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Join us in mobilizing innovation for the common good.

New approaches to global innovation are needed at this time of unprecedented disruption and turmoil. The mission of The Institute for Large Scale Innovation (ILSI) is to define, coordinate and drive the innovation agenda of global civil society. We see ourselves as *innovation activists engaged in mobilizing innovation capacity for the common good*. We intend to bridge the gap between specific global needs and capabilities in order to help societies reach their full potential.

Traditionally, the focus of the innovation field has been private enterprise, while countries and regions have struggled to define their innovation strategies in the absence of standards and best practices. The need for fresh approaches is acute at the global level, where the complexity of today's challenges – e.g., urbanization, climate change, water, security – exceeds the abilities of any individual nation or corporation.

ILSI aspires to be a significant catalyst for the emergence of a global innovation ecosystem of stakeholders – public, private and ngo - who will more effectively address global challenges. We intend to supply them with frameworks, tools and promising practices for innovation that go beyond the hype in being relevant worldwide. In an era of turbulence, we will support those with the courage to transform what is troubled into what is sustainable, robust and trustworthy.

ILSI sees the following questions as shaping its definition of large scale innovation:

- How can innovation be fostered most effectively at a societal level?
- How can innovation be harnessed to address complex global challenges?
- How should stewardship for innovation work at a global level?
- How can international collaboration and alignment be encouraged in new areas of scientific, technological and human design innovation that are evolving at unprecedented speed, such as cleantech and synthetic biology?

Our core initiatives include:

- Founding and supporting the i20 – a global community of national innovation “czars” who are driving innovation agendas at national and global levels. At present, the i20 numbers 25 countries.
- Developing agenda-setting intellectual capital tools and best practices.
- Setting the standard for high quality learning experiences relevant to the next generation of innovation leaders.
- Underwriting gamechanging initiatives in innovation policy, innovation infrastructure and finance, and the deployment of innovation capability to address specific global challenges.

ILSI's founder and chairman is John Kao, a renowned figure in the field of innovation and author of *Innovation Nation* as well as the best selling *Jamming: The Art and Discipline of Business Creativity*.

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