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Good evening. I am delighted to chair the last session of the fourteenth WPC and the sixth edition of the young leaders. We will be focusing on GovTech and the conjunction of global governance and technology. We heard on Friday from François Barrault, that there was a clear acceleration in the pace of innovation with technology driving change and data-driven digital calling for transformation. That is not only related to IT systems but also to processes, organizations and governance, and applicable to private and also public bodies. This is an important issue, and we have to consider several aspects. First, this acceleration is creating a tension on talents market and in the global economic context also in terms of access to intellectual property. Second, no sector is immune from this transformation and some sort of disruption.

Clément Tonon is a member of the French Council of State, has written three different reports published by Ifri to do with data, digital and sovereignty and we will be focusing on that part with him. When it comes to innovation, we cannot ignore the growing importance of startups. A recent report from MIT and Capgemini Invent mentioned that startups today represent around 10% of sources of innovation and by 2025 they will contribute to about 45% of innovation sources. This is made possible by historically high funding from venture capital and the private equity industry and is attracting a lot of attention from the public because this also has strategic importance. We have two representatives here of GovTech. Mehdi is both a medical practitioner and a PhD in mathematics, which is important, and he is Co-Founder and CEO of EchOpen and will tell us more about that in the healthcare space. Faruk Tuncer has created a startup in Germany called Polyteia that focuses on services to the public sector.