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Sustainable Innovation in the New Era of Industrial Policy



Measures like the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act and CHIPS and Science Act have inaugurated a new era of industrial policy where governments take a stronger hand in shaping the direction of innovation to meet goals in climate, supply chain resiliency, and other key priorities in both the U.S. as well as globally. Now, business leaders need to respond creatively to identify opportunities in this new landscape while balancing financial performance with their own strategic sustainability goals.

This Lux Research Forum examines the impact so far and explores the outlook for sustainable innovation in a new geopolitical landscape.

8:00 AM -9:00 AM

Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM -9:40 AM

The New Innovation Playbook

Michael Holman, Ph.D

SVP and Group Director at Lux Research

Success in the emerging innovation landscape requires not just mastering technical evaluation and financial modeling but also navigating a shifting policy landscape, following evolving consumer demands, and deploying new business models as well as novel products.

This presentation draws out the implications of the rising importance of sustainable innovation along with newly aggressive industrial policy and what it means for corporate innovation teams as well as investors, entrepreneurs, and public officials.

9:40 AM -10:10 AM

From Sustainability to Resilience: Steering Innovation Amid Evolving Consumer Expectations

Cheryl Auger

Senior Anthropologist and Director of Client Delivery and Advisory at Lux Research

Join us for an illuminating discussion that will explore the critical shift from sustainability to resilience in corporate responsibility, driven by evolving consumer expectations, unpacking key trends like life cycle thinking, the rise of ethical as quality, and the redefinition of success to avoid collective burnout. By highlighting global examples, we will provide actionable insights for senior executives on fostering resilience in their innovation strategy and aligning with the growing demand for transparency, ethical production, and product responsibility.

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Mapping the Global Policy Outlook

Ian Rinehart

Associate Research Director at Lux Research

While "reshoring" and "resilience" may be the watchwords for new U.S. industrial policy, global disengagement isn't the goal — and other nations certainly aren't standing still either. Meanwhile, despite the new opportunities being created by strong policy actions like the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act, protectionist actions can create threats as well. Beyond supply chains, multinational companies need to watch for vulnerabilities in their "innovation chains" as not only physical goods but also the IP, manufacturing techniques, and expert personnel themselves are subject to controls.

This presentation places policy in a global context and explores the strategies companies can deploy to respond.

11:10 AM -11:50 AM

Client Panel: Taking Action in the New Era

MODERATOR: Anthony Schiavo

Senior Director and Principal Analyst at Lux Research

CLIENT PANELISTS:

Jacqueline Weber

Director and Head of Office NFIA NE-USA at Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (NFIA)

Coppelia Marincovic

Partner at Solvay Ventures

Siddharth Pannir

Founder and Engineer at GenH, Inc

Koushik Gupta

Strategic Marketing & Innovation Consultant

Innovation organizations need to evolve and incorporate new competencies to support successful strategies — but building these skills into traditional innovation processes and structures isn't easy, particularly as new best practices are still emerging. Executives at leading companies that are setting the pace of sustainable innovation reflect on today's conversations and discuss what their teams are doing to act and position their organizations for the new era.

11:50 AM -12:00 PM

Networking Break