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“A strong economy needs to encourage entrepreneurs to create and grow their businesses. It is great to see the Global Entrepreneurship Congress, a showcase of entrepreneurial talent, in Liverpool.”

Sir Richard Branson, founder of Virgin Group, at GEC 2012 in Liverpool



“The most critical thing we can deliver to entrepreneurs is not money—it is our time. It's mentorship. It's finding any way you can to donate some of your time to aspiring entrepreneurs to help them.”

Jeff Hoffman, co-founder of Priceline.com, at GEC 2013 in Rio de Janeiro



ABOUT GEC 2015

The Global Entrepreneurship Congress (GEC) is an inter-disciplinary gathering of startup champions from around the world—where entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, thought leaders and policymakers work together to help bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare.

The 2015 Congress takes place from March 16 – 19, 2015, in Milan, Italy with core sessions taking place at MiCo - Milano Congressi, and parallel events held throughout the city.

Over the past five years, the Congress has contributed to the expansion of a global entrepreneurial ecosystem, connecting experts and entrepreneurs across borders and sectors to unleash their ideas and transform innovation into reality. Milan promises to build on the massive momentum generated earlier this year in Moscow with thousands of delegates, 290 speakers and 87 sessions throughout the week of GEC 2014 (<http://youtu.be/WYPrTx4R8BU>).

The Global Entrepreneurship Congress:

- Provides a platform for policymakers and researchers to exchange ideas and approaches on how to strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystems through policies and initiatives favorable to new firm formation.
- Enhances the networks of startups and helps entrepreneurs see how collaborative communities in cities around the world can help them in their efforts to launch and scale.
- Improves global collaboration and expands awareness of both top-down and bottom-up national efforts to legitimize entrepreneurs and engage their citizens in entrepreneurial activity.
- Increases global public recognition of entrepreneurs for the role they play in creating jobs, building economies and coming up with innovative solutions that make the world a better place.

In Milan, thinkers, doers and leaders from diverse economies around the world will focus on how both policymakers and startup communities can better understand each other and work together to promote an environment more conducive to startups and the growth of young firms. The Congress will focus on awareness and celebration, experiential education, startup cities, financing growth, smart top-down government policies and strategies for scaling up.

In Milan, you will be able to:

- Gain valuable insight from leaders in the field on the key elements of ecosystems that encourage entrepreneurial growth and are conducive to innovation.
- Meet and network with delegates from over 150 countries.
- Learn the keys to starting and growing firms from successful entrepreneurs and the incubators, support programs & investors who support them.
- Participate in a wide array of parallel events on everything from crowdfunding and co-founder dating to angel investing and public policies to promote entrepreneurial growth.
- Brainstorm about building on successes, overcoming individual challenges, and strengthening interdisciplinary collaborative efforts for the future.
- Receive guidance on various critical capacity-building skills, from building awareness to deepening and widening national campaigns by catalyzing and leveraging partnerships
- Understand the vibrant Russian entrepreneurial ecosystem and be present for announcements about next generation efforts to support new and young high growth firms in the future.

The 2015 Congress is hosted by the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN), the META Group, and the Kauffman Foundation, with support from Italy's Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

and Ministry of University and Research. The Congress is also supported by an assortment of strategic partners from 150 countries.

GENERAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015

- Official GEC registration at the Meliá Milano Hotel
- New GEW Host Orientation (*by invitation only*)

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

- Official Delegate registration
- GEW Annual Meeting (*by invitation only*)
- GEN Advisory Council (*by invitation only*)
- Executive Session of the Global Entrepreneurship Research Network (*by invitation only*)
- Opening Reception hosted by UniCredit Group (*by invitation only*)

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

- GEC Opening Ceremonies
- GEC Start + Scale Forum
- Exhibitions
- Parallel events (see event descriptions in the next session):
 - Entrepreneurship strategies for youth unemployment: inclusive & sustainable solutions - Presented by UNIDO
 - EMPRETEC Summit II - Presented by UNCTAD
 - Business Process Re-engineering: From Idea to Commercialisation - Presented by Sustainable Entrepreneur Accelerator (SEA) Africa & the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) Design Institute
 - Managers as corporate catalysts - Presented by Innovits
 - Transforming your innovation appetite into a business idea: quickly, professionally and accurately - Presented by Innovits (<http://www.innovits.it>)
 - Intesa Sanpaolo Startup Initiative: Food startups special edition (*by invitation only*) - Presented by Intesa Sanpaolo Startup Initiative

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

- GEC Research + Policy Summit
- Exhibitions
- Parallel events (see event descriptions in the next session):
 - Sport + Innovation – Presented by the Meta Group and Noxi
 - EO Accelerator Strategy Session II - Presented by the Entrepreneur's Organization Accelerator Program

- Global Entrepreneurship Index (GEI) Masterclass - Presented by the GEN & the Global Entrepreneurship Development Institute (GEDI)
- Unleashing African Entrepreneurship - Presented by GEN Global & LIONS@FRICA
- Startup Experience - Presented by GEN Global & Startup Experience
- The Italian Job 2015 - Presented by the University of Chester
- Battle of ideas 2015 – La battaglia delle idee 2015 #BattleMI” – Presented by Ninja Marketing
- InnoVits Startup competition: Grand Finale - Presented by Innovits
- Unicredit StartLab Investor Day (*by invitation only*) – Presented by UniCredit Group
- Adriatic Investor Forum (*by invitation only*) - Presented by Marche Region
- BAE Club – Best practices shared among BAE club members managers (*by invitation only*) - Presented by Business Angels Europe
- BAE Club – Pitches and networking (*by invitation only*) - Presented by Business Angels Europe
- ACE Summit 2015 (*by invitation only*) - Presented by ACE Acceleration Programme
- GEC 2014 Gala Dinner & GEW Awards Ceremony with fashion show (*by invitation only*)

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2014

- GEW Annual Meetings (*by invitation only*)
- Exhibitions
- Parallel events (see event descriptions in the next session):
 - Angels Summit - Presented by the Global Business Angels Network (GBAN), Business Angels Europe (BAE), & Italian Angels for Growth (IAG)
 - Startup Nations Unconference - Presented by Startup Nations
 - EO Accelerator Strategy Session II - Presented by the Entrepreneur’s Organization Accelerator Program
- Closing Ceremony of the GEC
- Closing Aperitivo
- Closing Party hosted by Scuola Zoo

PLENARY SESSION I: GEC Start + Scale Forum

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Jonathan Ortmans, Chair & Emcee, Global Entrepreneurship Congress

10.00 **GEC START + SCALE FORUM OPENING REMARKS**

10.20 **OPENING KEYNOTE**

Ezequiel Vidra

General Partner, Google Ventures Europe

10.40 **START + SCALE TALKS - PART I**

Speakers include:

Amy Cospers

Vice-President & Editor in Chief, Entrepreneur Magazine

Jeff Hoffman

Co-founder, Priceline.com and Colorjar

Rebeca Hwang

Founder, Rivet Ventures

Reem Younis

Founder, Alpha Omega Engineering

13.00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14.30 **BEYOND DAVID & GOLIATH: THE ROLE OF ESTABLISHED CORPORATES IN STARTUP ECOSYSTEMS**

Presented by Nesta

Nesta will drive a discussion on encouraging corporate support at the city level, looking at whether corporates can be the key to nurturing scale-ups. The panel will offer insights from experts including:

Simon Devonshire

Head, Wayra for Europe and Entrepreneur in residence with the UK government

Amanda Boyle
CEO, Bloom VC

Moderator:

Valerie Mocker

Senior Researcher for startups and entrepreneurship, Nesta; Ambassador & Director, Global Entrepreneurship Research Network (GERN)

15.30 **START + SCALE TALKS - PART II**

Speakers include:

Uldis Leiterts

Founder, Infogr.am

Denny Hollick & Shan Shan Fu

Co-founders, ConceptKicker

Samet Ensar Sari

Co-founder & Managing Partner, Dekatlon Buzz.

Ziv Lautman

CMO, Breezometer

17.30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

PLENARY SESSION II: GEC Research + Policy Summit

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9.00 **OPENING REMARKS**

Opening remarks include:

Maria Contreras-Sweet

Administrator, United States Small Business Administration (SBA)

Oscar Farinetti

Founder, Eataly

9.45 **KEYNOTES ON CITIES**

Diverse in size, demographics, location, assets, and governance structures, cities are perfect proving grounds for policy innovations that can spur entrepreneurship-driven resilience and economic growth.

Giuliano Pisapia

Mayor of Milan

Luis Felipe Hoyos

Deputy Mayor of Medellin, Colombia

Winner of GEC Cities Challenge: Buenos Aires

Mayor of Buenos Aires, Argentina

10.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

10.30 **BUILDING COMPETITIVE AND ENTREPRENEURIAL CITIES**

Presented by Babson Global Inc.

This session will break down the component parts necessary for the construction of a truly modern city. Views from several projects around the world include:

Adam Kidron

Managing Director, Adam Plus Company

Shanker A. Singham

Managing Director, The Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project, Babson Global Inc.

11.30 **ENTREPRENEURSHIP ON THE FRONTIER: ENCOURAGING INNOVATION & INCLUSION IN EMERGING ECONOMIES**

Presented by the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Entrepreneurship is widely embraced as a catalyst for the development of emerging markets. In challenging markets, a few entrepreneurs manage to scale their businesses against the odds while many more are limited in their aspirations or opportunities. In particular, social norms and ecosystem gaps often mitigate against entrepreneurship among women, youth, or citizens of smaller cities, even though entrepreneurial talent undoubtedly exists in these populations. What can we learn from the experiences of entrepreneurs who have succeeded in surprising places? How can we broaden the pool of entrepreneurial talent—and the supporting ecosystems—to encourage inclusiveness with impact?

This panel will feature accomplished speakers who know what it takes to build a business in frontier markets and who understand the potential of entrepreneurs who may not fit the traditional profile of business leaders in their communities.

Debate introduced by:

Kim Eric Bettcher

Senior Knowledge Manager, Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), United States

13.00 **LUNCH BREAK**

14.30 **NEW DIMENSIONS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION**

Policymakers and education leaders need to make sure program leaders have the ability to engage students in new technologies that drive the next-generation economy and innovation. This panel will explore the core skills that help citizens turn problems into opportunities for innovative solutions, from the 3D printing helping to drive a new talent network of “makers”, to coding literacy.

Speakers include:

Keynote & panel discussion:

Dane Stangler

Vice President for Research & Policy, Kauffman Foundation

Panel discussion:

Mary Moloney

CEO, Coderdojo

Tayeb A. Kamali

Vice Chancellor, Higher Colleges of Technology

Alessandro Fusacchia
Advisor, Ministry of Education, Italy

15.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.00 **RESEARCH + POLICY TALKS**

Most startups do not have the time or resources to pay close attention to public policy, but government decisions affect their decisions all along the new business idea lifecycle. In these 12-minute pitches, experts in various policy areas intersecting with entrepreneurship, such as crowdfunding and sharing economy will offer specific policy ideas for the audience of policymakers to see through which are most relevant in their ecosystems. Be ready for some disruptive ideas.

Speakers include:

Dane Stangler
Vice President for Research & Policy, Kauffman Foundation

Ayla Matalon
Executive Director, MIT Enterprise Forum of Israel

Usman Ahmed
Policy Counsel, eBay

Felipe Hoffa: “The power of open data for building entrepreneurial cities”
Developer Advocate, Google Cloud

Zoltan Acs
Director, Global Entrepreneurship Development Institute (GEDI)

17.00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

PARALLEL EVENTS

The Global Entrepreneurship Congress offers an array of events in Milan over the course of a week. While the types of events and activities vary widely, they all share a common thread—how to empower entrepreneurs and enable them to start and grow firms that create jobs and improve lives.

Here are some parallel events that will take place in Milan. For more information on hosting a parallel event during GEC 2015 in Milan, please contact Alana Ramo (Alana@gew.co).

MONDAY MARCH 16, 2015:

- **Global Entrepreneurship Research Network (GERN) Annual Meeting** (*by invitation only*)

GERN is a research network comprised of the leading organizations globally that fund entrepreneurship research. The network is dedicated to providing and aligning more robust evidence and research to inform smarter policies and programs to advance entrepreneurial activity and new firm formation.

TUESDAY MARCH 17 2015:

- **Entrepreneurship strategies for youth unemployment: inclusive & sustainable solutions**
Presented by UNIDO

Globally, youth (aged 15-24 years) represent 17 % of the world's population and over 40 % of its unemployed, leaving millions economically and socially excluded. The public sector is in no position to respond to the job market needs, while it's demonstrated that 9 out of 10 jobs are created by the private sector, mostly by SMEs. It is therefore imperative to increase investments in entrepreneurship development. This event will offer panel discussion which will review the following critical factors:

- Create and enabling a policy dialogue among relevant stakeholders (Government, private Sector, CSO, associations) that would favor reforms and policies to promote entrepreneurship development (UNCTAD)
- Promote productive and decent jobs creation by MSMEs and the private sector at large for a more inclusive, sustainable and equitable private sector development (ILO)
- An ecosystem that promote entrepreneurship development (G20 Youth Entrepreneurship Alliance)
- Access to adequate financial resources for [young] entrepreneurs: presenting a toolkit for governments and financial institutions (UNIDO)

- **EMPRETEC Summit II**
Presented by UNCTAD

Empretec (the Spanish acronym for emprendedores –entrepreneurs– and tecnología –technology–) is a flagship capacity-building programme of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) that aims at fostering skills and competencies of successful entrepreneurs. Since its inception in 1988 it trained more than 350 000 “empretecós” around the world in more than 35 countries. Empretec is recognized for its high impact on entrepreneurship development, efficiency and growth of participating SMEs. The objective of the Global Empretec Summit is to explore business networking

opportunities for Empretec directors and Empretec graduates visiting Milan as GEC participants in order to facilitate b2b cross border linkages among them and with other entrepreneurs. Join us at the second edition of the Global Empretec Summit to learn more about the programme and how you can benefit from it in your country.

- **Business Process Re-engineering: From Idea to Commercialisation**

Presented by Sustainable Entrepreneur Accelerator (SEA) Africa & the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) Design Institute

Anyone can boast on a brilliant idea but the main challenge faced by aspiring entrepreneurs with innovative ideas is the ability to commercialize products. In South Africa, the South African Bureau of Standards Design Institute in partnership with SEA Africa pride themselves in supporting aspiring and existing entrepreneurs from an idea stage to commercialization. They develop ideas into perfect products and assist in developing better entrepreneurs. Design experts and mentors help guide candidates through a design process assisting them navigate the barriers and challenges of business design, research and production. In a world where brands rule, every candidate is not just guided to design and manufacture great products or services but also to build a great brand to carry their designs into the world.

- **Managers as corporate catalysts**

Presented by Innovits

- **Transforming your innovation appetite into a business idea: quickly, professionally and accurately**

Presented by Innovits

- **Intesa Sanpaolo Startup Initiative: Food startups special edition (by invitation only)**

Presented by Intesa Sanpaolo Startup Initiative

Intesa Sanpaolo Group is hosting a matchmaking event between investors and food startups ready to be accelerated.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2015:

- **Sport + Innovation**

Presented by the Meta Group and Noxi

[Roberto Gazzara](#), Chairman of Noxi, will moderate the event on the stage, introducing entrepreneurial sports athletes such as Magnus Schening.

- **Unleashing African Entrepreneurship**

Presented by GEN & the LIONS@FRICA partnership

It is widely acknowledged that entrepreneurs will play a large role in the economic growth of Africa. As a result, there are an increasing number of efforts underway to try to help those entrepreneurs and build the entrepreneurial ecosystems across the continent. However, many times these efforts are done in

isolation and without the collective support of the other ecosystems members. Are we all reinventing the wheel or should we work together? In this session, we will hear a series of TED-style talks from experts and practitioners on efforts they are making to bring their country's entrepreneurial ecosystem together into a cohesive whole that is able to better support the entrepreneur. African and international speakers will provide a range of solutions to consider.

- **EO Accelerator Strategy Session I**

Presented by the Entrepreneur's Organization Accelerator Program (by invitation only)

In this session, another set you will spend time working on defining the culture and strategy of your business. You will begin to develop a strategic compass in the form of your business' Mission, Vision and Values and work on developing a "brand promise". An EO Accelerator certified trainer will lead you through an intense workshop in smaller peer groups. Members of the Entrepreneurs' Organization Milan Chapter will be present to share their experiences of starting and growing a thriving business.

- **Global Entrepreneurship Index (GEI) Masterclass**

Presented by the GEN & the Global Entrepreneurship Development Institute (GEDI)

- **Building Cohesive Entrepreneurship Ecosystems Across Africa**

Presented by GEN Global & LIONS@FRICA

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- **Startup Experience**

Presented by GEN Global & Startup Experience

Startup Experience offers intensive transformational workshops designed to inspire the next generation of young entrepreneurs. This session will introduce students to the entrepreneurial mindset and provide hands-on training in high impact entrepreneurship. Participant will build creative capacity, entrepreneurial confidence, and learn effective tools to build new ventures. Learn more by watching its founder at TEDx: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjLhFdxnPJc>

- **The Italian Job 2015**

Presented by the University of Chester

An opportunity to hear the entrepreneurial journey of students of the University of Chester, England, who took part in the 'Italian Job 2015' initiative, following the resounding success of 'Mission Moscow 2014' and 'Destination Rio 2013'. This original and innovative initiative was designed to nurture the next

generation of entrepreneurs at the University encompassing both GEW2014 and GEC2015. Students were set the exacting mission of transforming an initial investment of £10 into the profits necessary to fund travel to GEC2015 through a series of challenges designed to test their enterprise skills. This informal event will allow us to share stories, lessons learned, and successes; followed by networking.

- **Battle of ideas 2015 – La battaglia delle idee 2015 #BattleMI”**

Presented by Ninja Marketing

- **InnoVits Startup competition: Grand Finale**

Presented by Innovits

- **Unicredit StartLab Investor Day (by invitation only)**

Presented by Unicredit Group

This is a matchmaking event between investors and selected fintech startups. More information at:

<https://www.unicreditgroup.eu/startlab/it.html>

- **ACE Summit 2015 (by invitation only)**

Presented by ACE Acceleration Programme

This is the annual event of the European Project called ACE (<http://www.europeanace.eu/>), which develops a new, tailor-made acceleration programme – the ACE programme - to deliver targeted cross-border services to highly innovative ICT entrepreneurs.

- **Adriatic Investor Forum (by invitation only)**

Presented by Marche Region

This session will introduce an innovative matchmaking platform (<http://nextisplatform.eu/>) to all the key relevant stakeholders of the Adriatic Region, bringing four entrepreneurs from different countries to tell their entrepreneurial stories.

- **BAE Club – Best practices shared among BAE club members managers (by invitation only)**

Presented by Business Angels Europe

- **BAE Club – Pitches and networking (by invitation only)**

Presented by Business Angels Europe

THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2015:

- **Angels Summit**

Presented by the Global Business Angels Network (GBAN), Business Angels Europe (BAE) & Italian Angels for Growth (IAG)

In the morning, the Summit theme will be “Angel stories from around the world”, featuring six talks from inspiring angels. In the afternoon, experts will present “Angel investing market trends and evidence from research”.

- **EO Accelerator Strategy Session II**

Presented by the Entrepreneur’s Organization Accelerator Program (by invitation only)

In this session, you will spend time working on defining the culture and strategy of your business. You will begin to develop a strategic compass in the form of your business’ Mission, Vision and Values and work on developing a “brand promise”. An EO Accelerator certified trainer will lead you through an intense workshop in smaller peer groups. Members of the Entrepreneurs’ Organization Milan Chapter will be present to share their experiences of starting and growing a thriving business.

- **Startup Nations Unconference**

Presented by Startup Nations

Startup Nations is a global network of startup organizations and policy leaders from around the world who share a vision of building economies through high-impact entrepreneurship. The Startup Nations community fosters regular dialogue between grassroots startup communities engaged in accelerating new firm formation and startup-savvy policymakers working to create more entrepreneur-friendly regulatory environments and smarter public sector led programming.

The Startup Nations concept originated in 2012—from the leaders behind Global Entrepreneurship Week, Startup Canada and Startup Britain. Within a few months the concept had attracted the support of globally recognized campaigns such as Startup Chile and Startup Malaysia. Startup Nations anticipates the emergence of more national and local startup campaigns around the world, and sets out to enable the leaders of these initiatives to foster collaboration while sharing lessons learned and new approaches to measure impact.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONGRESS?

The Global Entrepreneurship Congress is an inter-disciplinary gathering of startup champions from around the world—where entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, thought leaders and policymakers work together to bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONGRESS?

At the heart of the Congress is a select number of core sessions—a large one-day opening session that is open to everyone followed by two days of invite-only executive sessions. Those sessions occur against the backdrop of a number of official parallel events conducted by leading global organizations actively supporting entrepreneurs and the spread of an entrepreneurial culture—as well as dozens of local parallel events aimed at helping nascent entrepreneurs start and grow new firms.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONGRESS?

Anyone can attend and take part in the Global Entrepreneurship Congress. Delegates share the common thread of being passionate about advancing entrepreneurial growth in their communities and countries or around the world. Entrepreneurs, researchers, investors, academics, senior government officials and others all gather to share information and ideas.

IS THERE A REGISTRATION FEE OR COST TO INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES?

International delegates are required to cover the cost of their own travel and accommodations. For those invited by one of the host organizations, GEW Global or Hosts, there is no charge to participate in the core sessions. Parallel events may or may not require a separate registration fee.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE NEXT GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONGRESS AFTER MILAN?

Following Milan, the next Global Entrepreneurship Congress will be held in Medellin, Colombia in March 2016.

WHO SUPPORTS THE GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONGRESS?

At the core of the Global Entrepreneurship Congress are the leaders behind the Global Entrepreneurship Week movement made possible by the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) and the U.S. based Kauffman Foundation. It is co-organized with one lead organization in the host city each year. In 2015, the co-host for Milan is the META Group.

WHAT IS GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK AND HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE CONGRESS?

Global Entrepreneurship Week is the world's largest celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare. During one week each November, GEW inspires millions of people in more than 150 countries through local, national and global activities that connect participants to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors—introducing them to new possibilities and exciting opportunities. The Global Entrepreneurship Congress started in 2009 as a gathering of the leaders from each national GEW campaign and while it continues to evolve, the GEW Annual Meeting is still at the core of the Congress.

HISTORY

It all began with Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW). GEW is the world's largest celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare. During one week each November, GEW inspires people everywhere through local, national and global activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters and innovators. These activities, from large-scale competitions and events to intimate networking gatherings, connect participants to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors—introducing them to new possibilities and exciting opportunities. Since it began in 2008, GEW has expanded to more than 150 countries—empowering millions of people through more than 100,000 activities. Powered by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the initiative is supported by dozens of world leaders and a growing network of partner organizations. For more information, visit www.gew.co.

Thanks in part to GEW, an entrepreneurial ecosystem has started to take shape around the world, connecting people across borders to unleash their ideas and transform innovation into reality—in turn growing economies and expanding human welfare. To support the burgeoning initiative, the Kauffman Foundation brought together the host organizations from nearly 60 nations to create the first ever Global Entrepreneurship Congress in March 2009 at its headquarters in Kansas City.

It was just the beginning. One year later, the Congress convened in Dubai with GEW's entrepreneurship champions from more than 90 countries, but it also had an all-star lineup of speakers including then Prime Minister H.E. Nika Gilauri of Georgia and a number of accomplished entrepreneurs and CEOs. The profile of the Congress began to grow and countries began to compete over the right to host the event.

Shanghai was keen to show the world that it too was building a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem, and in March 2011 it hosted the third Global Entrepreneurship Congress. GEW hosts from 100 countries were joined by more than 1,000 participants from across China for the extravagant opening session of the Congress. The importance of the event was evident through the participation of a number of Chinese government officials, led by Yan Junqi, vice chairwoman of the standing committee of the National People's Congress of China, as well as Wan Gang, the country's Minister for Science and Technology and a number of other government representatives from the federal and local levels. Perhaps a bit more surprising was the presence of a number of China's wealthier entrepreneurs and angel investors who had been leading the way toward new economic growth. At the end of the opening session, Jonathan Ortman, chair of the GEC, announced that Liverpool was selected to be the host city for 2012—and the evolution continued.

Richard Branson, famous for his Virgin brand empire, inspired delegates from 120 countries among a crowd of thousands. Along with other British titans of industry, Branson answered questions and shared insights based on years of experience. But as bright as the star power was in Liverpool, perhaps a more important shift began to occur—the international delegates were no longer populated solely by GEW hosts. The Congress began to attract diverse delegations from government ministries, university researchers, the media and more.

In a very short period of time, the Global Entrepreneurship Congress has evolved into the premier interdisciplinary gathering of startup champions from around the world—where entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, thought leaders and policymakers work together to bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare.

What will 2015 bring for the Global Entrepreneurship Congress? Join us in Milan and find out.

CO-HOSTS

META Group

An international, dynamic and independent group dedicated to the creation and growth of Knowledge Intensive Companies, for the wealth of open, entrepreneurial regions. META works together with: policy makers and public executives that are focused on innovation and in promoting entrepreneurial activity to increase regional growth and competitiveness, entrepreneurs that are building and developing their businesses, researchers willing to exploit their research activities and investors interested in seed and start up capital. To render the Knowledge to Market process effective and profitable is our mission!

Global Entrepreneurship Network

The Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) is a platform of programs and initiatives to help people across the globe unleash their ideas and turn them into promising new ventures—creating jobs, unearthing innovations for society and strengthening economic stability around the world. Ranging from efforts to inspire and educate nascent entrepreneurs to advancing research, GEN is building one global startup community and ecosystem. Starting as a grassroots movement anchored in established economies with stable political systems, GEN has matured into a year-round global platform blind to types of economies, cultures and value systems. This globalization of entrepreneurship has brought an explosion of programs, startup communities and investments into a new field where there is a paucity of data around what works and what does not in supporting nascent entrepreneurs and new firms preparing to scale. Traditional business, education and government leaders are eager champions that can benefit from tools to help them effectively direct attention and funds to areas that have the greatest impact on future economic growth. GEN is a compass to help address these developments by identifying effective initiatives that positively impact whole societies and interventions that target the most critical areas for entrepreneurial ecosystems around the world. For more information, visit www.weareGEN.co

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation is a private nonpartisan foundation that works to harness the power of entrepreneurship and innovation to grow economies and improve human welfare. Through its research and other initiatives, the Kauffman Foundation aims to open young people's eyes to the possibility of entrepreneurship, promote entrepreneurship education, raise awareness of entrepreneurship-friendly policies, and find alternative pathways for the commercialization of new knowledge and technologies. Founded by late entrepreneur and philanthropist Ewing Marion Kauffman, the Foundation is based in Kansas City, Mo. and has approximately \$2 billion in assets. For more information, visit www.kauffman.org, and follow @kauffmanfdn on Twitter and Facebook.

GEC 2014 DELEGATES & ATTENDEES

The partial list below—confirmed delegates for the [2014 Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Moscow](#)—demonstrates the size and geographic diversity of global delegates and attendees. In total, we had 6500 participants and an international community from 153 nations at the last GEC.

To secure a place at the Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Milan, visit <http://www.gec.co>

Afghanistan

Abdul Hadi, Sayed Ghani *NABDP/UNDP/MRRD (National Area Based Development Program/ United Nation Development Program)*
Amanzad, Suleiman *Rumi Consultancy*
Haroon, Farhat Amin *GRM International*
Hikmatullah, Noori
Shinwari, Abdulali *Directorate of Water & Electricity Kabul Afghanistan*

Albania

Begu, Uranik *Innovation Center Kosovo*
Dosti Romina
Gjillani, Frans *Global Opportunities*
Hito, Joniada *Global Opportunities*
Mosko, Dhimitraq *Agency for Research Technology and Innovation*

Algeria

Ait Oumeziane, Mohamed *Amine*
Belhadi, Mohamed El *Amine*
Benaissa, Selman
Berreziga Wife Senouci, Amina *Ecole préparatoire en sciences économiques, commerciales et sciences de gestion, Alger, Algeria*
Derroum, Lakhdar
Guellal, Nawel *Human Development Network Algeria*
Hamdani, Said *Algerian Startup Initiative*
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