

AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

HILTON BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION & SET-UP				
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	ATTENDEE REGISTRATION & NETWORKING - COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST				
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	WELCOMING REMARKS: Chancellor Jay Perman, <i>University System of Maryland</i> David Tohn, <i>BTS Software Solutions & TEDCO Board Chair</i> MORNING KEYNOTE: Secretary Harry Coker Jr., <i>MD Dept of Commerce</i> Secretary Susan Lee, <i>MD Office of the Secretary of State</i> MORNING KEYNOTE: Senate President Bill Ferguson FACILITATOR: Troy LeMaile-Stovall, <i>TEDCO</i>				
TRACK	Leading Innovation to Market	Pitching the Future	Tech Shaping Maryland's Future	Bridging Research & Industry	Built to Scale
ROOM	HOLIDAY BALLROOM 4/5	HOLIDAY BALLROOM 6	HOLIDAY BALLROOM 3	HOLIDAY BALLROOM 2	HOLIDAY BALLROOM 1
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	From Lab to Liquidity: What It Really Takes to Fund and Scale Deep Tech in 2026	Future Founders: Maryland Student Venture Showcase & University Pitch Competition	Human In The Loop: How to Thrive in the AI Economy	Industry Perspective on an Innovation Ecosystem	What Investors Aren't Telling You
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	NETWORKING BREAK / MEET EXHIBITORS				
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	From Discovery to Healthcare Delivery: How Maryland Powers the Computational Health Lifecycle	Future Founders: Maryland Student Venture Showcase & University Pitch Competition	Triple Threat: Quantum, AI & Blockchain	Investor Ready Financials Across the Startup Lifecycle: What Founders Need at Every Stage	The Virtual Patient: Coding Cellular Twins to De-risk the Bench and Accelerate Cures
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH GRAB A BOX! EXPAND YOUR CIRCLE! REMARKS: Nona Minnifield Cheeks, <i>Innovatyr & TEDCO Board Vice Chair</i> LUNCH KEYNOTE: Tamla Olivier, <i>Baltimore Gas & Electric</i> LUNCH KEYNOTE: Tami Howie, <i>Small Business Administration</i> FACILITATOR: Troy LeMaile-Stovall, <i>TEDCO</i>				
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Fireside Chat: The Resilient Founder	Concept Capital Pitch Competition	Where Maryland's Lighthouse Industries Converge: The Next Wave of Innovation	Dual-Use Innovation and its Role in National Competitiveness	Unlocking Non-Dilutive Capital: Grants & Funding Strategies for Business Growth
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	NETWORKING BREAK / MEET EXHIBITORS				
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	What do Investors look for to see if you're Agent AI ready?	Concept Capital Pitch Competition	Future of Advanced Manufacturing	Advancing America's Innovation Ecosystem	Cyber in the AI Era: What's Next for Maryland?
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	NETWORKING BREAK / MEET EXHIBITORS				
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Built in Maryland: What It Really Takes to Build Here		Fireside Chat: Growing Maryland's Economy Through Innovation	Inside the Family Office	Fireside Chat: From Qubits to Cures: Maryland's Opportunity to Lead in Quantum-Enabled Regenerative Medicine
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	TEDCO's ENTREPRENEUR EXPO RECEPTION <i>Concept Capital Pitch Competition Winner Announcement</i>			SPECIAL GUEST: Speaker Joseline Peña-Melnyk	