

German-Indian Startup Connector 2026

Time	Session	Format / Focus
10:30–11:00	Arrival, Registration & Networking	Informal networking among startups, investors, corporates and ecosystem partners.
11:00–11:10	Welcome & Opening	Introduction to the German-Indian Startup Connector 2026 by GIBF and Start2 Group.
11:10–11:30	Keynote: Building for the World – From India to Global Markets	Shwetank Verma, Co-founder & Managing Partner, Leo Capital.
11:30–12:10	Panel Discussion From Startup to Global Scale – Building India–Germany Innovation Partnerships : Cross-border market access, investment, partnerships and scaling between India and Germany.	- Tim Miksche – Start2 Group - Rohan Chhatwal - Maruti Suzuki (Tbd) - Dr. Jubin Shah - PAICON - Mona Wimmer (Moderator) - Start2 Group
12:10–12:55	Networking Lunch & Break	45-minute networking lunch and informal meetings.
12:55–13:15	Talk: German-Indian Green Technology Collaboration	Prof. Dr. Dirk Holtbruegge, FAU & Prof. Amit Karna, IIM Ahmedabad
13:15–14:15	Startup Pitch Block I – 4 Startups	Four curated startups. 10-minute pitch + 5-minute Q&A/transition per startup.
14:15–14:30	Talk: Defense Innovation in India	Abhinav Banthia Partner and Director, Sarbhak Integrators
14:30–15:15	Coffee & Networking Break	Informal networking and partner connections.
15:15–16:15	Startup Pitch Block II – 4 Startups	Four curated startups. 10-minute pitch + 5-minute Q&A/transition per startup.
16:15–16:30	Measurable approach towards enterprise journey in the AI ecosystem	Palakodeti Venkateswara Rao, Intelligenz IT
16:30–16:50	Closing Keynote: Connecting Startups to Global Innovation Ecosystems	Caroline Wais, Plug and Play.
16:50–16:55	Closing: What Happens Next? – German-Indian Startup Connector 2026	Closing remarks
17:00	Event Conclusion	