The Global Opportunity Forum

June 21, 2023 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

8:30 AM  Breakfast and Networking

9:00 AM  Welcome and Introduction
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Dr Phil Budden is a Senior Lecturer at MIT's Management School, in Sloan's TIES (Tech Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Strategy) Group, where he focuses on 'corporate innovation' and multi-stakeholder innovation ecosystems, especially how corporates can get value from the latter (including start-up enterprises). He works closely with corporate executives and leaders of other large organisations on such strategies, through MIT Corporate Relations/ILP, the Corporate Innovation Program (https://corporateinnovation.mit.edu), Executive Education (https://executive.mit.edu/ci) and MIT's global REAP program (https://reap.mit.edu), as well as custom and consulting work.

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Building effective talent pipelines requires an ecosystem approach that can include employers, educators, NGOs, non-profits, governments, and others. In this panel, we'll hear from different stakeholders about how they work together to solve their common challenge of finding, training, and developing people in good careers.
Panel: How Companies Look at Career Development

Victoria Sparey
People Transformation Senior Capability Lead, People & Places
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Alisa Adel
Senior Director of Research and Technology
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Organizations that don’t develop peoples’ careers face a double challenge in the talent wars: finding new workers and replacing the ones who leave for better opportunities. In this panel, corporate talent and learning leaders will share their challenges and effective practices for helping every employee develop in their careers.

10:45 AM  Networking Break
The traditional path from school to job to long-term career is no longer sufficient for companies or individuals. Increasingly, employers need to tap non-traditional routes to find good workers. In this panel, we'll discuss some of these non-traditional approaches to finding great employees, such as returning workers, veterans, refugees, and others. We'll examine alternative talent sources as well as alternative ways that organizations help people to show and grow their competencies.

Apprenticeships are an enticing avenue to train and hire new workers. But apprenticeships are only one of several important programs that can help people start and thrive in their careers. This panel will examine innovative approaches that organizations are using to foster emerging talent and early-career success.
Panel: Developing Competencies for Advanced Technologies
Kathleen D Kennedy
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With multiple leadership roles at MIT, Kathleen is on the front lines of technology and innovation. Right now, she is passionate about AI education, digital transformation, and sustainable fashion. She is a strategic leader with a unique skill set for transforming organizations as well as building new ones.

As Executive Director of the MIT Center for Collective Intelligence, Kathleen works with a multidisciplinary research team on Supermind Design, a methodology for designing intelligent human/machine organizations. She is putting that into practice at MIT Open Learning, where she leads MIT Horizon, a digital learning platform helping organizations to train at scale about emerging technologies such as AI.

Steven Crump
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Sarah Kandil
Digital Strategy Officer - Group Innovation Division
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Steve Suarez
Global Head of Innovation, Global Functions
HSBC Bank

Technology changes quickly, but organizations change much more slowly. How can companies develop the right competencies for technologies like artificial intelligence, data science, blockchain, cybersecurity, or quantum? Hiring isn’t enough, but training everybody to be experts won’t work either. Our panelists will share their perspectives on who needs to know what in companies and how you can make sure they do.
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