

Keynote speaker:



Prof Nicholas Negroponte.

He is founder and chairman of the One Laptop per Child non-profit association. He is currently on leave from MIT, where he was co-founder and director of the MIT Media Laboratory. A graduate of MIT, Negroponte was a pioneer in the field of computer-aided design, and has been a member of the MIT faculty since 1966. Conceived in 1980, the Media Laboratory opened its doors in 1985. He is also author of the 1995 best seller, Being Digital, which has been translated into more than 40 languages. In the private sector, Negroponte serves on the board of directors for Motorola, Inc. and as general partner in a venture capital firm specializing in digital technologies for information and entertainment. He has provided start-up funds for more than 40 companies, including Wired magazine.

Main Speakers:



Mr. Midhat Kulur,

He has engineering and economics degrees from Leeds University (UK), Cornell and Columbia Universities (US) and he is currently the Chief of the Investment Promotion Unit and Deputy- to-the-Director of the Investment and Technology Branch in UNIDO. He has worked with UNIDO over the last 26 years covering a range of areas including technology policy and technology transfer as well as investment promotion. Over the last ten years he has been working primarily on issues of investment policy and capacity building for stimulating domestic and foreign investments. His work with investment promotion agencies have included three investor surveys that have led to the formulation of an Investment Monitoring and Management Platform for Africa. Current area of emphasis is the development of benchmarking strategies to link local enterprises into the supply chains of large multinational corporations.



Mr. Halil Kulluk:

He is the Founder and Chairman of Intekno Group of Companies. He received his B.S. in Production Engineering and Management from the University of Nottingham, England, and his M.E. in Mechanical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. During 1984-1986 he worked as a Research Engineer, System Scientist and the Director of the Flexible Manufacturing Laboratory at the Robotics Institute of CMU. In 1988, he founded the Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Application Center (METAC) within the Robotics Institute and served as the Director of the Center for five years. At METAC, he was actively involved in the creation and application of technology transfer models between the university and industry in the fields of robotics, computer integrated manufacturing, artificial intelligence and expert systems



Eng Ismail Elshafei:

Hi has a degree in Chemical Engineering from University of Khartoum, Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Management, M. Sc. in Energy Management He is currently a member of the Energy Institute of UK and the Association of European Science & Technology Transfer Professionals. He is currently the Head of Industrial Promotion Unit. Eng Ismail Elshafei wrote a number of papers on industrial development issues such as industrial subcontracting, plastic processing, and energy services and developed a number of project profiles and pre-feasibility studies. He participated in a number of regional and international conferences as a key-speaker such as Supply Chain Management in China, Plastic Processing in the Middle East and presented project profiles in a number of investment seminars in the region.