

# Global Innovation Index 2025

## Innovation at a Crossroads – Charting the Future

**Join us for the Global Launch**

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025 (1:30–3:30 p.m. CEST)**

**WIPO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland**

The Global Innovation Index (GII) 2025 takes the pulse of innovation against a background of global realignments, sluggish economic growth of the leading multinationals, but also technological breakthroughs, and evolving regulatory landscapes which shape how ideas emerge, spread, and scale globally.

The GII 2025 on the title of *“Innovation at a Crossroads: Charting the Future”* offers a unique lens to examine how these forces are influencing global innovation, investment flows, research collaboration, and the diffusion of breakthrough technologies.

This year’s GII ranks the innovation performance of close to 140 economies, showcasing their innovation strengths and weaknesses.

Since 2007, the GII has been both an invaluable reference tool for countries to benchmark innovation performance and improve innovation policy and its impact. The UN General Assembly recognizes the GII as an authoritative benchmarking tool for measuring innovation in the context of the Science, Technology, and Innovation policies for Sustainable Development.

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## Global Launch Program

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### High-level Opening

**Mr. Daren Tang**, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

**H.E. Mr. José Raúl Mulino**, President, Republic of Panama

**H.E. Mr. Bart De Wever**, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Belgium

**H.E. Ms. Inga Ruginienė**, Prime Minister, Republic of Lithuania

*Other Heads of State / Heads of Government (tbc)*

1:50–2:15 p.m.

### Presentation of the 2025 GII results

Chair: **Mr. Marco M. Alemán**, Assistant Director General, IP and Innovation Ecosystems Sector, WIPO

Launch video and presentation, WIPO Secretariat

### Panel: “Innovation at a Crossroads: Charting the Future”

- How can innovation maintain its momentum amid today’s economic headwinds—slowing R&D growth, fragile VC markets, and uneven recovery—while also harnessing the growing capacity across the globe to sustain long-term innovation efforts?
- Which new centres of innovation are emerging?
- How can breakthrough technologies—AI, green energy, digital biology, and others—be scaled to deliver broad-based economic growth and societal impact?
- What changes are needed in the way firms, governments, and research institutions organize for innovation in a world where uptake lags behind invention?

Chair: **Mr. Daren Tang**, Director General, WIPO

- **Ms. Janet Henry**, Global Chief Economist, HSBC, United Kingdom
- **Mr. Sun Mingyan**, Vice President and Chief Intellectual Property Officer, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CATL), China
- **Ms. Gift A. Kadzamira**, Director General, National Commission for Science and Technology, Malawi
- **Mr. Soumitra Dutta**, GII Co-Editor and Dean, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- **Mr. John Cheek**, Vice President, Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) and Vice-President, Intellectual Property and Legal Operations, Tenneco, Inc., United States of America

### Adjournment

## High-level Opening



### **Mr. Daren Tang, Director General, WIPO**

Daren Tang, a national of Singapore, began his six-year mandate as Director General of WIPO on October 1, 2020. Prior to his appointment as WIPO Director General, Mr. Tang served as a senior official in the Singapore Government. His last appointment before joining WIPO was Chief Executive of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) where he transformed IPOS from a traditional IP registry into an innovation agency, enhancing Singapore's IP ecosystem and strengthening international collaborations. Early in his career, Mr. Tang served as an international lawyer for the Singapore Government, specializing in international economic law and playing a pivotal role in resolving international disputes and negotiating key international agreements. Mr. Tang is a graduate of the National University of Singapore (Bachelor of Law, Honors) and the Georgetown University Law Center (Master of Laws, Distinction). He also attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. He is fluent in English and Chinese. Mr. Tang is an avid jazz pianist and has authored a book on the history and culture of tea.



### **H.E. Mr. José Raúl Mulino, President, Republic of Panama**

H.E. Mr. José Raúl Mulino was born on June 13, 1959, in David, Chiriquí, Panama. A lawyer by profession, he graduated in Law and Political Science from Universidad Santa María La Antigua (USMA) in 1982 and obtained a Master's degree in Maritime Law from Tulane University in 1983. He is co-founder of the law firm Fábrega, Molino & Mulino, where he built a distinguished career in maritime and international law. He has held senior public service positions, including Minister of Foreign Affairs (1993–1994), Minister of Government and Justice (2009), and Minister of Public Security (2010–2014). On July 1, 2024, he assumed office as President of the Republic of Panama. President Mulino is married with four children and four grandchildren.



**H.E. Mr. Bart De Wever, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Belgium**

Bart De Wever (b. 1970) became Belgium's Prime Minister on February 3, 2025, the first Flemish nationalist to hold the role. He previously served as Mayor of Antwerp (2013–2025) and led the New Flemish Alliance (N-VA) for over 20 years. A historian by training, he left academia to pursue politics, helping transform N-VA into Flanders' largest party. The party promotes conservative, economically liberal values and fiscal responsibility. De Wever has authored essays like *About Identity* and *About Woke*, and is known for his passion for Ancient Rome and Latin. He lives in Deurne with his wife and four children, is teetotal, and enjoys marathon running.



**H.E. Ms. Inga Ruginienė, Prime Minister, Republic of Lithuania**

## Speakers



**Ms. Janet HENRY**, Global Chief Economist, HSBC Holdings plc, United Kingdom

Janet Henry has served as HSBC's Global Chief Economist since 2015, overseeing global forecasts and thematic research; she previously led European economics. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, her work has focused on labour markets, inflation dynamics, and policy amid geopolitics, protectionism, innovation, demographics, and climate change. She is a Governor of the UK's National Institute of Economic and Social Research, a member of the World Economic Forum Chief Economists Community, and a Non-Executive Director of HSBC Bank UK plc. She has given evidence to financial committees of the European Parliament (on China) and the UK House of Lords (on Europe). Henry joined HSBC in Hong Kong in 1996 as an Asian economist during the Asian financial crisis.



**Mr. Sun Mingyan**, Vice President and Chief Intellectual Property Officer, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CATL), China

Mr. Sun Mingyan, Vice President and Chief Intellectual Property Officer of CATL, over 20-year experience in the intellectual property sector, is now fully responsible for the strategic planning, technology licensing, and operation of CATL's intellectual property, and helps the company achieve commercial success through flexible use of IP tools.



**Ms. Gift A. Kadzamira**, Director General, National Commission for Science and Technology (NCST), Malawi

Gift Kadzamira leads Malawi's National Commission for Science and Technology, focusing on strengthening the country's research and innovation systems. She has over 20 years' experience in research and innovation management. She holds an MSc in Electronic Information Management (Robert Gordon University, Scotland) and a BSc in Biology (University of Malawi). Her professional development includes training in research management, intellectual property, gender and inclusion in science, technology transfer and commercialization, science diplomacy, and innovation policy.



**Mr. Soumitra Dutta**, Co-editor of the GII; Peter Moores Dean and Professor of Management, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Professor Soumitra Dutta is the Peter Moores Dean of Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford. He was previously the Founding Dean of the SC Johnson College of Business at Cornell University in New York. He is the co-founder and president of the Portulans Institute, a non-profit, non-partisan think tank based in Washington, D.C. He has served on the boards of global firms including Sodexo, Dassault Systèmes and ZS Associates. He is currently the chair of the board of the Global Business School Network and serves on the advisory boards of several international business schools. He is the co-founder of three technology startups, including the climate-tech VC fund Green Frontier Capital.



**Mr. John Cheek**, Vice President, Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) and Vice-President, Intellectual Property and Legal Operations, Tenneco, Inc., United States of America

Mr. John Cheek is Vice President, Intellectual Property and Legal Operations, and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel for Tenneco LLC, a global leader in automotive, transportation, and industrial technology. Prior to joining Tenneco, Mr. Cheek held IP leadership roles at Caterpillar Inc. in the United States and Europe. He studied Mathematics and Physics as an undergraduate and received a JD from the University of Dayton and an MBA from the University of Chicago. Mr. Cheek is a Past President of the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel (ACPC), currently serves as Vice President of the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO) and is a professional jazz and rock trumpeter in and around Detroit, Michigan.