

Virtual Leadership Circle:

“Germany’s digital transformation in the global ecosystem”

1. AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, November 25th, 2020 at 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM CET (2:30 – 4:00 PM IST)

TIME	SESSION TOPIC/ PROGRAMME	SPEAKERS
<i>15 min prior to start: Login to the Session (hosted via WebEx) – link will be shared upon registration</i>		
5 min	Welcome	Mr. Poul V. Jensen, Managing Director, European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC)
5 min	Opening Remarks and Theme Address	Mr. Sudip Lahiri, Senior Vice President and Head Financial Services, Europe, HCL Technologies
2 min	Video Greeting	Prof. Dr. Andreas Pinkwart, Minister for Economy, Innovation, Digitization and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia
5 min	Address: Role of digital transformation for leveraging Indo-German synergies	<i>H.E. Mukta Dutta Tomar, Indian Ambassador to Germany</i>
5 min	Special Address: Digitalisation driving industrial excellence	Mr. Ernst Stoeckl-Pukall, Head of Unit for Digitisation and Industrie 4.0, Department for Industrial Policy, Federal Ministry for Economics and Energy, Government of Germany
5 min	Keynote: Digitalisation - key drivers for economic activity and sustainable, green growth	Prof. Dr. Angelika Niebler, Member of the European Parliament

45 min	<p>Panel Discussion moderated by Dr. Frank Fehler, Senior Vice President, Country Head Germany HCL Technologies: “Germany’s digital transformation in the global ecosystem”</p> <p>Session moderated by Dr. Frank Fehler, Senior Vice President and Country Head Germany, HCL Technologies</p> <p>Perspectives on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • building robust and innovative digital ecosystems • ensuring data sovereignty in a global world • Adopting to industry 4.0 and the digitalisation by businesses • ensuring data protection and IT security in the face of rapid technological development • understanding the transformative power of digitalisation: an industry perspective 	<p>Panelists and key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Thomas Niessen, Managing Director, Kompetenznetzwerk Trusted Cloud e. V., Germany <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can we design digital sovereignty in Europe? Insights on GAIA-X with focus on the use case ‘industry 4.0’ • Prof. Dr. Irene Bertschek, Head of the ZEW Research Department “Digital Economy”, Professor of Economics of Digitalisation at Justus Liebig University Giessen, Member of the Commission of Experts for Research and Innovation (EFI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building resilient economies through innovation in ICT and assuring IT security – a contradiction? • Dr. Maximilian von Laer, Co-Chairman, Executive Committee, Indo-German Young Leaders Forum & Programme Germany and Asia, Bertelsmann Stiftung <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key imperatives and competences for ensuring digital participation and driving social change • Mr. Roland Schütz, Deutsche Lufthansa, Executive Vice President & Group CIO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opportunities and challenges with regard to implementing and shaping the ‘new normal’ in the aviation sector through digital infrastructures • Mr. G.H. Rao, President, Engineering and R&D Services, HCL Technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HCL Technologies’ spearheading of the digital transformation and Industry 4.0 • Mr. Milan Kumar, Global Chief Information Officer, ZF WABCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The role of the digital transformation in accelerating manufacturing productivity and increasing competitiveness.</i>
15 min	Open Interactive Discussion, moderated by Dr. Frank Fehler, Senior Vice President and Country Head Germany, HCL Technologies	
5 min	Consolidation of Thoughts	Mr. Karl Freedman, Vice President, Operations, Wamser + Batra GmbH
5 min	Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks	Dr. Frank Fehler, Senior Vice President and Country Head Germany, HCL Technologies

*speakers and panelists written in italic: to be confirmed

2. REFERENCE AND BRIEFING DOCUMENT ON THE SESSION

Background:

State-of-the-art digital infrastructure and its effective application have become the need of the hour: In the course of the **on-going COVID-19 crisis**, challenges have not only been amplified at national, but also at European and global level – making **digital transformation** ever more urgent as a means to secure sustainable economic growth.

Germany, which currently holds the EU Council presidency, is striving for a leading role in the field of digitization. This is well aligned with the **EU's Green Deal and Digitalisation Strategy** which is fostering industrial leadership and increased innovation in emerging technologies in the context of a 'green strategy' for the EU¹.

Apart from a federal Artificial Intelligence Strategy, launched in November 2018 by the Federal Government of Germany and jointly developed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs², various targeted measures have been introduced in the areas of **"Industry 4.0"**, healthcare, urbanization, mobility and the service sector, in view of further catalyzing "green" and sustainable economic growth. Also, at state-level different kinds of strategic action plans or agendas have been formulated, for example the 'high-tech agenda' by the state of Bavaria.

The digital transformation in Germany is therefore a relevant topic that is also linked to the transformation of its core industries and the ability to adopt and use new types of skills in key sectors and assure global competitiveness without compromising on security.

Context:

In light of the above, the European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC), an enabler for Europe India cooperation and innovation, is joining hands with the HCL Digital Forum – an initiative for thought leadership by HCL, a leading global IT organization with presence in Frankfurt, Berlin, Hamburg, Munich, and Stuttgart.

With continuing advancements in digital infrastructure and industry 4.0, their adoption by businesses and the emerging regulatory framework in Germany, this

¹ <https://www.digitaleurope.org/policies/a-stronger-digital-industrial-europe-digital-transformation-as-its-focus/>

² https://ec.europa.eu/knowledge4policy/ai-watch/germany-ai-strategy-report_en

session will seek to further strengthen HCL Digital Forum's engagement with relevant stakeholders in Germany.

Objective:

As a result of this, EBTC and the **HCL Digital Forum** are bringing together international experts from business, research, and government to jointly set their objectives for society and economies in this digital age. Key stakeholders will explore the latest digital innovations and strategies to get ahead and stay ahead by leveraging and accelerating the digital transformation journey.

The **expected output** is hence to determine concrete areas for cooperation within the Europe-India context where particularly businesses can play a key role in the digitization of key sectors and with regard to implementing, further evolving and innovating on 'industry 4.0'

Participants:

Speakers:

- Select leaders across disciplines including decision-makers of the political, economic, industrial, academic and societal sphere.

Attendees (approx. 60):

- Select CXO-level business leaders, representatives of governmental bodies, think tanks, associations or similar from **Europe and India.**

Format:

By invitation only Leadership Session; hosted via WebEX. The session link will be sent two weeks prior to the event to all speakers.

Mock Session:

Optional one-on-one mock sessions (15-20 min) will be organized for all speakers on Friday, 20th November, and Monday, 23rd of November 2020 at a convenient timeslot. The mock session can help familiarize with the technical features of the session platform as well as provide the opportunity to clarify any remaining questions or concerns, if any.

CONTACT & REGISTRATION:

In case of any queries and to register, we kindly request you to contact Mr. Atul Suri, Principal Advisor Europe, EBTC at: suri@ebtc.eu