

Steering Committee Statement of Support For the High Level Forum

Introduction / background

This Statement presents the shared views and commitment of the members of the Steering Committee (SCOM) of the High Level Forum (HLF), as confirmed by our signatures below.

The High Level Forum (HLF) is an international network of leading innovation ecosystems. HLF brings together international executives, decision- and policy-makers from the worlds of education, research, industry, business, economy and public authorities, all deeply engaged in the management or promotion of innovation within their regional ecosystem and often, worldwide. HLF is organized by the Grenoble Innovation Campus GIANT and managed by the HLF Chair, Bruno Charrat, Director for Development of Alliances in Research & Innovation at the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), and Deputy Chair Michel Ida, head of the Sciences & Technologies Societal Impacts group of CEA.

SCOM members are the representatives of selected Innovation ecosystems of the HLF international community that have provided much-valued support in the past as part as of the Executive Committee or as an ecosystem's delegation to HLF. The major objectives of the SCOM are to shape the future of the HLF program and its activities, to help guarantee the quality of the HLF annual Summit and other HLF events, and to enrich the HLF network. The SCOM also forms working groups from time to time to study and provide knowledge sharing about important topics related to the interrelationships between innovation and society.

Statement of Appreciation for HLF

We, the members of the Steering Committee (SCOM), recognize the High Level Forum (HLF) as a critically important global platform (a) for mutual knowledge sharing about innovation and the dynamics of diverse innovation ecosystems; (b) for understanding the interrelationships between innovation and broader technological, institutional, and policy trends; (c) for promoting openness and responsibility in innovation; and (d) for applying innovation to the ongoing needs of all societies for resilience, sustainability, and equality of opportunity. HLF provides unique opportunities for international networking among thought-leaders and decision-makers from all sectors of society. Accordingly, our ecosystems' participation in HLF has both strengthened our ecosystem-internal relationships and made significant contributions to the international standing and visibility of our respective ecosystems as being at the forefront of technological change that benefits society.

We, the members of SCOM, applaud the success of HLF so far. Since 2012, HLF activities such as the annual HLF Summit, which has taken place in Grenoble and in other leading centers of innovation in Europe, the Americas, and Asia, have brought together world-class speakers and panelists for discussions of the role of innovation in addressing major challenges that face humanity, such as environmental sustainability and data security, and in discussing opportunities related to major technology developments in areas such as semiconductors and artificial intelligence. Through HLF, we have engaged in mutual knowledge-sharing of best practices in ecosystem governance and explored multiple approaches to achieving success in the context of diverse ecosystem dynamics, e.g. in cross-sector and sector-internal relationships among universities, research institutes, industry, and government. Lessons learned through the HLF have been further extended to the worldwide community through public webinars and the HLF website. Consequently, HLF has contributed to our respective ecosystems' capabilities and to the world in promoting entrepreneurship and inclusivity in innovation, and in addressing systemic challenges, such as the need for reskilling the labor force in a world of great change.

Statement of Commitment to HLF

We, the members of SCOM, hereby pledge our continuing commitment to HLF and its vision of channeling innovation for the good of society. This pledge is realized by our ongoing dedication to promote and strengthen the HLF and by our ongoing devotion to advancing the HLF mission of increasing society's capacity for positive innovation through awareness, understanding, and commitment to shared values and best practices that include openness, freedom, responsible development, and mutual respect. We further pledge to uphold these values in all aspects of HLF's programs, activities, and interactions, even as our topics of study and discussion continue to address new challenges and opportunities. Through HLF, we look forward to continuing to participate in the creation of channels for open communication among regions of innovation in a trustworthy international framework that represents the highest standards of collegial friendship.

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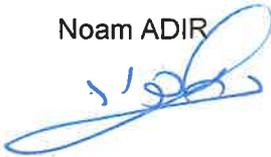


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