



Harsh Pati Singhanian elected ICC Chair

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The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) World Council has approved the election of Indian business leader Harsh Pati Singhanian as ICC Chair, following a meeting of the ICC World Council at ICC Global Headquarters in Paris today.

Mr Singhanian, currently serving as ICC First Vice-Chair, takes over the helm from French business executive Philippe Varin who has served as ICC Chair since June 2024.

Mr Singhanian is Vice Chairman and Managing Director of JK Paper and a prominent figure within India's industrial and international business community. His appointment reflects ICC's continued commitment to leadership that combines global expertise, private-sector credibility and a strong commitment to international cooperation.

ICC's governance framework is underpinned by a transparent and formal election process determined by ICC's World Council — representing ICC national committees and members from more than 90 countries.

The leadership renewal comes as ICC continues to advance its mission to make business work for everyone, every day, everywhere, supporting businesses of all sizes in navigating economic uncertainty, accelerating digital transformation and strengthening global trade and investment.

Chairmanship appointments

Outgoing ICC Chair Philippe Varin assumes his new role as ICC Honorary Chair, continuing his engagement with the world's business organisation.

Leadership transitions announced at the ICC World Council meeting also include the following appointments within the ICC Chairmanship:

Shinta Kamdani, CEO of Sintesa Group, becomes ICC First Vice-Chair;

Rebecca Enonchong, CEO of AppsTech and Chair of AfriLabs, becomes ICC Vice-Chair; and

Justin D'Agostino, Global CEO of Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer, also becomes ICC Vice-Chair.

ICC Secretary General John W.H. Denton AO said:

"Today's appointments underscore ICC's continued commitment to excellence and regionally diverse leadership, bringing together leaders from Africa, Asia and beyond with deep expertise across industry,

technology, finance and international law. We are deeply grateful to Philippe Varin for his outstanding service to ICC and to the global business community more broadly.”