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**GESDA launches the Global Curriculum for Anticipatory Leadership Initiative**

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On the third day of the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipation Summit, GESDA officially launched its Global Curriculum for Anticipatory Leadership (GCAL) initiative, marking a significant step towards preparing leaders worldwide for the fast-paced transformations driven by science and technology. The launch, led by Federal Councilor Ignazio Cassis and Enrico Letta, Chair of the GESDA Diplomacy Forum, brought together heads of international organizations, universities, policymakers, diplomats, business leaders and citizens to highlight the need for future-oriented and evidence-informed leadership.

Supported by the charity Wellcome, the GCAL is designed to equip decision-makers with the knowledge, skills, mindsets and tools necessary to navigate the increasingly complex dynamics of the modern world. The curriculum emphasizes the integration of science and diplomacy to ensure that future scientific breakthroughs can be leveraged for the benefit of all. Through a variety of innovative training formats and partnerships with leading academic institutions, international organizations, public sector entities and the industry, GCAL seeks to build leadership capacity at a global scale.

Emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and neurotechnology are reshaping industries, societies and what it means to be human at an unprecedented pace. These advancements coincide with complex global challenges that require a new kind of leadership – one that is not reactive but anticipatory. Leaders today must develop the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to technological disruptions, ensuring that these innovations are aligned with the larger goals of human prosperity, security and well-being.

Ignazio Cassis, who officially launched the initiative, stated: *"This initiative is not only about preparing leaders for tomorrow but enabling them to shape the future. We are on the brink of a new era where science and diplomacy must work hand in hand to solve our most urgent global issues, and anticipatory leadership will be crucial in this journey."*

Enrico Letta stated*: "Our mission is clear: To empower leaders from around the world and different disciplines to harness the power of scientific and technological acceleration for the benefit of people, society and the planet."*

**Key Features of the Global Curriculum for Anticipatory Leadership**

The GCAL initiative is structured around a modular training framework that can be adapted to regional and sector-specific needs. The focus of GCAL in 2025 includes:

* Anticipatory Leadership Weeks: In 2025, GCAL will run five regional leadership programs with local host institutions in Istanbul (Sabancı University), Madrid (IE University), Pretoria (Science Diplomacy Capital for Africa), San José (INCAE Business School) and Singapore (National University of Singapore). These immersive trainings will bring together local expertise and global insights, fostering cross-sector dialogue and cooperation on regional responses to global challenges.
* Open-access digital training: To ensure inclusivity, GESDA will develop a range of digital training tools, including mobile applications, providing free, accessible leadership training on a global scale.
* Specialized programs for high-level audiences: For senior leaders in diplomacy, governance, and business, GESDA will offer targeted briefings and in-depth training sessions at major global forums such as the G20 and UN Security Council.

Over the next three years, GESDA will focus on refining and scaling the project based on the learnings of 2025. This roadmap includes the building of a global coalition, the development of digital platforms and the implementation of more prototype training programs. By 2027, GESDA aims to establish an independent, sustainable governance model for GCAL, supported by a Community of Practice that will act as an ambassador for anticipatory leadership worldwide.

Initial coalition partners carrying on this new initiative are:

 

**The Anticipation Gateway - the larger context**

The Global Curriculum for Anticipatory Leadership is part of the Anticipation Gateway initiative, which aims to democratize the early understanding and the early uses of emerging science. In addition to the Global Curriculum for Anticipatory Leadership, the initiative includes the Geneva Public Portal to Anticipation and the Anticipation Observatory.

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