

# INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM 2025

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7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Registration, Continental Breakfast, Expo & Networking
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Welcome Remarks: USF Provost Prasant Mohapatra</b>  <b>Keynote Address: Gayle Sheppard</b> , Corporate Director for Nutanix, Corporate Global Director for AstroScale, USF President's Global Leadership Council Member
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	<b>Panel Discussion: The Future of AI in Global Business: Key Growth Sectors</b>  Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Gayle Sheppard</b></li></ul> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Raul Alfonso</b>, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Port of Tampa Bay</li><li>• <b>Hugh Campbell</b>, President of AC4S Technologies</li><li>• <b>Stuart Feld</b>, Senior Vice President of Wealth Management, Compliance, and Risk Technology at Raymond James</li><li>• <b>Nishit Patel</b>, Vice President and Chief Medical Informatics Officer at Tampa General Hospital and Vice President of Medical Informatics at USF Health Physicians Group</li><li>• <b>Sudeep Sarkar</b>, Launch Dean of the USF College of AI, Cybersecurity, and Computing</li><li>• <b>Darren Schumacher</b>, CEO of Institute of Applied Engineering at USF</li></ul>
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Expo & Networking
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch and Panel Discussion with Consul Generals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Greetings: USF President Rhea Law</b></li><li>• <b>Special Welcome: City of Tampa Mayor Jane Castor</b></li></ul> <b>Panel Discussion: AI in Global Trade and Diplomacy</b>  Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Deborah Wilkinson</b>, Executive Director, Tampa Bay Trade and Protocol</li></ul> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Christofer Burger</b>, Consul General of Germany</li><li>• <b>Joao Lucas Quental Novaes de Almeida</b>, Consul General of Brazil</li><li>• <b>Raphael Trapp</b>, Consul General of France</li></ul>
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Expo & Networking