

Global Inclusive Prosperity Forum 2026

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SPEAKER LIST (Confirmed and Invited)

The GIPF organizing team has been reaching out to globally renowned thought leaders and change agents from government, industry, academia and NGOs, with a track record of community engagement. Some of the **confirmed/invited** speakers include:

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Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (Invited)

The Honourable Evan Solomon, Minister of Digital Innovation and AI, Canada (Invited)

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The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines, Govt of Ontario (Invited)

Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, India (Invited)

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Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Chair, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, India

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Dr. Mamata Bhat, Scientist, UHN Research, Toronto