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# **Fulfilling the Promise of the Digital Age**

An alliance of tech industry associations from 80 countries & economies with a 47-year history

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### **WHO IS WITSA?**

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#### WITSA's Purpose:

To catalyze the innovations of the global tech industry in order to better how communities develop, work & play

#### **WITSA's Mission:**

To empower communities, enrich economies and enhance lives with innovation and technology by creating impact with the digital economy via meaningful interventions that we drive, facilitate and advocate



#### WHAT WE DO





WITSA drives industry collaboration, recognizes excellence, fosters meaningful connections & promotes industry cooperation & knowledge sharing through its Catalytic Platforms.

WITSA Facilitates international trade and investment in tech products and services throughout its global network.



WITSA advocates international public policies to promote and facilitate growth by working closely with internationally recognized organizations.

#### **HOW WE CREATE IMPACT**

#### WITSA's Global Footprint



#### **Global Membership**

#### **Global Platform**

#### **Global Recognition**

#### **Global Action**



Over 80 countries united by a vision to to "Fulfill the Promise of the Digital Age" where everyone benefits from digital tech.



Spearheading innovation and collaboration to fuel growth through catalytic platforms & create meaningful connections



Recognizing individuals and corporations that have made a profound positive difference in the lives of others through tech & innovation through WITSA's awards.















Shaping international tech policy with organizations like the UN, WTO, World Bank, ITU, OECD, APEC. and ICANN



# **Catalytic Platforms**



















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# WITSA Membership



WITSA strengthens the industry at large by promoting a fair trade environment. WITSA helps governments, institutions and multilateral organizations understand future technology trends and gives voice to concerns of the tech industry with regards to policies that affect industry interests globally.



#### **Global Platforms**

WITSA spearheads innovation and collaboration in the global technology industry. As a leading advocate for the digital economy, WITSA has developed catalytic platforms that drive industry growth, recognize excellence, and facilitate meaningful connections



#### **Global Membership**

There is no other organization in the world that gives an overview of the entire digital tech industry. Accordingly, no other organization offers its members as vast a network and services as WITSA does.

Membership is limited to one representative per country.



# **Catalytic Platforms**





















# World Congress On Innovation And Technology

The longest-running global tech gathering & one of the most influential since 1978





2024

2023

2022

2021

2019

2018

2017

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2012

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ARMENIA, Yerevan

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MALAYSIA, Penang

ARMENIA, Yerevan

INDIA, Hyderabad

TAIWAN, Taipei

BRAZIL, Brasilia

MEXICO, Guadalajara

**NETHERLANDS**, Amsterdam

MALAYSIA, Kuala Lumpur<sup>10</sup>

CANADA, Montreal

**USA**, Austin

**GREECE**, Athens

BANGLADESH, Dhaka

#### **WCIT's Stunning Locations**

2002	AUSTRALIA, Adelaide
2000	TAIWAN, Taipei
1998	USA, Fairfax, Virginia
1996	SPAIN, Bilbao
1994	JAPAN, Yokohama
1990	USA, Washington D.C.
1988	FRANCE, Paris
1986	CANADA, Toronto
1984	JAPAN, Tokyo
1982	DENMARK, Copenhagen
1980	USA, San Francisco
1978	SPAIN, Barcelona

#### WCIT: 47 years on and still going strong









10,000+

3,500+

150+

60+

attendees delegates

speakers

countries









#### WITSA Global Awards

Honors remarkable contributions to the technology and innovation field



These awards commend individuals, organizations, and projects that have significantly advanced the global technology industry

They aim to showcase the transformative power of technology across sectors like healthcare, education, finance, governance, and sustainability.





#### **WITSA Eminent Persons**

WITSA established its highest award called WITSA's Eminent Person Award in 2010.

The award recognizes those individuals who have made a significant and profound positive difference in the lives of others. The intent of the Award is to recognize individuals who have made or continue to make significant contributions to mankind. These contributions are not necessarily tech related. Since establishing the award in 2010, its recipients have included:

- President Nelson Mandela of South Africa
- Dr. Vint Cerf, Co-Father of the Internet
- Dr. Bob Kahn, Co-Father of the Internet
- Dr. John O'Sullivan, Co-Father of Wi-Fi
- Dr. Terence Percival, Co-Father of Wi-Fi
- Dr. Miguel Angelo Laporta Nicolelis, Pioneer in brain-machine interface technology
- Mike Lazaridis, Founder of the Smart Phone
- Dr. Bill Magee, Founder of Operation Smile
- Karen Vardanyan, Pioneer in establishing the
- ICT industry in Armenia
- Dato' Hock E. Tan, President and CEO of Broadcom

- Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Malaysian politician, author and physician who served as the fourth and seventh Prime Minister of Malaysia
- Dr. Lisa Su, President, CEO and Chair of Advanced Micro Devices
- Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg, Premier of Sarawak
- Dr. Garo H. Armen, CEO of Agenus Inc
- Gary Shapiro, CEO & Vice Chair, Consumer Technology Association (CTA)
- Dr. Stan Shih, Co-founder and Honorary Chairman of the Acer Group



A national-to-global pitching tournament that elevates and celebrates the best Tech Scaleups across 6 continents













# **WITSA Speakers Bureau**



#### WITSA's unique global network adds value and depth to programs.

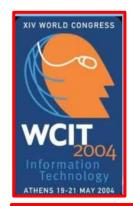
Power your events with Engaging Experts, Leaders, Innovators, & Disruptors from around the world to drive the impactful conversations that matter.





#### WITSA's Global Impact

Through the World Congress on Innovation and Technology, WITSA has impacted economies around the world since 1978



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# WITSA Global AI Ecosystem Network Championing the AI Multiplier

# Build a Thriving Al Ecosystem in the nation

Development of robust AI ecosystems tailored to their strengths—such as talent development, ethical governance, and sector-specific innovation—while enabling cross-border partnerships and resource sharing to address global challenges like healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

The Al Maturity Model Assessment



### Make the Global Al Connection

Form a dynamic, decentralized global network that fosters collaboration, innovation, and growth

# Level up for Regional & Global Al Leadership

Unite diverse ecosystems under a shared vision of ethical and inclusive Al by facilitating shared infrastructure, joint research, and multinational ventures, the network transforms competition into collaboration while promoting sustainable economic growth and addressing trade tensions.

Hub partners benefit from enhanced visibility, market access, and opportunities to lead in the global Al revolution

#### **Building a Thriving AI Ecosystem through WITSA GAIN**

# Leveraging International Expertise & Collaborative Knowledge

The WITSA GAIN platform brings together Al leaders from around the world, fostering the exchange of innovative ideas and best practices, making it a truly global knowledge hub

# Forging Global Partnerships for Regional and International Growth

The network's unique model establishes enduring partnerships that transcend geographical boundaries, enabling members to collaborate with global regions and expand their reach

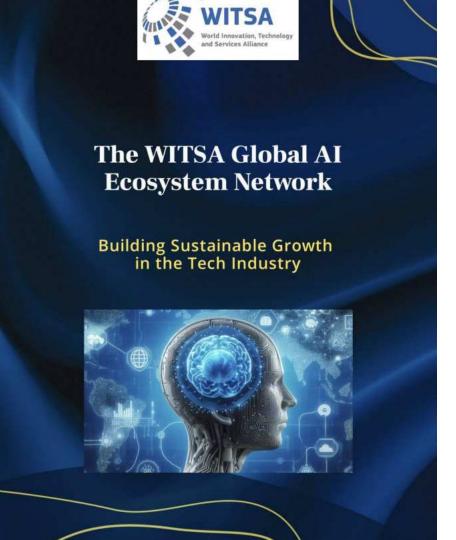


### Resource Pooling & Cross-Pollination of Innovations

By uniting diverse AI ecosystems, WITSA GAIN enables the pooling of resources and cross-pollination of groundbreaking solutions, creating synergies that accelerate progress and drive impactful innovation.

# **Driving Cross-Border Exports and Collaborative Opportunities**

WITSA GAIN fosters international business opportunities, empowering stakeholders to expand exports and establish cross-border collaborations, making it an unparalleled platform for global growth in AI



# The WITSA Global AI Ecosystem Network: Building Sustainable Growth in the Tech Industry

**What it is:** A 186-page position paper on the WITSA Global Al Ecosystem Network (WITSA GAIN)

#### Strategic intent:

- Thought leadership that outlines WITSA's vision for a collaborative, global network of AI ecosystems that drive sustainable economic growth while addressing opportunities & challenges in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
- Value-creation for WITSA members that want to position Al as a key driver of economic progress, job creation and technological leadership
- **Foundational layer** of in-depth plans for WITSA GAIN hub and ecosystem partners



### WITSA's Global Opportunity

**Global Opportunity:** Cross-border collaboration can lead to the exchange of ideas, expertise, and best practices, fostering a global network that accelerates innovation & tech

Global Experts: WITSA AI Advisory Board comprising of AI experts & mentors who will provide advice to the WITSA Global AI Ecosystem Network across 6 continents including engagements in policy advocacy & guidance on AI regulations













