



The Global Innovation Index 2020: Implications for the UAE

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The Global Innovation Index (GII) is the premier reference for measuring a country's innovation performance. It provides detailed metrics on innovation performance using approximately 80 indicators for almost 130 economies, thus covering 93% of the world's population and 98% of global GDP. The GI explores a broad horizontal vision of innovation that encompasses indicators of the political environment, education, infrastructure, skills, and business and market sophistication. This seminar presents the results of the GI 2020 and outlines some lessons for the future success of the UAE as an innovation hotspot.

About Speaker

Prof. Soumitra Dutta is currently a Professor of Management and the former founding dean of the SC Johnson College of Business at Cornell University, New York. He is the founder of the Global Innovation Index, published by the World Intellectual Property Organization and was the co-editor of the Global Information Technology Report, published by the World Economic Forum.

Dutta is on the global boards of Sodexo and Dassault Systèmes. He is also a member of the Shareholder Council of Chicago-based healthcare consulting company ZS Associates. In addition, he is a member of the advisory boards of several schools including Indian Institute of Technology (New Delhi), HEC (Montreal), ESADE (Barcelona), Porto Business School (Porto) and ESCP (Paris). He has co-founded two firms, including Fisheye Analytics, which was acquired by the WPP group. He is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Global Business School Network, a Washington DC based not-for-profit organization focused on improving management capacity in emerging markets. He was previously the Chair of AACSB, the leading global body for the accreditation of business schools. Dutta is a member of the Davos Circle, an association of long-time participants in the Annual Davos meeting of the World Economic Forum, and has engaged in a number of multi-stakeholder initiatives to shape global, regional and industry agendas. He was the co-chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Innovation Ecosystems. He is also the Chief Academic Advisor to the Artificial Intelligence Forum of the Confederation of Indian Industry.