

# Smart Cities Innovation Accelerators



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**T**HE ACCELERATORS PROVIDE AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM AND CO-DESIGN THE NEXT GENERATION OF SMART CITY SOLUTIONS WITH THE WORLD'S LEADING CITY INNOVATORS, RESEARCHERS, AND SELECT EXECUTIVES FROM THE INDUSTRY AND THE STARTUP COMMUNITY.

The Smart Cities Innovation Accelerator series was created by Dr. David Ricketts in the Technology and Entrepreneurship Center at Harvard to enable multi-disciplinary discussions between senior leaders across the gamut of topics that make modern cities smart.

By inviting city CIOs, their senior staff and other key city stakeholders from each city, actionable solutions developed at the accelerator can be put into place with both the know-how and the buy-in to make things happen. Through topical focus sessions, city CIOs discuss the past, present and future of their smart city initiatives and, from that knowledge and experience, they roll up their sleeves and work side-by-side with one another to explore some of the most difficult challenges that cities face in implementing the technology of the future today.

*"This is the best smart city event I have ever been to — and I have been to many!"*

—Kevin O'Malley, City Innovation Team Manager, Bristol, England



Expert Partner leading discussion with Toronto, San Jose and New York

*“It’s like going to the large Smart City Events, but the 2000 people you didn’t need to see left the room, and the top CIOs and staff were left to work with you.”*

— Stan Schultes, Spark Growth.

Through the Smart Cities Innovation Accelerators, you will explore the critical needs required to drive innovation in your community. You will take a deep dive into questions concerning infrastructure, education, community involvement and economic programs. Topics for the Accelerator are proposed by the city CIOs and expert partners, through an open call for city challenges. Based on these challenges directly proposed by the cities, a custom program is developed by the Chair to enable an actionable co-design session between cities and partners at the event.

The program is structured with interactive sessions that use Harvard’s proven case study model where participants learn from real life examples and work with peers to solve problems. This format is complemented by in-depth

discussions where participants share their own personal experiences, best practices, and the key challenges they have faced. With plenty of networking and socializing opportunities, the program is an immersive experience that allows you to learn as well as connect with like-minded senior leaders.

The Smart Cities Innovation Accelerators are invitation-only programs. Other applicants will be reviewed and accepted on a case-by-case basis. The Accelerators are provided complimentary to city leaders with no tuition fee to attend, and some Accelerator events may also include a subsidy for travel and hotel expenses.

Invitations are limited to 20 cities and up to 3 staff members to ensure an intimate working group.

### **The 2018 Accelerator Invitation List Includes:**

#### **US/Canada Cities:**

Austin, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, Toronto, Vancouver, Washington D.C.

#### **EU/Global Cities:**

Amsterdam, Belfast, Berlin, Catalonia / Barcelona, Copenhagen, Dubai, Helsinki, London, Manchester, Melbourne, Milan, Moscow, Paris, Rome, Singapore, Stockholm, Tel Aviv, The Hague

*“This is exponentially better than any other smart city event we have attended.”*

—David Graham, San Diego

*This is the Harvard Graduate School for Smart City CIO and CTOs.”*

—Bob Bennett, Kansas City



# Partial List of 2017 Speakers and Participants



**Bob Bennett**  
Chief Innovation Officer, City of  
Kansas City, MO



**Jamie Cudden**  
Smart City Program Manager,  
Dublin City Council



**Jordi Puignero**  
Secretary of Telecommunications,  
Cybersecurity and Digital Society,  
Government of Catalonia



**Kevin O'Malley**  
City Innovation Team Manager,  
Bristol City Council



**Archana Vemulapalli**  
Chief Technology Officer, Office of  
the CTO, Washington D.C.



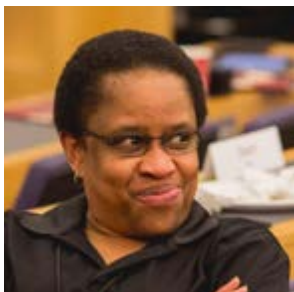
**Miguel Gamiño**  
Chief Technology Officer, City of  
New York



**Jeremy Goldberg**  
Director, Civic Innovation  
Partnerships, San Francisco  
Mayor's Office of Civic Innovation



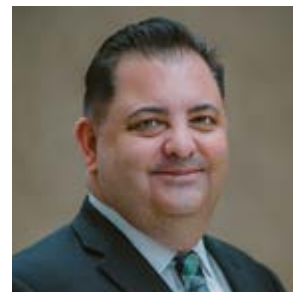
**David Graham**  
Deputy Chief Operating Officer,  
City of San Diego



**Silvia Harris**  
Deputy Director of Operations  
Department of Innovation and  
Performance, City of Pittsburgh



**Nigel Jacob**  
Co-Chair, Mayor's Office of New  
Urban Mechanics, City of Boston



**Michael Sherwood**  
Director of Technology and  
Innovation, City of Las Vegas



**Rob Meikle**  
Chief Information Officer, City  
of Toronto, Information &  
Technology



**Samir Saini**  
Chief Information Officer, City of  
Atlanta



**Jessie Adcock**  
Chief Technology Officer, City of  
Vancouver



**Grace Simrall**  
Chief of Civic Innovation and  
Technology, Louisville Metro  
Government



**Jeanne Holm**  
Deputy CIO, City of Los Angeles



Harvard Innovation Fellows leading ideation session with city CIOs and Expert Partners

### **The Accelerators provide three important benefits to participants:**

1. Education – As experts in their fields, participants learn from one another through interactive sessions and dedicated talks. These aim to educate, raise important questions, and present the latest data on trends and the current state of the Accelerator topics.
2. Multi-Disciplinary Engagement – The Accelerators are sized such that even across sectors during the main session, a conversation can occur amongst all participants. Questions and answers are not only between the speakers, but also discussed among the participants. Facilitators and moderators ensure engagement and are a catalyst for the conversation.
3. Co-Design – The ultimate goal of the Accelerators is impact, so action is a critical component. The Accelerators dedicate significant time to action sessions with the participants. City CIOs and expert partners will work together in small groups to ideate and create solutions with concrete plans that participants will take back to their respective cities to implement.

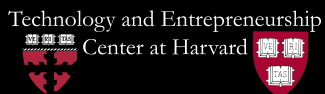
### **Why Should Your City Attend the Smart Cities Innovation Accelerator?**

Smart Cities Innovation Accelerators offer a unique value proposition for city leaders. This is not a conference; this is an invitation-only event where you will have the opportunity to meet and interact directly with key city leaders and decision makers across the Smart Cities landscape. During the event you will connect personally with other city leaders to gain insight from the challenges and successes they have experienced in their cities. Through interactive sessions, you will also obtain feedback on your own smart city efforts and brainstorm effective ways to move forward with smart city technology in your city.

For more information about the Strategic Innovation Accelerators please contact the Program Chair, Dr. David S. Ricketts (ricketts@seas.harvard.edu).

Learn more about the Smart Cities Innovation Accelerators  
<http://theinnovatorsforum.org>





### **Convened By:**

#### **The Technology and Entrepreneurship Center at Harvard (TECH)**

hosts the Strategic Innovation Accelerators. TECH, part of the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, is both a real and virtual space for students, faculty, alumni, and industry leaders to learn together, collaborate, and innovate. TECH enables this holistic exploration by sponsoring and supporting opportunities for the innovation community to gather and exchange knowledge via courses, study groups, mentorship relationships, innovation programs and special events. Find more information at [www.tech.seas.harvard.edu](http://www.tech.seas.harvard.edu)

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