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The AI Leadership Summit

November 17 – 18, 2026
New York, NY

DAY ONE Tuesday, November 17, 2026

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Registration and Networking Breakfast

THE AI REALITY CHECK

8:30 am – 8:40 am

Opening Remarks

Sudeep Kesh, Chief Innovation Officer, **S&P Global**

8:40 am – 9:00 am

Beyond FOMO: Where AI Is Really Going

After a rush of costly experiments driven by fear of missing out, companies are learning to put AI to work on real problems. This conversation offers a candid look at where the technology is headed next and what leaders can do now to get ahead of it: sharpen their own AI fluency, focus on the problems worth solving and give their teams room to experiment within smart limits on cost and risk.

Dr. Robert Blumofe, Executive Vice President & Chief Technology Officer, **Akamai**

Moderator: **Melissa Mahtani,** International Journalist, Anchor & Moderator

9:00 am – 9:30 am

The Execution Gap: Redesigning the Organization Around AI

As AI transforms specific workflows, it triggers a ripple effect across the organization. Most CEOs now expect AI to reshape how work gets done — but few executives believe their organization is truly ready to combine human labor with AI systems effectively, and fewer still can point to AI initiatives tied to clearly defined business outcomes. This panel explores how to turn that gap into a practical framework for transforming work: the boardroom decisions required to flatten management layers, how to prepare leaders for hybrid human-agent teams, how to capture critical institutional knowledge before it's lost, and how to link AI investment to measurable, defined business value rather than efficiency in the abstract.

Seth Fox, Chief Information Officer, **S&P Global**

Bret Greenstein, Chief AI Officer, **West Monroe**

Mike Weideman, Head of Enterprise Transformation, **Dow**

9:30 am – 9:55 am

Reconciling AI: CFOs and ROI

The period of open-ended AI experimentation is giving way to a tougher phase of accountability. Boards, investors, and CFOs want clearer evidence that AI spending is improving productivity, lowering costs, strengthening decisions, or creating new growth. That means leaders need better ways to judge which projects deserve more funding, which should be redesigned, and which should be stopped. In this session, a look at what a credible AI return story looks like, how companies are managing AI budgets, and how leaders can avoid overpaying for tools, vendors, and compute that do not deliver business value.

Mark Patterson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, **Cisco**

Moderator: **Jamie Heller**, Editor in Chief, **Business Insider**

9:55 am – 10:05 am

The Hidden Front of Enterprise AI: What AI Is Doing to Mobile Risk

Your business runs on mobile, and AI is changing the risk faster than most organizations can see it. Attackers are using AI to target phones and apps at unprecedented scale, while enterprises are adding new exposure of their own through AI features in approved apps and AI-written code in the apps they build. Drawing on global threat data, this session shows where mobile fits in responsible AI strategy, how AI can tip the balance back toward defenders, and the questions every leader should be asking their teams.

Kern Smith, Vice President, Global Engineering, **Zimperium**

10:05 am – 10:35 am

AI's New Threat Landscape

Bad actors are using the same AI tools that drive productivity to create new vectors for data exposure and social engineering attacks, compressing the time between a breach and a company's ability to respond. What used to take days or months now takes hours or even minutes. In this session, learn how businesses are staying ahead of attackers by rethinking security perimeters, strengthening defenses, closing governance gaps, and responding faster as AI changes the speed and methods of cyberattack.

Kristin Lovejoy, Global Head of Strategy**, Kyndryl**

Sundari Parekh, Global Deputy CISO**, TrendAI**

Moderator**: Alexander Gombach,** Director**, S&P Global**

10:35 am – 11:00 am

Meet & Connect

THE ENTERPRISE MUST ADAPT

11:00 am – 11:20 am

From Pilot to Payoff: Organizing for AI That Delivers

The AI pilot era is over, and the companies pulling ahead are the ones turning experiments into products that pay off. This conversation looks at what separates the two, from getting the data foundation right to winning adoption across the organization and measuring value in ways that go beyond the balance sheet.

Mike Shaw, Senior Vice President of Engineering for Data & AI, **Dow Jones**

11:20 am – 11:35 am

The Enterprise Roadmap for an AI-Enabled Workforce

Ensuring future workforces can meet anticipated enterprise needs is already a major challenge for organizations, and AI compounds the difficulty. Leaders must grapple with additional uncertainty regarding future advances in AI and how they will interact with ongoing redesigns of work and organizations to build around new technological capabilities. In this session, Matt Rosenbaum, will share how AI is likely to affect workforce needs, the critical components organizations will need for effective planning, and how to develop the workforces of the future amid heightened uncertainty.

Matt Rosenbaum, Principal Researcher, Human Capital, **The Conference Board**

11:35 am – 12:00 pm

The Shape Shifting Workforce

Recent research from KPMG and The University of Texas at Austin found that employees with similar technical skills achieve dramatically different results with AI and the strongest performers stand out not for what they know, but for how well they direct, challenge and improve AI-generated work. Competitive advantage now depends on a workforce that can collaborate with AI, exercise sound judgment and create value beyond what AI produces on its own. Anu Puvvada, who leads KPMG Studio, joins us to explore how leaders can move beyond adoption and intentionally redesign their organization for the age of AI.

Anu Puvvada, Principal, KPMG Studio Leader, **KPMG US**

Moderator: **Matt Rosenbaum,** Principal Researcher, Human Capital, **The Conference Board**

12:05 pm – 12:30 pm

Scaling AI Across the Enterprise

Moving AI from isolated experiments to enterprise-wide deployment is one of the hardest problems organizations face right now. Legacy infrastructure, employee buy-in, governance bottlenecks, and regulatory requirements all create friction, and most organizations are working through these issues while the business keeps moving. This session brings together executives to share specific examples of how they are removing the obstacles that stall deployment, building accountability into workflows, and maintaining momentum without creating risks that undermine progress.

Richard Donaldson, Chief Information Officer and SVP Enterprise Technology & Innovation, **Duke Energy**

Bala Vaidyanathan, Senior Vice President of Data & AI, **FedEx**

Moderator: **Diana Scott**, U.S. Human Capital Center Leader, **The Conference Board**

12:30 pm – 1:50 pm

General Networking Lunch

Networking Lunch for all attendees

THE RISKS ARE CHANGING, AND SO IS THE PLAYBOOK

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

A1 | Beyond the black box: Why high-stakes decisions need explainable AI

Most generative AI predicts, but it can't defend its reasoning in a way that holds up to scrutiny. For an insurer justifying a denied claim to a regulator, or a bank explaining a lending decision in court, that gap is what determines whether the decision survives regulatory review or a legal appeal. This session looks at neuro-symbolic AI, an approach that combines pattern recognition with clear rules and logic, and how regulated industries can integrate the technology into their day-to-day decision-making.

David Mocklow, Head of Insurance, **GrowthProtocol**

Moderator: **Allan Schweyer**, Principal Researcher, **The Conference Board**

A2 | AI Governance: From Policy to Proof

Many organizations have established formal AI policies, but few have verified their effectiveness in daily operations. Chief Artificial Intelligence Implementation Officer at Mayo Clinic provides a practical roadmap to evaluate a company's AI governance frameworks. In this session, participants will learn how to close the dangerous execution gap between compliance guidelines and actual, frontline technological execution.

Micky Tripathi, Chief Artificial Intelligence Implementation Officer, **MAYO Clinic**

2:35 pm – 3:05 pm **Concurrent Sessions**

B1 | Why Data Quality Determines Enterprise AI Success or Failure

In the AI arms race, the most sophisticated models do not always come out on top. Companies making real progress often start by building strong data foundations before they need them, and before scaling AI exposes long-standing problems in data quality, architecture, ownership, and trust. This session looks at how to treat data as a long-term business asset, decide who owns it, and build the systems that allow AI investments to improve over time rather than stall after early pilots.

B2 | Workshop: Upskilling Your Workforce For AI

Most organizations know they need to upskill their workforce on AI — few have built the infrastructure to do it at scale. In this interactive workshop, Verizon's Brent Vader walks attendees through AI Unlocked, the company's upskilling platform, sharing the design decisions, partnerships, and implementation lessons that turned a workforce readiness initiative into an enterprise-wide capability. Attendees leave with a practical framework they can adapt to their own organizations.

Brent Vader, Vice President, Learning & Development, **Verizon**

3:10 pm – 3:40 pm

Meet & Connect

3:40 pm – 4:05 pm

The Last Mile of Compensation: Why Humans Should Still Make the Final Call

AI is reshaping how organizations make critical decisions. But when an outcome affects someone's livelihood, who makes the final call?

Join beqom CEO Dr. Lars Pedersen for a fireside chat on the last mile of compensation, and why human judgment remains essential to turn AI insights into decisions leaders can stand behind.

This session will explore how Intentional AI keeps organizations in control, with AI proposing and humans commanding. Learn why every recommendation must be explainable, every outcome auditable, and every boundary human-defined.

Dr. Lars Dige Pedersen, Chief Executive Officer, **beqom**

4:05 pm – 4:50 pm

Your Questions Answered: Putting the Day to Work

After a full day of conversations, it's your turn to drive the discussion. In this open, facilitated session, you have a chance to share the questions, ideas and takeaways that stood out to you, from shifting stakeholder demands to regulatory uncertainty, and work through them together with your peers in the room. A running list of questions gathered throughout the summit will shape the conversation, and no topic is off limits.

Sudeep Kesh, Chief Innovation Officer, **S&P Global**

4:50 pm – 5:00 pm

Day One Recap and Day Two Preview

Sudeep Kesh, Chief Innovation Officer, **S&P Global**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Networking Reception

DAY TWO Wednesday, November 18, 2026

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration and Networking Breakfast

7:30 AM – 8:50 AM

*Breakfast & Workshop - AI at Work: Copilot in Action & No-Code Lab

Laptops required. Admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis, limited to the first 50 attendees at the door.

AI is rapidly transforming the way we work, and tools like Microsoft Copilot and AI agents are bringing that transformation into everyday business processes. In this interactive session, Jake Cohen will demonstrate how Copilot can be used to streamline work, enhance productivity and unlock new ways of collaborating across teams. Participants will see practical examples of AI in action and learn how organizations are beginning to embed AI into daily workflows.

This hands-on session gives leaders a practical look at how AI assistants and no-code agents are being used in real work environments today. Through live demonstrations and guided exercises, attendees learn how to move beyond experimentation and begin applying AI to real business challenges in a responsible and scalable way.

Jake Cohen, Lead Engineer I, **KPMG US**

**Breakfast will be served in the room starting at 7:30 am with programming beginning at 8:00 am.*

LEADING AT THE SPEED OF AI

9:00 am – 9:10 am

Day Two Opening Remarks

Sudeep Kesh, Chief Innovation Officer, **S&P Global**

9:15 am – 9:45 am

AI Leadership Fireside Chat: Lessons from The Leading Edge with The CEO & Co-Founder of Lemonade

Daniel Schreiber built Lemonade into one of the most closely watched AI-native companies by breaking into the insurance industry, one of the most trust-dependent sectors, and fundamentally redefining how it operates. The questions he is now grappling with go beyond how AI-native companies disrupt incumbents — they are about how any organization, regardless of where it started, can use AI to evolve, compete, and build something more durable. That work is at the center of MOSAIC, the AI policy institute he recently founded to analyze what the AI transformation means not just for individual companies but for the broader economy and the workforce being remade alongside it. This conversation is for leaders in the middle of that journey, whatever their starting point.

Daniel Schreiber, Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board, **Lemonade**

Moderator: **Matt Rosenbaum,** Principal Researcher, Human Capital, **The Conference Board**

9:45 am – 10:05 am

The AI Leadership Gap

The gap between companies that are gaining value from AI and those that are falling behind is not only about technology spend, it is increasingly about leadership. Senior executives need enough understanding to ask the right questions, challenge outputs, set limits, and connect AI work to business strategy. As AI becomes more central to decisions, operations, talent, and risk, how are CEOs, boards, and executive teams recalibrating leadership expectations without handing over responsibility to technical teams?

Moderator: **Nicholas Beaudoin**, Affiliate Director of AI Programs, **Caltech CTME,** Head of AI, **Addenso Labs**

10:05 am – 10:10 am

The Trust Imperative in the Age of AI

Trust erodes one decision at a time, as people watch how leaders decide under pressure. Every decision teaches your people what actually gets rewarded and whether they will stay. In this lightning talk, Neeta Jain introduces Moral Intelligence: the capacity to align decisions with values when the stakes are high. Leaders leave with one question to ask before their next high-pressure decision: What does this decision reward?

Neeta Jain, Leadership Advisor

10:10 am – 10:35 am

Meet & Connect

10:35 am – 10:50 am

A Framework for Agentic AI and Work Redesign

Allan Schweyer shares findings from The Conference Board's year-long Agentic AI and Work Redesign project, exploring how organizations can translate AI capabilities into measurable financial results and more meaningful work. Drawing on discussions with human capital, AI, and technology leaders, alongside the results from experiments with AI agents, he introduces five essential decisions: choosing business outcomes, allocating work between people and AI agents, establishing governance, measuring results, and deciding how to use the gains. Participants will gain a practical approach to redesigning work, maintaining accountability, and converting AI's potential into measurable value.

Allan Schweyer, Principal Researcher, **The Conference Board**

10:50am – 11:10 am

Bringing AI Agents Into the Workplace

AI agents are rapidly moving from the pilot phase into embedded business operations. They can now carry out multi-step tasks across finance, operations, customer service, and other functions. Using them well requires more than flipping a switch. It is crucial that companies have strong data, clear decision rights, security controls, and a shared view of which work should be automated, assisted, or left to people. In this session, gain a greater understanding on how to choose the right use cases, decide what to build or buy, and put the oversight in place to make agentic AI useful across the business.

Justin W. Bundick, Vice President, Artificial Intelligence & Intelligence Platforms, **Southwest Airlines**

Moderator: **Allan Schweyer**, Principal Researcher, **The Conference Board**

11:10 am – 11:35 am

From AI policy to AI accountability

U.S. AI policy is actively being reshaped under the current administration, and the EU AI Act — which applies to any organization operating in European markets — is already in force. As regulation expands and AI systems become more central to business, the challenge is not just writing internal policies but demonstrating accountability to external parties when AI affects customers, employees, finances, or risk. This session explores how companies can map where AI is being used, define who can approve or stop high-risk use cases, build oversight into workflows, and create the evidence regulators and auditors will eventually expect.

Bo Young Lee, Chief Executive Officer, **AI4All**

11:35 am – 11:45 am

Concluding Remarks

Sudeep Kesh, Chief Innovation Officer, **S&P Global**