Welcome to Georgia Tech and Technology Square.

I co-chaired Council on Competitiveness’ National Innovation Initiative together with IBM CEO Sam Palmisano. Gratifying to see the work continue.

This conference addresses a very important piece of the picture: Explore the research base that will drive future innovation, and then examine the policies needed to promote innovation in the global economy.

Pleased to welcome colleagues from Europe and Australia who have come to lead and participate in sessions.
- Global economy is competitive, to be sure, but it also requires much higher level of understanding, collaboration, and partnership among institutions and nations.
- Conferences like this one that bring science and technology policy experts together from around the world to share ideas and experiences and explore new possibilities are essential to the process of building a global economy based on innovation in which everyone has an opportunity to succeed and prosper.

Georgia Tech is not only one of the world’s leading technological universities, but is also working deliberately to become a truly international university.
- As a result, School of Public Policy has both strong technological focus and a strong international focus.
- Gives us an important opportunity to step forward and play a leadership role in promoting sound, progressive science and technology policies.

So, again, welcome. Glad to have you on our campus for what promises to be a dynamic and productive conference on science and technology policy.