National Commission on Innovation & Competitiveness Frontiers
Mountain West Innovation Summit

June 21-22, 2022
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

Summit Keynote – Day 1

Date: June 21, 2022

Time: 2:00pm – 2:45pm Mountain

Venue: Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

Room: Gateway Salons C/D

Registration: on-the-ground registration is required at the Gateway Center's Foyer.

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Edward "Ed" Seidel
President
University of Wyoming

KEYNOTE

Dr. Erwin Gianchandani
Assistant Director for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships
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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Press may be in the room or online. As such, please keep in mind your comments as they may be quoted.

- The Summit will be recorded and photographed – we will ask all participants to sign a simple release to use images upon registration.

- Images and audio will be used in the production of a post-Summit summary report.

- Dress code for the Summit – including the reception and dinner on the 21st – is business casual.

PROGRAM FORMAT AND DYNAMICS

The purpose of the keynote is for the special guest speaker to share evocative, provocative, educational remarks – aligned to the themes of the Mountain West Innovation Summit, as well as the Council on Competitiveness "National Commission on Innovation and Competitiveness Frontiers" – to enlighten and inspire Summit participants as they will spend two days in plenary and in breakout groups generating potential policy recommendations for the region and the nation to advance innovation capacity and capability.

- Keynote speakers can sit in the "main audience" – the emcee or "introducer" will call you up to stage when time.

- The total time allocated to the keynote speech is 45 minutes, including in/out time – please budget the keynote speech to last 35-40 minutes.

- The Summit is being designed as mostly-PowerPoint-free event. HOWEVER, we are making an exception for keynote presenters. OUR ASK – if you will use a PowerPoint, please email to Chad Evans and Yasmin Hilpert (cevans@compete.org; yhilpert@compete.org) 24 hours in advance to pre-load and test; AND to bring a back-up on a jump drive.

- Should the keynoter be amenable, the "introducer" or emcee will be poised to return to stage and manage a short Q&A session with the keynoter and the plenary audience for the final 5-10 minutes of the session (audience members will have access to roaming microphones – and the "introducer"/emcee will ask audience members to identify themselves when asking a question).

- At the conclusion of the session, the "introducer"/emcee will thank the keynoter – and at that point, the keynoter is free to return to their seat in the plenary audience.

KEYNOTERS' ROLES

- The keynoter is requested to provide a conversation-catalyzing, though-provoking, personal response to the themes of the Mountain West Innovation Summit and the Council on Competitiveness "National Commission on Innovation and Competitiveness Frontiers."

- PowerPoint slides or other graphics may be used – please see above about transmission of slides in advance of the Summit.

- The Summit organizers request the keynoter to **provide by Monday, June 13th a title/general theme** of remarks.

- If time allows for questions from the audience, and the keynoter is amendable, the keynoter should also be prepared to answer questions posed by participants and curated by the moderator. **Please advise by Monday, June 13th if amenable to Q&A.**

- A biography of the keynoter will be provided in the Summit program materials.

KEYNOTER BIO

Dr. Erwin Gianchandani
Assistant Director for Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships
National Science Foundation

Dr. Erwin Gianchandani is the U.S. National Science Foundation's assistant director for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships, leading the newly established TIP Directorate.

Gianchandani has worked at NSF since 2012. Prior to becoming the assistant director for TIP, he served as the senior advisor for Translation, Innovation and Partnerships for over a year, where he helped develop plans for the new TIP Directorate in collaboration with colleagues at NSF, other government agencies, industry and academia.

During the previous six years, Gianchandani was the NSF deputy assistant director for Computer and Information Science and Engineering, twice serving as acting assistant director for CISE. Gianchandani's leadership and management of CISE included the formulation and implementation of the directorate's $1 billion annual budget, strategic and human capital planning, and oversight of day-to-day operations for a team of over 130.

Gianchandani has led the development and launch of several new NSF initiatives, including the Smart & Connected Communities program, Civic Innovation Challenge, Platforms for Advanced Wireless Research, and the National Artificial Intelligence Research Institutes.

Before joining NSF in 2012, Gianchandani was the inaugural director of the Computing Community Consortium, providing leadership to the computing research community in identifying and pursuing bold, high-impact research directions such as health information technology and sustainable computing.

Gianchandani has published extensively and presented at international conferences on computational systems biology. He holds a bachelor's degree in computer science and master's and doctoral degrees in biomedical engineering, all from the University of Virginia.

In 2021, Gianchandani received the Distinguished Presidential Rank Award, awarded to members of the Federal Government's Senior Executive Service for sustained extraordinary accomplishment. In 2018, he was awarded the Outstanding Young Engineering Graduate Award from the University of Virginia.