

**Embassy of India
Mexico City**

The First India-Mexico High Tech Forum

Mexico City, 31 October, 2023

The First India-Mexico High Tech forum, a premier forum on Information & Technology sector was successfully organized at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico on 31 October, 2023. The forum was jointly organized by the Embassy of India in Mexico City with the Global Impulse Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico. More than 50 IT companies from both India & Mexico, academicians, Government officials and business persons from various sectors participated in the forum.

2. The forum was jointly inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Economy for the state of Chiapas, Mr. Carlos Salazar; Hon'ble Vice-Minister of Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights for Mexico, Ambassador Joel Fernandez, and Ambassador of India to Mexico Dr. Pankaj Sharma. Ambassador Pankaj Sharma highlighted the growing commercial relations between India & Mexico with technology & innovation playing an important role in shaping the future of this relationship. Ambassador Joel Fernandez acknowledged India as the key player in IT sector and expressed possibility of collaboration with Mexico in future. Minister Carlos Salazar presented the opportunities & attractiveness for investments in the state of Chiapas of Mexico with IT sector being the focal point for overall development. Dr. Shivendra Singh, Vice President of Global Trade Development at NASSCOM participated virtually from India and gave a brief presentation on overall IT sector of India. He identified key areas of collaboration in IT

sector between India and Mexico such as upscaling of skills, innovation, harmonization of IT related rules and new & emerging technologies.

3. The inaugural session was followed by a plenary session with the keynote speech by Hon'ble Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Carmen Moreno Toscano. She noted the recent achievements in overall bilateral relations of India & Mexico and possibilities of collaboration in various sectors such as IT. Mr. Carlos Castillo Perez, Director General for Planning & Evaluation, AMEXCID and eminent leaders in field of Information & Technology which included Mr. Pablo Gallegos, Country head HCLTech; Mr. Sreedhar Veeramachaneni, CEO at System Soft Technologies and Mr. Rajiv Gupta, Country Head for TCS, who shared their perspectives on the great potential of the IT sector, which will play a crucial role in driving the trade and investment relations between the two countries.

4. The plenary was followed by two parallel panel discussions focusing on Artificial Intelligence and Fintech. The IT companies based on their areas of interest participated in corresponding panel discussions moderated by the Mexican Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AMEXCID). Several ideas and suggestions were shared by the members on the two topics raised during the discussion. The forum concluded with a networking session resulting in an outcome paper prepared by AMEXCID, based on the discussions. The forum received a positive and encouraging feedback from the participants with a request for a bigger forum in 2024.



