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Olugbenga is a highly experienced professional with a remarkable career spanning over 13 years in Operations, Business Development, Communications, and Strategy across both the educational and business sectors. Throughout his career, Olugbenga has consistently demonstrated excellence in core business operations, client relationship management, and strategic planning. His distinctive expertise lies in the meticulous analysis of intricate data, yielding valuable insights, and effectively aligning business objectives with prevailing market trends.

Possessing a discerning eye for emerging opportunities, Olugbenga has effectively spearheaded the implementation of innovative strategies that have driven substantial growth in market share and elevated brand positioning. He currently serves as the Principal Consultant at Dinamico Consulting, a reputable brand offering Capacity Building and Development Services, as well as Brand Representation Services. In addition to this role, he serves as the Executive Director and Partner at Hessian Partners, a bespoke strategy and investment firm.

Furthermore, Olugbenga plays a pivotal role as the Partner in Charge of Taxaide Group's Nigeria-West Operations, fulfills the role of Registrar at NDP Academy, a leading Data Protection training academy, and serves as the Chief Operating Officer at CCB Limited, a distinguished corporate communications brand.

Olugbenga is the Vice Chair of the Corporate Communications Committee of the Association of Elite Human Resource Professionals (AEHRP) and an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM), underscoring his commitment to professional development and excellence in his field.

# Navigating the Digital Age: Strategies for Economic Resilience and Sustainable Growth

#### Day 1: Understanding Economic Restructuring in the Digital Age

#### A. The Digital Transformation of Industries

- Impact of Technology on Traditional Industries.
- Digital Business Models and Strategies.
- 3. Case Studies of Successful Industry Transformations.

### B. Economic Challenges in the Digital Era

- 1. The Role of Automation and AI..
- 2. Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Concerns.
- 3. Globalization and Digital Economy.

## Day 2: Strategies for Economic Resilience

#### A. Building a Resilient Workforce

- Upskilling and Reskilling in the Digital Age.
- 2. Flexible Work Arrangements.
- Workforce Diversity and Inclusion

#### **B.** Innovative Financial Solutions

- Fintech and Digital Banking.
- 2. Cryptocurrencies and Blockchain.
- 3. Impact Investing and Sustainable Finance

# Day 3: Navigating Recession and Recovery

#### A. Strategies for Economic Recovery

- Government Policies and Stimulus Measures.
- 2. Entrepreneurship and Small Business Support.
- 3. Sustainable Economic Growth

#### **B. Future-Proofing Economies**

- 1. Circular Economy and Sustainability.
- 2. Global Supply Chain Resilience.
- 3. Innovation Ecosystems and Research & Development

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# Day 3: Navigating Recession and Recovery

### A. Strategies for Economic Recovery

#### **Government Policies and Stimulus Measures:**

- Education funding and stability: Ensuring stable and adequate funding for educational institutions, even during economic crises, to maintain the quality of education.
- Digital infrastructure for remote learning: Investing in technology infrastructure and training for educators and students to support distance learning during emergencies.
- ☐ Targeted education programs: Developing retraining and upskilling programs to help individuals affected by economic downturns acquire new skills and transition into in-demand industries.

### A. Strategies for Economic Recovery

### **Entrepreneurship and Small Business Support:**

- Entrepreneurship education: Integrating entrepreneurship courses and experiential learning opportunities into the curriculum to inspire and prepare students for entrepreneurship.
- Incubators and mentorship programs: Establishing partnerships with local businesses and startup incubators to provide students with real-world entrepreneurial experiences and mentorship.
- Access to startup resources: Facilitating access to funding, co-working spaces, and networking events for student entrepreneurs to launch and grow businesses.

## A. Strategies for Economic Recovery

#### Sustainable Economic Growth:

- ☐ Sustainability curriculum: Incorporating sustainability, environmental science, and green technology studies into the educational framework to raise eco-conscious citizens.
- Green campus initiatives: Implementing sustainable practices within educational institutions, such as energy-efficient buildings and waste reduction programs, as a model for sustainability.
- Research opportunities: Encouraging research on sustainable development and green innovation within academic institutions to drive eco-friendly economic growth.

### B. Future-Proofing Economies

Circular Economy and Sustainability:

- Circular economy education: Introducing courses on the circular economy, resource conservation, and waste reduction to instill sustainable thinking in students.
- Sustainable design programs: Offering design and engineering programs that focus on creating products and systems with minimal environmental impact.
- Student-led sustainability initiatives: Empowering students to lead sustainability projects within their schools, promoting a culture of responsible consumption and production.

### B. Future-Proofing Economies

#### **Global Supply Chain Resilience:**

- Supply chain management courses: Developing educational programs in supply chain management and logistics, preparing students for careers in industries that prioritize supply chain resilience.
- ☐ International business studies: Offering courses that explore global trade dynamics, geopolitics, and international supply chain risks.
- Digital supply chain skills: Equipping students with digital skills for managing and optimizing supply chains, including data analytics and blockchain technology.

### B. Future-Proofing Economies

Innovation Ecosystems and Research & Development:

- □ STEM and research-focused education: Strengthening STEM education and research opportunities, including internships and collaborative projects with local industries.
- Innovation hubs on campuses: Establishing innovation centers or hubs within educational institutions to encourage student-led research and innovation.
- Partnerships with industry: Forging partnerships with businesses and research institutions to create opportunities for students to engage in real-world research and development projects.

