



### *Training Workshop (online)*

## Enhancing University-Business and R&D-SME Collaboration for Innovation and Growth

### Speakers' Profiles



#### **Dr. Carlos Maria Correa**

Executive Director, The South Centre

Dr. Carlos M. Correa currently serves as the Executive Director of the South Centre, an intergovernmental policy think tank of developing countries. A distinguished scholar and policy advocate, Dr. Correa brings decades of multifaceted expertise at the intersection of international economic law, intellectual property governance, and equitable innovation systems.

He previously held the position of Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies on Industrial Property and Economics at the Law Faculty of the University of Buenos Aires, and has advised the Government of Argentina on legal and policy frameworks pertaining to intellectual property and technology transfer.

Dr. Correa's advisory portfolio includes appointments to several high-level international expert bodies, including the Scientific Council of the Deutsch-Argentinisches Hochschulzentrum, the UK Commission on Intellectual Property, the WHO Expert Working Groups, and the FAO Panel of Eminent Experts on Ethics in Food and Agriculture. He has also served as a consultant to numerous multilateral institutions such as FAO, UNCTAD, UNDP, and UNIDO, contributing to global discourse on access to knowledge, sustainable development, and public-interest regulation.

A lawyer and economist by training, Dr. Correa holds a Doctorate in Law from the University of Buenos Aires, and has served as a visiting professor at several prestigious postgraduate institutions. He is the author of numerous seminal publications, including books and academic articles that have substantively shaped international policy debates on innovation, trade, and development.



#### **Ms. Livia Adinolfi**

Project Officer, INSME

Ms. Livia Adinolfi is a specialist in innovation governance and international project design, currently serving as a Project Officer at INSME—International Network for SMEs. Her expertise lies in mobilizing European funding instruments to catalyze social impact, gender-responsive entrepreneurship, and inclusive innovation ecosystems.

At INSME, Ms. Adinolfi manages two flagship European Union initiatives—AccelerAction EU and RaDAR PPI—focused on stimulating technological advancement in deep-tech and health sectors through public-private partnership models. Her trajectory includes a formative five-year tenure at Teatro Verde Roma, a leading institution

in pedagogical innovation and intercultural dialogue through the arts. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations and a Bachelor's in International Cooperation and Development, equipping her with a multidisciplinary lens to drive systemic change through cross-sector collaboration.



### **Reza Aslani**

Head (International Affairs), Pardis Technology Park, Iran

Mr. Reza Aslani is the Director of International Affairs at Pardis Technology Park (PTP)—Iran's premier hub for the advancement of knowledge-intensive enterprises and technology-driven industrialization. With over a decade of experience fostering international collaboration within science and technology ecosystems, Mr. Aslani is a strategic architect of transnational cooperation frameworks, diaspora mobilization, and

innovation diplomacy.

He has significantly broadened PTP's global engagement, orchestrating high-level delegations, facilitating inter-ecosystem partnerships, and forging institutional linkages with COMSTECH, IASP, UNICEF, and other multilateral platforms. His initiatives have accelerated technology transfer, market integration of Iranian startups, and export promotion of indigenous innovations. With a Master's degree from Azad University, Mr. Aslani is passionate about building bridges between ecosystems and creating conducive environments for entrepreneurship and industrial innovation. His work supports Iran's broader mission to retain talent, attract foreign expertise, and integrate its innovation ecosystem with global technology markets.



### **Eri G. Jorge**

Business Development Expert, UNIDO, Paraguay

Mr. Eri G. Jorge is a Senior Business Development Specialist at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), with over two decades of expertise in operational excellence, innovation systems, and integrated quality management. He holds a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Massachusetts and an M.S. in IT Management from the University of Phoenix, alongside advanced certification as a Six Sigma

Master Black Belt.

Mr. Jorge has led numerous multinational initiatives aimed at enhancing industrial competitiveness, fostering university–industry collaboration, and embedding circular economy principles into SME ecosystems. He most recently coordinated the MiPyme Compite project in Paraguay, a pioneering intervention that bridged productivity enhancement with market access for micro, small, and medium enterprises. His professional ethos is anchored in evidence-based decision-making, cross-sectoral partnership-building, and sustainable enterprise development across emerging economies.