

INSTITUTION BUILDER.
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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE.

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A Philosophy of Institution Building

I believe that enduring progress is not the result of isolated achievements, but of strong institutions that outlive individuals and adapt to a changing world.

Over the past two decades, my journey has taken me across continents and sectors—education, sustainability, energy, public policy, governance and investment. What unites these experiences is a simple conviction: institutions flourish when purpose, people and principles are aligned.

My approach to leadership is rooted in three beliefs.

First, strategy without implementation is aspiration. I focus on turning vision into practical pathways that create measurable and lasting impact.

Second, complex challenges cannot be solved in silos. I work at the intersection of business, government, academia and civil society, where collaboration creates the conditions for scale and sustainability.

Third, the credibility of leadership is built on integrity and independent judgment. I bring an unbiased perspective to decision-making, always guided by the long-term good of the organisation and the communities it serves.

Whether in the boardroom, in policy forums or in institutional partnerships, I strive to contribute where the decisions taken today shape stronger, more resilient institutions for tomorrow.

My commitment remains constant: to support leaders and organisations in navigating defining moments and building value that is lasting, inclusive and meaningful.



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Strong institutions are not built by reacting to change, but by shaping it with purpose, resilience and long-term perspective.

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THREE PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE MY WORK



Purpose-Led Leadership

I anchor decisions in purpose and values, ensuring that strategy advances long-term impact and institutional integrity.



Collaboration for Scale

I bring diverse stakeholders together to co-create solutions that deliver impact at scale and across borders.



Principled Stewardship

I provide independent judgment and responsible oversight, protecting the long-term interests of organisations and society.

A Philosophy of Leadership

Leadership, to me, is not about authority or position. It is about responsibility—responsibility to people, to institutions and to the future we are building together. It demands clarity of purpose, strength of character and the ability to act with conviction in the face of complexity.



LEADERSHIP BEGINS WITH PURPOSE

Purpose gives direction to strategy and meaning to results. When leaders are anchored in a larger purpose, decisions become clearer, priorities become sharper and institutions become stronger.



INSTITUTIONS OUTLAST INDIVIDUALS

Great institutions are not built by individuals, but by systems, values and cultures that enable individuals to thrive and contribute. My focus is on strengthening the architecture of institutions so that they remain resilient, relevant and adaptive.



COLLABORATION CREATES IMPACT

The challenges of our time—climate, inequality, education, governance, innovation—are too complex for any one sector to solve alone. I believe in bringing together diverse stakeholders to co-create solutions that are practical and sustainable.



INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT MATTERS

Boards and leaders are often tested not in stability, but in uncertainty. Independent thinking, informed by experience and global perspective, enables better questions, better decisions and better outcomes for the long term.



LONG-TERM VALUE IS THE TRUE MEASURE

True progress is measured not by quarterly results, but by the enduring value we create—for communities, for economies and for generations to come.

My goal is simple yet enduring: to contribute to organisations that aspire to do meaningful work, strengthen their institutions and create value that lasts.



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Leadership is not about having all the answers. It is about asking the right questions, bringing the right people together, and creating the conditions for others to excel in pursuit of a shared vision.

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Defining Moments

Organisations rarely seek experienced leadership during periods of certainty. They seek perspective when the decisions ahead will shape their future.

Across my journey, I have been invited into conversations at moments that matter—when strategy must evolve, when institutions must strengthen, when new partnerships must be forged, and when long-term value must be protected.

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Leadership is most meaningful when it brings clarity in complexity and strengthens the institutions that shape our collective future.

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01



Strategic Transformation

Supporting organisations as they navigate complex transitions, redefine their direction and build strategies that are resilient, relevant and future-focused.

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International Growth

Advising institutions and businesses on global expansion, cross-border partnerships and market entry strategies that create sustainable and inclusive growth.

03



Institution Building

Strengthening governance, culture and capabilities so that institutions can deliver long-term value and remain resilient across generations and geographies.

04



Leadership Evolution

Guiding boards and leadership teams through periods of change, enabling them to align purpose, empower talent and elevate organisational performance.

05



Cross-sector Collaboration

Bringing together governments, businesses, academia and civil society to co-create solutions that address complex challenges and deliver meaningful impact.

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Long-term Value Creation

Advocating for responsible decision-making that balances growth with sustainability and safeguards value for communities, stakeholders and future generations.

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In every defining moment, my focus remains the same: to help leaders make the right decisions for today that build a stronger tomorrow.

Leadership Trusted. Impact Delivered.

Across businesses, boards and global institutions, I bring independent judgment, strategic foresight and a commitment to strengthening organisations that create lasting value for people, economies and society.

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I partner with organisations and institutions to strengthen their purpose, sharpen their strategy and build their capacity to deliver enduring impact.

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CORPORATE LEADERSHIP



Indian Tyre Distributors Pvt. Ltd. (ITD)
Investor & Non-Executive Director



Supporting strategic growth, operational excellence and long-term value creation in India's tyre distribution and mobility sector.



ēlan Inc. Shpk
Chairman



Guiding strategic direction and governance of a global investment and advisory firm with operations in 30+ countries.



Confederation of Schools, Colleges and Universities (COSCU)
President & Board Member



Leading a global platform that champions quality education, institutional collaboration and policy advocacy to shape the future of learning worldwide.



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



European Commission
Expert



Contributing expertise to European Commission initiatives advancing sustainability, innovation and institutional development across Europe.



European Union Climate Pact
Ambassador



Bridging public policy, business and civil society to accelerate climate leadership and drive collective action for a sustainable future.



International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
Expert



Supporting global efforts to conserve nature, strengthen ecosystems and align development with environmental resilience.



European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Advisor



Advising on strategy and initiatives that promote innovative solutions and sustainable growth across emerging markets.



United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
IPL Expert



Contributing to global learning and policy initiatives that advance education, skills and lifelong learning for inclusive development.



Stitching Spark
Expert – Global Advisory Council



Advising on strategy and impact to support women-led enterprises and create economic opportunities in underserved communities.



Diplomatic Research & Policy Foundation
Director – Intergovernmental Relations



Strengthening dialogue and collaboration among governments, international organisations and civil society to advance peace, development and global cooperation.



World Economic Forum
Member



Engaging with global leaders through the World Economic Forum community to address complex challenges and shape a better future for all.

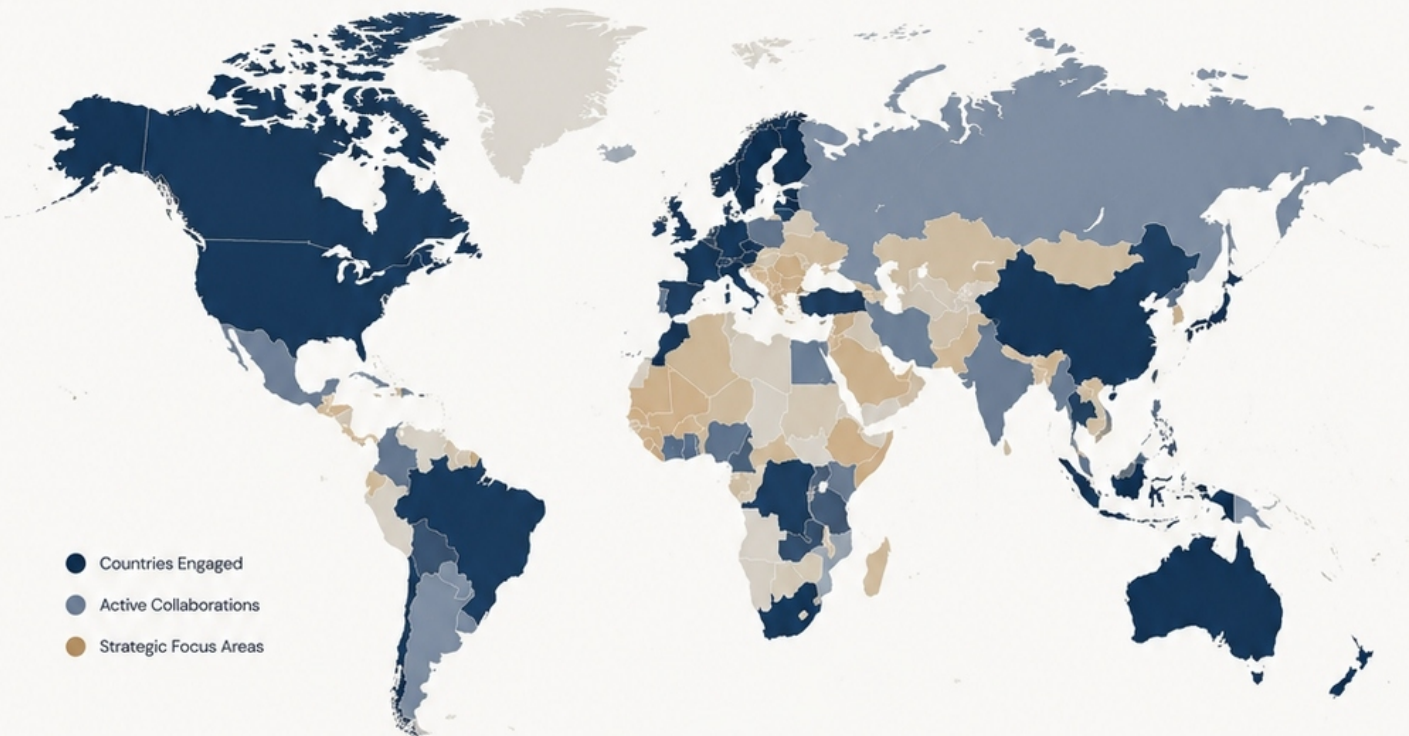
Global Perspective. Meaningful Impact.

Experience across continents. Engagement across sectors.
A commitment to advancing institutions and creating
lasting value around the world.

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*The challenges we face
are global. The solutions
require perspective,
collaboration and
institutional strength.*

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LEADERSHIP AT A GLANCE



20+

YEARS OF LEADERSHIP
Two decades of leadership
across business, governance,
education, sustainability
and public policy.



40+

COUNTRIES ENGAGED
Working across continents
to strengthen institutions,
build partnerships and
drive meaningful impact.



Multiple

**BOARD & ADVISORY
APPOINTMENTS**
Serving on boards and
advisory bodies of leading
organisations across
sectors and geographies.



International

**POLICY & SUSTAINABILITY
ENGAGEMENT**
Contributing to global policy
initiatives and sustainability
agendas with a focus on
long-term value creation.



Cross-sector

INSTITUTION BUILDING
Bridging business, government,
academia and civil society
to build resilient institutions
and inclusive societies.

From boardrooms to policy forums, from classrooms to communities, my work is anchored in a simple belief: strong institutions create the conditions for people to thrive, for economies to grow and for societies to prosper.

The world is interconnected. So are the solutions.

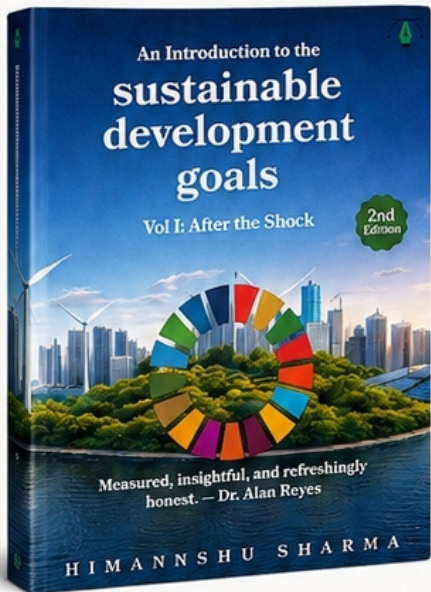
Recognised for Impact. Driven by Purpose.

Honoured to receive recognition from credible institutions that reflect a commitment to meaningful change, responsible leadership and building a more sustainable world.

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Recognition is meaningful only when it reflects the value created collectively. I remain grateful to those who continue to inspire and challenge me.

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BOOK

An Introduction to the Sustainable Development Goals

Vol I: After the Shock (2nd Edition)

A practical and forward-looking perspective on the Sustainable Development Goals and the pathway to a more equitable, resilient and sustainable future.

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

● Building Resilient Institutions in Times of Disruption	The European Business Review	2022
● Public-Private Collaboration: A Catalyst for Inclusive Growth	Policy Circle Journal	2021
● Leadership, Purpose and Long-term Value Creation	Harvard Business Review Insight	2020
● Sustainability and Competitiveness: A Leadership Imperative	Knowledge@Wharton	2020
● Education 4.0: Preparing Institutions for the Future of Learning	LinkedIn Article	2019

HONORARY DOCTORATES



Doctorate Honoris Causa
(Philosophy)

Issued by
Shri Venkateshwara University

Jan 2019



Doctorate Honoris Causa
(Social Entrepreneurship)

Issued by
Lincoln University College

Jan 2018

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Thought Leaders & Influencers

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Thought Leaders & Influencers

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THOUGHT LEADERSHIP PLATFORMS



The ED Show

Conversations on education, leadership, institutions and societal impact.



Selected Interviews

Featured in leading national and international publications on education, sustainability, governance and policy innovation.



Speaker & Panelist

Invited speaker at global forums and conferences on leadership, sustainability, education and institution building.



Op-Eds & Commentaries

Regular contributor on leadership, policy, sustainability and global collaboration.

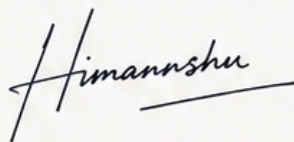
Building Resilient Institutions. Creating Enduring Value.

The challenges of our time are complex and interconnected, demanding leadership that is principled, forward-looking and deeply collaborative.

I believe institutions become truly impactful when they are built on trust, governed with integrity, and driven by purpose. They create opportunities, empower people, and deliver sustainable impact that endures.

My journey has been shaped by a commitment to education, sustainability, governance and global partnerships. It continues to be guided by one simple conviction — that together, we can build a better, more sustainable and inclusive world for generations to come.

Let's continue building a better, more sustainable and inclusive world.



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