

TCI Global Conference 2013, "Designing the future. Innovation through strategic partnerships", Kolding, Denmark, 3-6 September 2013

300 participants from 40 countries attend the main international conference on cluster development in the world, organized annually by the TCI Network.

The conference is organised in collaboration between **The Region of Southern Denmark, REG X - The Danish Cluster Academy, the University of Southern Denmark, The Triangle Region Denmark, The Danish German Growth Region Project** and the **Municipality of Kolding**.

In the Region of Southern Denmark, clusters are part of the DNA. With a focused regional cluster strategy, the region aims at setting new standards for supporting innovation, new business creation and growth in its clusters through strategic partnerships between the public and the private sector.

The 4-day event is an inspiring platform for fast exchange of trends and ideas on innovation partnerships for clusters to enhance regional competitiveness.

300 cluster practitioners, consultants, policy makers and academics from 40 countries and institutions like UNIDO, World Bank and European Commission, among others, gather to advance the understanding of strategic innovation partnerships in clusters and to work towards practical solutions.

A mix of inspiring plenary presentations, cluster labs and tours, global coffee, makes up a highly interactive programme where over 140 speakers will contribute.

Keynote speakers include:

- **Adrian Wooldridge**, Management Editor, The Economist
- **Anders Eldrup**, Chairman, Offshoreenergy.dk & Copenhagen Cleantech Cluster
- **Anders Hoffmann**, Deputy Director General, Danish Business Authority
- **Christian Ketels**, President, TCI
- **Emiliano Duch**, Lead Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank
- **Gerardo Pataconi**, Chief of Cluster and Business Linkages, UNIDO
- **Jørgen Mads Clausen**, Chairman of the Board, Danfoss
- **Madeline Smith**, Head of Strategy, Institute of Design Innovation, Glasgow School of Art
- **Marco Malacarne**, Head of Unit, European Commission
- **Matti Vanska**, Head of Bridge Program, Nokia
- **Michael Enright**, Director, Enright, Scott & Associates
- **Morten Østergaard**, Minister, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Higher Education
- **Örjan Sölvell**, Professor, Stockholm School of Economics
- **Paul Cornillon**, Senior Vice President, R&D, Arla

The international cluster community is encouraged to follow the presentations and debates through the conference website and TCI's social medial channels using #TCI2013.

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The TCI Conferences

Since its very beginning, the TCI Network organizes annually a global conference in changing locations. The first one was held in Barcelona, Spain, in 1998, year of the foundation of the organization.

TCI Conferences are a global and inspiring platform to exchange knowledge and experiences on competitiveness, clusters and innovation. They gather every year between 300-500 cluster practitioners.

Global conferences have been held at the following locations:

Barcelona 1998, Varese 1999, Glasgow 2000, Tucson 2001, Cairns 2002, Gothenburg 2003, Ottawa 2004, Hong Kong 2005, Lyon 2006, Portland 2007, Cape Town 2008, Jyväskylä 2009, Delhi 2010, Auckland 2011, the Basque Country 2012 and Kolding 2013.

The 17th TCI Global Conference will be held in Monterrey, Mexico, on 10-13 November 2013 on the theme of "Creating Shared Value through Clusters for a Sustainable Future".

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Besides the global conferences, TCI also organizes regional events. In Latin America, conferences have been held in: Antigua 2002, Tasco 2003, Chihuahua 2008, Mendoza 2009, Medellin 2010, Ouro Preto 2011 and Monterey 2012

About the TCI Network

TCI Network is the leading global network of main organizations and practitioners with deep expertise in clusters and competitiveness, who collaborate in a unique open, flexible and practical context to advance in the practice of competitiveness, innovation and cluster development.

Through its activities, TCI reaches out to 9,000 practitioners from development agencies, government departments, cluster organizations, academic institutions, companies and multilateral organizations in over 110 countries.

Founded in 1998, TCI is a non-profit, non-governmental organization with a global scope, open to members from all continents.

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