

## Tobby Simon

Founder & President – Synergia



Tobby Simon is the Founder and President of Synergia Foundation, a strategic think tank, based in Bangalore India which works to develop impactful solutions at the confluence of advanced technology and geo-security. He is also the President of the Synergia Group a business advisory and incubation company that works in deep tech including aerospace and defense, satellite communication, quantum security, artificial intelligence, drones, and telecommunication. Tobby has over thirty years of inter-disciplinary expertise in both traditional and non-traditional security.

Tobby was the President, India operations of an European Life Sciences company at the young age of 29. He was an advisor to Nobel Laureate winner, Medicines Sans Frontières and the WHO, and help build resilient and affordable supply chains for anti-retroviral and anti-tuberculosis drugs from India. This pro bono effort lasting over a decade has helped save lives of more than 100 million people in Africa, CIS, Latin America, and Asia. He then invested and mentored an Indian pharmaceutical company to receive both the US FDA and EU approval for its parental and ophthalmic factory in India, the first for a mid-sized Indian pharmaceutical company. Synergia has developed an innovative drug for the governments in western Africa for a special strain of malaria. Synergia has now developed and patented, in the US, Europe, Japan and India, an innovative nano technology platform to transport drugs from nose to brain.

Tobby is the first invitee and member of the Tri Lateral Commission from India, one of the oldest non-partisan, non-governmental groups founded in 1970 by Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller. Tobby serves on the advisory board of several deep tech companies including – Being AI and QNu labs, a company specialized in Quantum encryption tools.

Tobby was nominated as Commissioner to The Global Commission on Internet Governance headed by the Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt. Tobby is the only Indian to serve on the advisory board of the Centre for New American security (CNAS), a bi partisan think tank that works closely with key policy makers in the US. He was also the member of the International Council of the Belfer Centre of Science and International Affairs (BCSIA) at The John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University from 2007 – 2012. Tobby was a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), UK and a regular attendee at both the Shangri La and Manama Dialogue from 2007 - 2011. Tobby was also the only Indian besides India's national security

advisor to be invited to the 50th Munich Security Conference and to organize a global panel on Cyber threats to Critical Infrastructure at the 51st Conference in Feb 2015. He is member of the First Global Table, a group of specialists formed to understand the link between food security (natural resources) and national security, constituted by the BMW Foundation and Earth Secure, a London based think tank.

Mr. Simon is a speaker at various global public policy conferences including the US Pacific Command in Hawaii, The World Trade Organization (WTO) – Geneva World Information Technology Services Alliance (WITSA), John F Kennedy School of Government, Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Science, Cambridge University, Herzliya Conference – Tel Aviv, The Arrabida Foundation - Portugal, The Center for New American Security – Washington and the Council for Foreign Relations (CFR) the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Tobby is a university topper and a special invitee of the Indian Prime Minister in 1988. He holds a post graduate degree in management, is a graduate of the Harvard Business School and a Research Associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is currently pursuing his doctoral studies (PhD) on international security.