Ecosystem

Time: 1600 – 1800 hrs (IST) / 1030- 1230 hrs (GMT)

Theme: 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'

XIII. Valedictory Session: Reimagining Economic Diplomacy

Time: 1900 – 2030 hrs (IST) / 1330- 1500 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 economies.