



World Economic Forum Annual Meeting **Davos 2026**

Knowledge Networks Impact Report

Event Title	Davos 2026: The 56th Annual Meeting
Date & Location	January 19-22, 2026, Davos, Switzerland
Organizers	World Economic Forum
Theme	'A Spirit of Dialogue'
Key Partners	Stanford HAI, Diplomatic Courier, House of Kosovo
Target Audience	Government leaders, diplomats, policymakers, business executives, technology industry representatives, and academic stakeholders

Knowledge Networks participated in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos 2026 with the strategic objective of advancing global dialogue on artificial intelligence governance, regulation, and responsible innovation. The organization sought to position itself as a thought leader in AI ethics and policy while launching two major global initiatives designed to democratize AI knowledge and foster international coordination on AI governance frameworks.

Impact & Outcomes

Media Visibility

Knowledge Networks achieved significant media visibility through its integrated media platforms across 150+ media houses, CAIO Connect and the RegulatingAI Podcast channels and through its social media. The organization captured insights from AI leaders attending Davos, producing live podcast episodes that extended the reach and impact of the discussions beyond the physical event.

Two LIVE podcast episodes were recorded during Davos, featuring high-profile guests and addressing critical AI governance topics. The first episode featured Abhishek Singh, CEO of IndiaAI Mission and Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, discussing India's national AI strategy ahead of the India AI Impact Summit. The second episode featured Artur Turemka, Chief Global Growth Officer at Autopay, exploring AI's transformation of the payment's ecosystem and FinTech innovation in regulated markets.



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Stakeholder Engagement

Knowledge Networks engaged with a diverse array of senior stakeholders throughout the Davos meetings, including government officials, technology leaders, and academic researchers. Sanjay Puri, Founder of Knowledge Networks, held strategic discussions with Andrew Ng, Founder of DeepLearning.AI, and Abhishek Singh, CEO of IndiaAI Mission, focusing on India's leadership in ethical, scalable AI development and the critical role of emerging economies in shaping global AI governance.



The organization also participated in Young Davos: Directions for 2035, where emerging leaders co-created solutions for AI governance and sustainable growth. This multi-generational engagement ensured that Knowledge Networks' initiatives reflected both current policy priorities and long-term strategic vision for AI development.

Through partnerships with Stanford HAI, Diplomatic Courier, and the House of Kosovo, Knowledge Networks successfully convened public-sector leaders and innovators across multiple high-level sessions, establishing itself as a credible convening force in the AI governance space.

Panel Discussions

AI in a Regulated World

Date & Location: Monday, January 19, 2026, Alpengold Hotel (Stanford HAI Reception)

Moderator: Sanjay Puri, Founder & Chairman, Knowledge Networks

Panelists: Johan Juhlin (CEO & Co-founder, Mavatar) and Christopher Daden (CTO, Criteria Corp)

This standing-room-only session challenged the prevailing assumption that regulation stifles innovation. Panelists from talent analytics and digital-health sectors argued that clear and transparent regulatory frameworks actually enable AI to scale safely and quickly. The discussion emphasized that today's regulatory patchwork creates accountability arbitrage, where companies navigate inconsistent requirements across borders, ultimately slowing deployment and undermining trust.

Key insights included the recognition that harmonized principles and sector-specific guardrails give enterprises the confidence to invest and deploy faster. In high-stakes domains such as hiring and healthcare, black-box AI systems are unacceptable—independent validation, traceability, and human appeal pathways must precede large-scale deployment. The panel stressed that quality data, not just larger models, drives AI performance, and that accountability must span the entire AI supply chain from builders to deployers to integrators.



AI Governance in 2026: AI, Power, and Democracy in a Multipolar World

Date & Location: Thursday, January 22, 2026, House of Kosovo

Organizers: Knowledge Networks and Diplomatic Courier

Moderators: Ana Carcani Rold (CEO & Founder, Diplomatic Courier) and Sanjay Puri (Founder & Chairman, Knowledge Networks)

Panelists: Dr. Jess Conser (Chief AI Impact Officer, Maginative), Dr. Clara Guerra (Director Stabsstelle für Digitale Innovation), Brando Benifei (Member of the European Parliament for Italy's Democratic Party), and Combiz Abdolrahimi (Global Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy, ServiceNow)



This panel convened senior public-sector leaders and innovators to discuss AI governance, democratic resilience, and sustainable development in an increasingly multipolar world. The discussion addressed policy readiness, international coordination challenges, and the governance frameworks needed to ensure AI advances innovation while remaining accountable and grounded in democratic values.

LIVE Podcast from Events

1) RegulatingAI Podcast: Abhishek Singh, CEO, IndiaAI Mission

This special live episode recorded at Davos featured Abhishek Singh, CEO of IndiaAI Mission and Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, in a timely conversation ahead of the India AI Impact Summit scheduled for February 19-20, 2026. Singh discussed how India, as the world's most populous nation, is building a full-stack AI ecosystem from the ground up and explained why this moment marks a major shift in global AI leadership. [Listen to Full Podcast](#)



2) CAIO Connect: Artur Turemka, Chief Global Growth Officer, Autopay

Recorded live at the Davos Leaders Forum, this conversation with Artur Turemka explored how AI is reshaping the payments ecosystem, the realities of building AI-driven financial services in highly regulated markets, and strategies for scaling globally in today's AI-powered economy.

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Strategic Value

Knowledge Networks' participation at Davos 2026 delivered significant strategic value by positioning the organization at the center of global AI governance conversations. The launch of two major initiatives—the Ethics and Responsible AI (ERAI) Fellowship and the AI Speakers Bureau—demonstrated Knowledge Networks' commitment to long-term ecosystem development rather than short-term visibility.

Through strategic partnerships with established institutions like Stanford HAI and Diplomatic Courier, Knowledge Networks gained credibility and access to high-level decision-makers while maintaining its independence and distinct mission.

As Sanjay Puri articulated: *"Davos made one thing unmistakably clear: the future of AI will be decided less by who builds the most powerful models and more by who earns trust through governance and implementation. AI has moved from a technology race to a governance test—and the winners will be those who can deploy it responsibly, not just quickly."*

Follow-up Actions

Following Davos 2026, Knowledge Networks committed to several concrete follow-up actions to sustain momentum and translate dialogue into tangible outcomes. The first ERAI Fellowship cohort will launch in March 2026, enrolling journalists and media professionals in an 11-week executive program focused on ethics, governance, verification, and applied AI practice.

The AI Speakers Bureau will begin facilitating expert placements across global forums, with an expected 80-120 annual placements connecting leading AI governance, policy, and enterprise leadership experts with high-impact venues. This includes flagship convenings and leading podcasts such as *RegulatingAI* and *CAIO Connect*.

Future Collaborations

Knowledge Networks identified several promising avenues for future collaboration emerging from Davos engagements. The organization's participation in discussions around the India AI Impact Summit (February 19-20, 2026) positioned it to support Global South AI governance initiatives and facilitate knowledge exchange between developed and emerging AI ecosystems.

Partnerships with Stanford HAI, established through the "AI in a Regulated World" session, offer opportunities for academic-practitioner collaborations on AI governance research and policy development. The relationship with Diplomatic Courier and House of Kosovo provides channels for engaging with diplomatic communities and multilateral organizations on AI governance frameworks.

Post-event Initiatives

Ethics and Responsible AI (ERAI) Fellowship

The ERAI Fellowship represents Knowledge Networks' most significant post-Davos initiative, responding to the growing global need to ensure that those who inform the public are equipped to critically understand and responsibly interpret AI-driven systems. As artificial intelligence continues to reshape how information is produced, distributed, and trusted, this 11-week executive learning program targets journalists and media professionals covering the societal, political, and economic impacts of AI. [Know More](#)



AI Speakers Bureau

The AI Speakers Bureau addresses a critical gap in the global AI leadership ecosystem. Designed as a highly curated, invitation-only platform dedicated exclusively to Artificial Intelligence, the bureau focuses specifically on AI governance, ethics, public policy, and enterprise leadership—areas where credible, experienced, and accountable voices are increasingly essential but difficult to identify and access. [Know More](#)



Testimonials

Speaker Quotes

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Sanjay Puri, Founder & Chairman, Knowledge Networks

Conclusion

Knowledge Networks’ participation in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting at Davos 2026 marked a significant milestone in establishing the organization as a credible, influential voice in global AI governance. Through strategic panel participation, high-level stakeholder engagement, media amplification, and the launch of two major initiatives, Knowledge Networks demonstrated its commitment to bridging the gap between AI innovation and responsible governance.

Press Coverage

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