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## Session 6 - Rebooting the Economy – A Global Perspective

Thursday, October 21, 2021

1900 – 1955 Hrs

### Moderator



#### Rahul Sharma

Past President & Founding Member, PAFI and  
Managing Director  
APCO Worldwide, India

Rahul is presently the Managing Director of APCO Worldwide, India, and brings more than three decades of experience in media and public affairs to the table.

Formerly, President, Rediffusion Communications, Rahul was earlier President, Public Affairs, South Asia, at Genesis Burson-Marsteller where he led policy and political campaigns. He was also associated with the industry body FICCI. As a public affairs expert, he has worked with clients across sectors, advising them on policy and crisis issues.

A former newspaper editor, Rahul has lived and worked in various countries. Starting his journalism career in India, he joined Reuters in early 1990s where he covered some of the biggest political and economic stories in the region before returning home as Editor, Delhi, Hindustan Times. In his last journalistic role, Rahul was Editor of the Dubai-based Khaleej Times, the oldest English-language daily in the Gulf region.

Rahul has co-edited a book **A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China** and has written extensively on global and regional financial markets and economic issues. His subject interests include foreign policy, international relations and public policy processes.

An alumnus of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Rahul has a master's in International Relations and Security from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at the Tufts University and a master's in International Trade and Economy from Flinders University, Adelaide.