

# 5<sup>TH</sup> GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUMMIT 19-21 NOVEMBER 2014



## **SUMMIT THEME**

# HARNESSING THE POWER OF TECHNOLOGY FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Technology creates opportunities and enriches the human capacity for dynamic collaboration. It builds social capital, promotes human development and facilitates the exchange of information and ideas.

For entrepreneurs who have the vision and the knowhow, technology enables them to transform an idea into a marketable or useful product or service for a wide range of sectors. Entrepreneurs leverage existing technologies to create possibilities and inspire hope around the world for a more inclusive economic growth model, and one that meets the aspirations of the youth of today.

Technology fuels innovation as ideas spread from one corner of the globe to the other and as each individual is empowered to contribute to, and benefit from, this vibrant marketplace. Technology helps catalyze a nation's tangible and intangible resources to spur economic growth. When paired with human and social capital, technology becomes not only a means of generating wealth, but also of addressing the most critical issues of our time.



# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### 19 NOVEMBER: DAY 0 // BUILD THE COMMUNITY

08:00 - 17:00	Registration				
08:00 – 17:00	Networking	GIST Track Training (training for the speeches on day 1 and 2 of the Summit)	Innovation Village	Global Connects Lounge Track	
12:00 - 14:00	Women's Entrepreneurship Day Celebration Lunch				
17:30 - 18:30	Speakers Welcome Reception				
19:30 – 20:30 Thematic Dinners					

9:00 - 9:40	<u>Plenary 1</u> : Official opening plenary: Special address from Morocco, USA, international officials							
9:40 - 10:20	Plenary 2: Innovation, technology and entrepreneurship: trends for inclusive growth  This session will include short presentations from global leaders on innovations that have the potential to create the conditions that empower entrepreneurs to turn their ideas into successful businesses, grow their ventures, and create jobs.							
10:45 - 11:20	Plenary 3: What insposed world: tales of challenges with dyname increasingly powerful play in developing their defining the global economic was stem from develop tolerance for failure is entrepreneurs	ge and innovation  ic innovators on the role their innovations ir communities and onomy.  trate that success can ping countries;			Global			
11:30 - 12:15	Plenary 4: How entrepreneurs and talents transcend borders  This session will look at how entrepreneurship, human capital and technology are breaking down borders and enabling closer regional integration.  WS: From Talent to WS: Smart Cities Entrepreneurship		GIST Track	Innovation Village	Connects Lounge Track			
15:00 15:00 - 16:30	•	<u>WS</u> : Social Entrepreneurship	-					

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- 17:00 Plenary 5: Creating the conditions and culture for entrepreneurship
- 17:45 Entrepreneurship thrives where governments, businesses, and society develop an ecosystem to seed, support, and systematically remove obstacles to engaging in entrepreneurial activities. This session will include experts from government, business, and civil society organizations to look at best practices that each sector can support to foster the conditions and culture for entrepreneurship to thrive, not just survive.
- 17:45 Plenary 6: Innovation and technology for sustainable growth
- 18:30 This session will focus on innovation and the latest uses of technology to create sustainable companies, communities, and countries.

#### 21 NOVEMBER: DAY 2 // ACT AS ENTREPRENEURS

- 9:00 Plenary 7: Transforming the speed and scale of entrepreneurship
- 9:40 Experiences of entrepreneurs, who started locally, scaled their business and created world class enterprises through innovation. This session will also include experts that will address the barriers to scale and how the access to information and technology can help to overcome these challenges.
- 9:40 Plenary 8: From crowdsourcing to social investing Innovations in financing
   entrepreneurship
- This session will focus on how entrepreneurs can raise financing and what are the requirements of the different types of investors, from early stage to international deployment. This session will include venture capitalists, institutional officials, crowdfunding and micro-finance actors, and entrepreneurs.
- **10:40 Plenary 9**: Innovative solutions to
- integrate the informal sector into the

Global

11:40 formal economy

GIST Innovation

Connects

This session will address how

Track Village

Lounge

innovative solutions can be used to tap

Track

	the potential of the informal sector to expand markets and opportunities to engage in formal entrepreneurship.				
11:40 - 12:15	Plenary 10: Knowledge Based Entrepreneurship Opportunities  This session will focus on the opportunities offered by the knowledge based sector, particularly on ICT and the collaborative business opportunities.				
13:30 - 15:00	<u>WS</u> : Culture and Media	<u>WS</u> : Manufacturing			
15:00 - 16:30	<u>WS</u> : Agriculture and Food Safety	WS: Health			
16:30 - 17:15	Plenary 11 : Official closing ceremony				
17:15 - 17:40	Plenary 12: Special remarks from a US Cabinet Secretary, Moroccan Cabinet Ministers				



# **LOGISTICS**

### REGISTRATION

**All delegates** must register in advance online at https://registration.gesmarrakech2014.org/. Please kindly note that no delegates will be allowed to register on site for security reasons.

**All international delegates** must have a valid passport and provide this documentation upon registration in order to attend GES 2014.

### TRAVEL



Airport

Marrakech-Menara International Airport (RAK)

—> there are direct flights to Marrakech from London, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Paris, and Madrid.

—> if traveling from elsewhere, you will need to connect in one of these cities, or fly to Casablanca and take a short 45-minute connecting flight

Casablanca Mohammed V International Airport (CMN)

- -> direct flights to a wide array of international cities
- -> ground transportation available to Marrakech via road or rail



Train

Gare de Marrakech

- —> direct trains travel regularly between Casablanca and Marrakech and take about 3 hours one-way
- -> for tickets and schedules, please visit

#### VISA INFORMATION



Please note that Citizens of the following countries do not need a visa to enter the Kingdom of Morocco and may stay up to 90 days.

Algeria - Andorra - Argentina - Australia - Austria - Bahrain - Belgium - Brazil - Bulgaria - Canada - Chile - Republic of Congo - Croatia - Cyprus - Czech Republic - Denmark - Estonia - Finland - France - Germany - Great Britain - Greece - Guinea (Conakry) - Hong Kong - Hungary - Iceland - Indonesia - Ireland - Italy - Ivory Coast - Japan - Kuwait - Latvia - Liechtenstein - Lithuania - Luxemburg - Mali - Malta - Mexico - Monaco - Netherlands - New Zealand - Niger - Norway - Oman - Peru - Philippines - Poland - Portugal - Puerto Rico - Qatar - Romania - Saudi Arabia - Senegal - Singapore (Singaporean nationals may stay up to

one month without visa) - Slovakia - Slovenia - South Korea - Spain - Sweden - Switzerland - Tunisia - Turkey - United Arab Emirates - United States of America - Venezuela.

Visitors intending to stay in Morocco longer than 90 days, however, should request a permission to extend the duration of their stay, at the nearest Police Precinct to their place of residence in Morocco. Citizens from countries not listed above do need a visa and the requirements are as follows:



Applicants who do not reside in the USA:

Residents of countries other than the USA must contact the nearest Moroccan Consulate or Embassy.

Source: Consulate General of the Kingdom of Morocco in New York

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

For hotel reservations, please visit Atlas voyages

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