



## Press Release



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# AI Exponential Thinker Launches “Next Gen First” Strategy

## A Global Five-Year Strategy to Prepare One Million Youth for the AI Era

As artificial intelligence scales rapidly across economies and societies, **human understanding**, ethical preparedness and youth inclusion are struggling to keep pace, creating **growing risks** for trust, equity and long-term societal impact. At this global inflection point, AI Exponential Thinker is launching “**Next Gen First**” a five-year strategy designed to **equip youth with the knowledge, skills, and agency needed to shape the AI era responsibly**.

*“AI is scaling faster than human understanding. If the next generation is not placed at the center now, we risk building powerful systems without the human capacity to guide them responsibly”* said Dr. Lobna Karoui, President of AI Exponential Thinker.

Over the past Five years, AIXT has reached more than **100,000 young people across 50+ countries**, supported **200+ mentees** and convened **100+ high-impact AI conversations**, engaging leaders from Fortune 500 companies and globally recognized institutions.

*“Next Gen First is about scaling human readiness responsibly. It expands access to AI knowledge, skills and mentorship so technological progress is matched by human capacity”* said Dr. Lobna Karoui.

AIXT is supported by a growing **global advisory ecosystem** of leaders from foundations, leading institutions and Fortune 500 companies including **Nvidia, Google, Microsoft, Meta**. At the center of AIXT’s global engagement is **Exponential Trust Times (XTT)**, its AI Channel of Trust.

*“The race is on for AI, Everybody is trying to get to the next level. Everybody is trying to get to the next frontier”* said Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang

By 2030, AIXT aims to empower **1 million young people** across **100+ countries**, providing access to AI knowledge, critical skills and mentorship and building a globally inclusive **human capacity pipeline for the AI era**.

***“As AI systems become more powerful, we need to teach AI our Cultures, our values to make it safer for us”*** said Nell Watson, Senior Scientific Advisor at Harvard and AI Futuristic at Singularity University

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## **About AI Exponential Thinker (AIXT)**

AI Exponential Thinker is the world's first multi-generational nonprofit led with youth and powered by AI. Its mission is **AI Literacy & Youth Empowerment for Responsible Innovation**, equipping current and future generations to navigate and shape the exponential age of AI.

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## **About Exponential Trust Times**

Exponential Trust Times is a global media platform dedicated to shaping trust, responsibility and informed leadership in the exponential age of technology.

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