List of Delegation Attendees – Indiaspora UAE “Global Connect” Delegation

1. **MR Rangaswami**, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Indiaspora

   MR Rangaswami is an entrepreneur, investor, corporate eco-strategy expert, community builder, philanthropist, and the founder of Indiaspora. Recognized as a software business expert, he participated in the rapid expansion of the Silicon Valley software industry during his tenure as an executive at both large and small software companies. In 1997, he co-founded Sand Hill Group, one of the earliest “angel” investment firms, and was profiled on the front page of the Wall Street Journal. He was named to the Forbes “Midas” list of investors and also recognized by CRN as one of the Top 25 Technology Executives.

Confirmed Attendees (Delegates Sorted alphabetically by last name)

2. **Ashwin Bharath**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Revature, United States

   Ashwin Bharath is the Co-Founder and CEO of Revature, the largest employer of emerging technology talent in the United States. Ashwin co-founded Revature after seeing first-hand that although talent availability is equally distributed, opportunity was being reserved for the elites and privileged. Today Ashwin’s mission is to train over 1M people and to provide employment pathways for those that have the aptitude and attitude to reach their potential as successful Software Engineers. As CEO, Ashwin is responsible for Revature’s strategic vision and strives to fuel the future of work by providing diverse technology talent at scale, while bridging the skills gap and equalizing opportunity for all.
3. **Seema Chaturvedi**, Managing Partner, AWE Funds, United States

Seema has over 20 years of capital markets and financial management experience. She is the Founder and Managing Partner of AWE Funds, a platform for investing early-stage capital in women owned, led and influenced businesses. She co-founded and is past president of the Detroit chapter of TiE, an organization to foster entrepreneurship in 2002. She was later elected to the Global Board of Trustees of TiE Inc. She founded and leads as chairwoman TiE Global’s marquee women’s entrepreneurship program: Project All India Roadshow for Women’s Economic Empowerment through Entrepreneurship (AIRSWEEE), for which she obtained funding from the US Department of State.

4. **Chetan Desai**, Chief Operating Officer – Global Operations, BahwanCybertek, United States

Chetan has over two decades of extensive experience in hardware- and software-based systems and solutions across multiple industries. He has played pivotal roles in Fortune 100 and mid- and large-sized enterprises, demonstrating results in the semiconductor, capital equipment, MEMS and upstream O&G space. Chetan joined BahwanCybertek from Schlumberger, where he led enterprise-level digital technology and product development efforts. Having spent more than 15 years of his early career in the Silicon Valley, he also draws experience from his stints with reputed organizations like Form Factor, Credence Systems and NPTest, where he worked prior to joining Schlumberger.
5. **Nishith Desai**, Founder and Managing Partner, Nishith Desai Associates, India

Nishith is an international tax and corporate lawyer, researcher, author and lecturer. He is the Founder of Nishith Desai Associates. Nishith has substantial experience in the Fund sector, advising a large number of offshore investment funds and playing a seminal role in structuring several private equity funds, in addition to structuring several domestic venture capital funds. He is a member of the International Bar Association, American Bar Association, Inter Pacific Bar Association, LAWASIA, International Tax Planning Association, and Supreme Court Bar Association. He is listed in the Lex Witness ‘Hall of fame: Top 50’ individuals who have helped shape the legal landscape of modern India. Nishith also holds a special license from the State Bar of California to practice Indian law.

6. **Noopur Desai**, Nishith Desai Associates, India

Noopur Desai works at Nishith Desai Associates, one of Asia’s most Innovative Law Firm – and the go-to specialists for companies around the world, looking to conduct businesses in India and for Indian companies considering business expansion abroad.
7. **Suril Desai**, Associate, Nishith Desai Associates, India

Suril is a lawyer at the Nishith Desai Associates, specializing in cryptocurrency and blockchain technology. Suril is a lawyer, a documentary film maker as well a cryptocurrency and Blockchain enthusiast. He holds a Bachelors of Science in International Management from Menlo College California. He spent 6 years in Silicon Valley before deciding to come back to India and pursuing a degree in Law from Government Law College, Mumbai. There he specialised in Criminology. After which he attended a diploma course in Advanced Legal Studies in Counter-Terrorism at Asser Institute in The Hague, Netherlands.

8. **Hariharan Ganesan**, Director of Partner Relations, Agastya International Foundation, India

Hariharan Ganesan serves as the Director of Agastya’s Partner Relations.
9. **Goldy Hyder**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Business Council of Canada, Canada

Goldy Hyder is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Business Council of Canada. From July 2014 to October 2018, Goldy was President and Chief Executive Officer of Hill+Knowlton Strategies (Canada), providing strategic communications counsel to the firm’s extensive and diverse client base. Prior to joining Hill+Knowlton in 2001, he served as Director of Policy and Chief of Staff to The Right Honourable Joe Clark, former prime minister and former leader of the federal Progressive Conservative Party. He is chair of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada’s Asia Business Leaders Advisory Council, a board member of the Business + Higher Education Roundtable, an executive committee member of the Century Initiative and co-chair of Canada’s World Trade Organization Business Advisory Council.

10. **George Jacob**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bay Ecotarium/Bay.org, United States

George Jacob is the President and CEO of the largest conservation non-profit group in the Bay Area, where he leads the Smithsonian affiliated Aquarium of the Bay and 6 institutions in San Francisco with ongoing projects in Norway, Japan, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Cocos and Marshall Islands. BayEcotarium is the largest watershed conservation organization in San Francisco and is an amalgam of five institutions, united under one mission to protect and conserve the Bay Area ecosystems. He is the Founding Director of 4 Award winning museums and 108 stellar museum projects around the world, George Jacob is one of the leading museum thinkers of our times.
11. Ashok (Allen) S. Lalwani, Chief Executive Officer, Sadhu Vaswani Mission, New York / New Jersey, & President and CEO, American Spraytech, United States

Ashok considers himself fortunate to have been in a lifelong company and guidance of the Revered Master, Dada J. P. Vaswani. As CEO of the Sadhu Vaswani Mission's NY / NJ Chapter, Ashok serves in devotional activities and works of charity in communities spread across North America. His enterprise, American Spraytech, is a turnkey innovator and contract manufacturer of aerosol spray products servicing most of the world's largest brands for cosmetics, personal care, and OTC drug products. The company's plant is spread over a 300,000 square feet facility, in Branchburg, NJ, 50 miles west of New York City. American Spraytech is a joint venture with Brown Brothers Harriman, the oldest private bank in the United States.

12. Naghma Mulla, Chief Executive Officer, EdelGive Foundation, India

Naghma currently serves as the CEO of EdelGive Foundation. She is also a Director on the Board of the Foundation. Over the last decade of her association with EdelGive, Naghma has driven the vision of the foundation, strengthening its core principles of collaborative philanthropy; and transforming it from a grant-making foundation to a philanthropic asset management platform, today. In addition to her role at EdelGive, Naghma is also General Board Member at Goonj, a part of the core committee at India Climate Collaborative and provides strategic guidance to the operationalisation of the Migrants Resilience Collaborative, the largest migrant collective in the world.
13. **Karthee Madasamy**, Founder and Managing Partner, Mobile Foundation Ventures (MFV Partners), United States

Karthee is a Founder and Managing Partner at Mobile Foundation Ventures (MFV Partners), an US-based, early-stage deep-tech venture fund targeting technology startups that are disrupting traditional industries like Automotive, Manufacturing and others. Karthee invests in frontier-tech startups in robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, Autonomous Platforms, and Internet of Things. MFV Partners’ portfolio includes PsiQuantum, Rescale, TwentyBN, Analog Inference, Summary Analytics among others. Before MFV, Karthee spent 11 years as a Managing Director at Qualcomm Ventures where he invested across the US, Israel, and India. He started Qualcomm Ventures' investment activities in both Israel and India. Some of his notable investments include Waze (acquired by Google), Validity Sensors (acquired by Synaptics), and BORQS (NASDAQ IPO), among others.

14. **Samir Mitra**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Reya Health Inc, United States

Samir Mitra was part of the original Java software team, a programming language and system that transformed the internet. He also founded Java Mobile (also called J2ME), recognizing the transformative combination of mobile devices and internet software before the 1st iPhone existed. Samir was an entrepreneur-in-resident at Sequoia Capital and has advised several venture capital firms in their new investments. Samir committed himself to an innovative Artificial Intelligence product named as “Reya” digital-AI care assistants. The company which builds the innovative product is called Reya Health Inc, based in Silicon Valley California and Samir is CEO of the Company. Samir holds several USA Patents ranging from semiconductor circuit design, application networking software and digital healthcare software.
15. **Saket Modi**, Chief Executive Officer, Safe Security, United States

Saket Modi is the Co-founder and CEO of Safe Security, a Cybersecurity and Digital Business Risk Quantification platform company. A computer science engineer by education, he founded Safe Security in 2012 while in his final year of engineering. Incubated in IIT Bombay and backed by Cisco’s former Chairman and CEO John Chambers, Safe Security protects the digital infrastructure of multiple Fortune 500 companies around the world with its cyber risk measurement and mitigation platform called SAFE. Saket is a part of Fortune Magazine’s 40-under-40, Entrepreneur Magazine’s 35-under-35, Forbes Magazine’s 30-under-30 lists, among others.

16. **Rajan Navani**, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Jetline Group of Companies, India

Rajan is the VC and MD of Jetline Group of Companies, focusing on packaging manufacturing, IT services and digital media. He is responsible for the India strategy and its implementation for all the group companies. He plays a key role in shaping the digital lives of 1.2 billion Indians, with his group company Jetsynthesys recently making significant investments in consumer-facing digital platforms, products and services with a focus on digital marketing and data analytics.
17. **Bijal Patel**, Chief Executive Officer, Coast Redwood Hospitality, United States

Bijal has two full-time jobs – serving as the Chairman of CHLA, while also being CEO of Coast Redwood Hospitality, a 44 year old company based in Northern California that owns and operates a portfolio of hotels and other real estate. He is the youngest Chairman in CHLA’s 128-year history and is the first person to serve two consecutive terms in that role. During the past five years, Bijal has held leadership roles in AAHOA (Asian American Hotel Owners Association), notably as a member of the Young Professional Hoteliers Committee, and as an Ambassador in the North Pacific Region.

18. **Jay Patel**, Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Wefea Inc., United States

Jay is the Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Wefea Inc. He has experience in CBOT, NYSE, NASDAQ (Now CME), Motorola, and Bell Labs, providing a solid foundation for product development and market launch. He has worked in Radio and Cellular communication, GSM, Iridium (Satellite Communication), Wireless Local Loop, Strong Arm 11xx series Processor, Real-time Market Data (NYSE and Nasdaq data feed), Routers and Switches, and virtual routers projects.
19. **Sri Peddu**, Founder and Managing Director, Powerhouse Ventures, United States

Sri Peddu is the founder and Managing Director of Powerhouse Ventures (PV), an early-stage investment firm with extensive interest across India. He leads the Investment Advisory Team, tasked to source innovation, conduct deep market and company-specific due diligence and execute investments. He has served on the boards of category-defining companies such as Whatfix, Sintel, Gamezop, and NewsBytes. Sri was formerly with the World Bank in Washington, DC.

20. **Raghu Rao**, Strategic Advisor and Investor, Kaya17, United States

Raghu Rao is a serial entrepreneur, strategic business advisor and angel investor. Mr. Rao has founded, scaled and had successful exits with several high-technology companies including InfoZen.com, CellixBio.com, KovidGroup.com, WizNucleus.com, and PaperBatteryCo.com. In his 33-year career, Mr. Rao has led teams for management, operations and oversight for clients in GovTech, BioTech, Publishing, and Energy sectors. Mr. Rao has advised clients on the strategy and roll-out of high-profile projects, such as USA.gov, TSA Screening Gateway, Cancer.gov and other eGovernment initiatives. As the Vistage Princeton Chair, Mr. Rao ran three high-performing peer advisory boards for middle-market CEOs and business leaders of companies with total revenues exceeding $2 Billion.
21. **Dr. Mohanbir Sawhney**, McCormick Tribune Professor of Technology, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, United States

Prof. Sawhney is a globally recognized scholar, teacher, consultant and speaker in business innovation, modern marketing and Artificial Intelligence applications in business. Prof. Sawhney has written seven management books as well as dozens of influential articles in leading academic journals and managerial publications. His most recent book, The Sentient Enterprise: The Evolution of Business Decision Making, was published in October 2017 and was on the Wall Street Journal bestseller list. He has also written a book of poetry called Love, Longing and Loneliness in 2014. His research has been published in leading journals like California Management Review, Harvard Business Review, Journal of Interactive Marketing, Management Science, and more.
22. **Ashok Siddhanti**, Management Consultant, EnDyna Inc., United States

Ashok Siddhanti, currently the CEO of EnDyna Inc. (www.endyna.com), is a technology management consultant with engineering background. At EnDyna he also leads the cybersecurity and technology-based practices, bringing over twenty years of experience with private sector and ten years working with U.S. federal government customers. Starting as a consultant with Boston Consulting Group (BCG), Mr. Siddhanti went on to hold vice president positions at Mercer Management and A.T. Kearney, where he managed large contracts with Fortune 100 technology companies. As CEO, he has transformed EnDyna into an organization providing innovative, customer-centric solutions to U.S. Government customers’ needs. He holds BTech in Mechanical Engineering, MS in Management Engineering, and an MBA.

23. **Smita Siddhanti**, Founder, EnDyna Inc., United States

Dr. Smita Siddhanti is the founder and President of EnDyna Inc. (www.endyna.com), specializing in management and environmental consulting for various federal agencies in Washington DC. Currently she is focusing on developing governments’ Climate Change and Resilience policy and action plans. She was the past president of DC Chapter of TiE – The Indus Entrepreneurs, and currently serves on the Global Board of Trustees for TiE. She has served on the Virginia Governor’s Air Quality Board and on the Board of University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Siddhanti is a recipient of several awards including 2014 Future 50 award of Smart CEO, and the White House Green Government award in 2016. As the TiE Global Board of Trustees, Smita is leading the TiE Women Initiative to assist and mentor women entrepreneurs across the globe in 30 countries. Smita is also leading the TiE Global Special Interest Group of social entrepreneurship and social impact investing. She is on the Advisory Board of Magan Sangrahalaya Samiti (MSS), an Indian NGO in Wardha, Maharashtra, working for rural enterprise development in villages. Smita is contributing to WHEELS Global Foundation’s, as their Board Member, two major missions - Livelihood and Sustainability – facilitating development of sustainable enterprises to enhance rural economy. She holds a B.S. and M.S.in Biology from Delhi
University, M.S. in Technology Policy from Rensselaer Polytechnic (RPI), and a Ph.D. in Technology and Public Policy from the University of Pittsburgh.

24. **Jaya Vaidyanathan**, Chief Executive Officer, BCT Digital, Bahwan CyberTek Group, United States

Jaya Vaidhyanathan is the CEO of BCT Digital, division of Bahwan CyberTek (BCT), a global technology company specializing in Digital Transformation, Predictive Analytics and IoT. She joined as an ‘intrapreneur’ and kick started their FinTech initiatives. This was to build global quality products for the Indian Banking system keeping in mind the unique challenges and culture of the banking system in India. At BCT, Jaya started FinTech’s risk management product portfolio, today known as rt360.

25. **Subramanian Vishwanathan**, Senior Vice President - Sales, Bahwan CyberTek Group, United Arab Emirates

Vish has over 20 year’s expertise in the Information technology industry across various global markets including India, USA, Middle East, Africa and Asia Pacific. Currently, as Executive Vice President, Vish heads BCT’s Middle East & North Africa (MENA) business, BCT-TIBCO strategic Partnership, and global sales & overall strategy for BCT’s Digital Supply Chain Management offerings. Vish manages BCT’s growth in the areas of IoT, Digital Supply Chain Management solutions, Cloud, Customer Experience Management, RPA and Telematics. Prior to BCT, Vish worked with organizations like Ramco Systems, where he headed business development and product presales, and NIIT, where he headed operations.
26. **Sanjeev Joshipura, Executive Director, Indiaspora**

Sanjeev Joshipura serves as Indiaspora’s Executive Director since January 2018, and served as Director since July 2016. Immediately prior to that, he was active in the US-India corridor in a public policy and business capacity, via his own consulting firm. A naturalized American citizen, he was born and raised in India and migrated to North America in 2000. In the corporate realm, Sanjeev has worked at Fortune 500 multinational organizations in different industries, in the areas of strategy, finance and project management.

27. **Mansi Patel, Director of Communications, Indiaspora**

Mansi Patel comes to Indiaspora with a background in communications, policy, and public service. She previously worked at a bipartisan government relations firm, where she served as a Legislative Assistant working on education, tech and natural resources issues. Prior to that, she served Congresswoman Frederica Wilson on Capitol Hill as part of her communications team. Prior to that, she was a public school teacher in South Florida.
28. **Aman Thakker**, Senior Program Manager, Indiaspora

Aman Thakker is Senior Program Manager at Indiaspora. He is also an Adjunct Fellow (non-resident) with the Wadhwani Chair in U.S.-India Policy Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C. Aman comes to Indiaspora with a background in research, particularly on the international relations of India as well as its foreign and security policies. Previously, Aman was a research associate at CSIS, where he focused his research on India’s domestic reform agenda and evolving security dynamics in the Indo-Pacific.