

# Armenia IT Forum 2016

*in the framework of ArmTech Congress*

**Empowering Armenian IT Companies and Startups to Succeed in the Global Markets**

**June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Synopsys, Mountain View Campus**

09:00-10:00 Registration and networking

10:00-11:15 **IT Industry in Armenia - Recent Developments and Success Stories**

Moderator: Yervant Zorian, Chief Architect, Synopsys

Speakers:

- Artsvik Minasyan, RA Minister of Economy
- Chi Foon Chan, President, Synopsys
- Roger Strauch, Chairman, The Roda Group
- William Mouat, General Manager, PicsArt
- Ramesh Kesanupalli, Founder, Nok Nok Labs and Fido Visionary
- Aram Salatian, General Director, National Instruments Armenia

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-12:45 **Building an Ecosystem for Global Startups and Connecting to Global Markets**

Moderator: Pavlina Yankieva, Co-founder and Partner at Astra Growth Partners

- Razmig Hovaghimian, Partner, Graph Ventures
- Max Gurvits Director, Cross Boarder Angels
- Sedrak Sargisian, Development Engineering Director, Mentor Graphics
- Razmik Abnous, CTO, Co-Founder, Vitruvian Networks, Inc.
- Maria Adamian, Founding Partner, Ecamb
- Bill Reichert, Managing Director, Garage Technology Ventures
- David Seda, Vice President Marketing, Calix

12:45-13:45 Lunch Break (networking with Armenian startups)

13:45-15:00 **Challenges and Opportunities of Investing in Armenia**

Moderator: Tony Moroyan, Chairman, Viasphere Technopark

- Nina Achadjian, Partner, HIVE
- Ronald Weissman, Chairman, Software SIG at Band of Angels
- Peter Righi, Global Director, CEED Global
- Vahan Chakarian, Founder, Director, Technology and Science Dynamics
- Michel Davoudian, Director, Apaga Technologies
- Artashes Vardanyan, Director, MIC Armenia

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:15 **Role of Education in Unlocking Startup Talent**

Moderator: Richard Bezjian, Executive Director, Energize Global Services CJSC

- Naeem Zafar, Lecturer in Entrepreneurship, UC Berkeley
- Karén Gyulbudaghyan, Director, Strategic Partnerships and Business Incentives, Yahoo! Inc.
- Jim Connor, Angel Investor, Sand Hill Angels and Host for Game Changers Silicon Valley Show
- Rich Goldman, Chancellor, Global Technology University
- Amalya Yeghoyan, Executive Director, Gyumri Information Technologies Center
- Hovhannes Kuloghlyan, CTO, The Drop
- Ben Toker, Member of Board of Trustees, Armenian Virtual College

19:30-22:00 Gala Dinner (by invitation only) – Westin St. Francis