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SALESFORCE VENTURES GUIDE TO DREAMFORCE







The future of the enterprise is agentic: companies that can sense, decide, and act in real time, creating real value and efficiency for their customers. At Dreamforce this year, you'll see how AI, data, and CRM are converging to make that vision real – powering organizations that don't just react to change, but shape it.

Over the course of the week, you'll be surrounded by Salesforce customers, executives, and dozens of Salesforce Ventures founders. It's a rare chance to see in real time how the industry's most ambitious companies are tackling the opportunities and challenges of this moment. As part of our portfolio, you have a front-row seat to the conversations and collaborations shaping the next era of enterprise innovation.

With more than 1,500 sessions, workshops, and roundtables, Dreamforce can feel like a lot. That's why we built this guide for our founders: to highlight what we feel matters most as you build your companies and point you toward the people and ideas that'll be most impactful to your business. Inside, you'll find curated session recommendations, practical tips for navigating Dreamforce, and guidance on which of your peers will also be in attendance.

Our hope is that you leave Dreamforce not just inspired, but equipped with new perspectives, connections, and momentum to power your businesses forward.

This is Dreamforce, Salesforce Ventures-style. We're so glad you're here.

Sincerely,

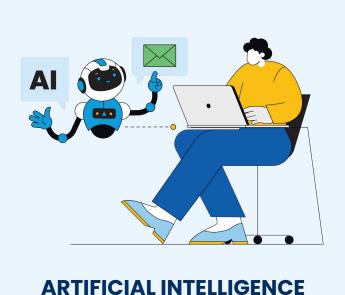
The Salesforce Ventures team



THE PERFECT DREAMFORCE STARTS WITH AN AGENDA

We've pulled together the most impactful Dreamforce sessions for founders, featuring **Salesforce Ventures** portfolio leaders and covering the topics that matter most to entrepreneurs today. Because every founder's journey is different, we've organized our recommendations into three tracks – AI, Impact, and Leadership – so you can follow the path that best aligns with your goals.

To make it easy to plan your week, you can build your own custom agenda using the Agenda Builder tool on the Dreamforce website.







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10 AM - 12:00 PM PDT

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• Marc Benioff, Founder & CEO, Salesforce

Moscone South, LL, Keynote - Hall B

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1:30 PM - 2:00 PM PDT



Rewriting the Enterprise Playbook with Al

AI is reshaping how we work–from screen-first to voice-first, from manual to conversational. Join ElevenLabs and Writer to explore building trusted, enterprise-grade AI infrastructure.

- May Habib, CEO & Co-Founder, Writer
- Mati Staniszewski, CEO & Co-Founder, *ElevenLabs*

Moscone West, L2, Agentic Theater

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Slack Keynote: Reimagining Work for the **Agentic Enterprise**

Ready for the digital labor revolution? Learn how industry leaders are building their strategy with Agentforce and Slack. See employee agents in action with live demos of Slack's newest innovations.

- Guillermo Rauch.
- Mike Hanley, VP, Chief Information Security Officer, *General Motors Holdings*
- Denise Dresser,

Moscone West, L3, Keynote - Room 3001

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3:00 PM - 3:30 PM PDT

TIME 100 Talks: Merging Art, Data, and Al with Refik Anadol

Refik Anadol and TIME's Nikhil Kumar explore how AI is reshaping creativity, storytelling, and culture – blending human vision with machine collaboration.

- Media Artist & Director. Refik Anadol Studio. Co-Founder. Dataland
- Nikhil Kumar. Executive Editor, TIME

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Narrow Tasks to General Intelligence: **The Future of Robotics**

Robotics is shifting to general-purpose intelligence. Skild AI's Deepak Pathak and Dyna's Lindon Gao explore scaling, architectures, and trade-offs when deploying generalist robots in the real world.

- Taksina Eammano, EVP & GM, Field Service, Salesforce
- Lindon Gao, CEO, Dyna Robotics
- Deepak Pathak, CEO, Skild AI

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM PDT

Humanoid Robots & Al: Driving the New Industrial Future

Marc Benioff and Brett Adcock, founder of Figure AI, explore how AI-powered humanoid robots will transform the workforce, reshape industries, & redefine what's possible in the age of intelligent tech.

- Marc Benioff. Chair, CEO & Co-Founder, Salesforce
- Brett Adcock, CEO, FigureAI

YBCA, Keynote - Blue Shield of California Theater

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SMB & Startup Keynote: Grow Faster with Data and Al Agents

Discover how data, AI, and a connected platform helps SMBs and startups navigate change, scale operations, and enhance customer experiences, with real stories from our growing customers.

- Adam Alfano, EVP, Salesforce
- Giovanni Crispino
- EVP, EMEA ESMB, Salesforce Whitney Hillyer,
- SVP, Sales, Salesforce
- Matteo Vanotti, CEO, xFarm Technologies
- Patty Hager, VP Solution Engineering, Salesforce
- Dr. Paramjit Chopra, President, MIMIT PC/ CIMSS

Moscone South, LL, Keynote - Hall A

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Explore and Expand AI Use in Your Small Business Today

Join peers and AI experts to discuss how small businesses are kicking off their AI journey. Whether you are new to AI or experienced, learn how to prepare & expand the use of AI in your small business.

- Marcus Conway,
 Lead Solution Engineer, Salesforce
- Jenn Sei,
- Growth Product Marketing Manager, Salesforce

Everett Berry, Head of GTM Engineering, *Clay*

Moscone West, L2, Roundtable 8

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM PDT **Growing Smarter:**

AI Strategies for Small Business Hear how small business leaders are using AI to overcome challenges, simplify operations, and drive growth in a competitive market.

- Sam Dwivedi
- Amanda Kalhow, CEO & Founder, 1Mind

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A Conversation with Dario Amodei and Marc Benioff

Join Marc Benioff and Dario Amodei as they discuss the future of AI, the importance of responsible governance and ethical deployment, and the leadership required to ensure AI is a force for good.

- Marc Benioff,
- Chair, CEO & Co-Founder, Salesforce

• Dario Amodei, Co-Founder & CEO, Anthropic

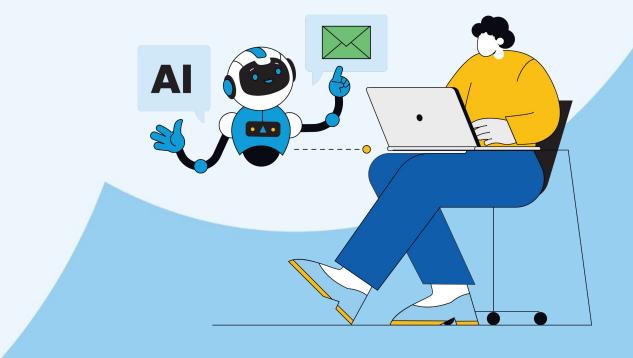
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Richard Socher (You.com), Olivier Godement (OpenAI), and Adam Evans (GM, Salesforce AI) explore how AI innovation and product strategy translate into scalable solutions across every area of business.

How Generative Al is Transforming Work

- Richard Socher, Founder & CEO, You.com
- **Olivier Godement,** Head of Platform, *OpenAI*

Adam Evans, EVP & GM, Salesforce AI Platform, Salesforce

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Andrew Ng on Building With Al: Speed, Smarts, and Scale

Andrew Ng shares lessons from building AI startups and how those principles - like rapid prototyping and smart tech choices - can help enterprises build, scale, and deploy impactful AI.

- Silvio Savarese, EVP, Chief Scientist, Salesforce
- Andrew Ng, Founder, DeepLearning.ai

Moscone West, L2, Agentic Theater

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM PDT



TIME100 Talks: Rethinking Cloud <u>Infrastructure for Engineers</u>

As cloud and AI costs soar, engineers need visibility and control. This panel explores new FinOps strategies to cut waste, optimize resources, and turn cost management into a competitive edge.

- Alon Arvatz,
 CEO, PointFive
- Ayesha Javed, Senior Editor, TIME

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9:45 AM - 10:30 AM PDT

The Future of AI: What the Next Generation **Sees Coming**

The next generation isn't just using AI – it's shaping it. Explore how students are imagining a more impactful future for AI and learn how higher education must evolve to train AI-native tech talent.

- **Becky Ferguson,** SVP Philanthropy and CEO of the Salesforce Foundation, *Salesforce*
- Lula San,
- Software Engineer, Futures Pathways Intern Michael Ellison,
- CEO and Co-Founder, CodePath
- **Celeste Zepeda,** Software Engineer, *Salesforce*

InterContinental, L5, InterContinental Ballroom B

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Why Openness Fuels AI Democratization

Join Percy Liang, Stanford professor & co-founder of Together AI to explore open vs. closed AI including Marin - his open lab for transparent, collaborative foundation models.

- Percy Liang, Co-Founder, *Together AI*
- Shafiq Rayhan Joty, Senior Director, AI Research, Salesforce

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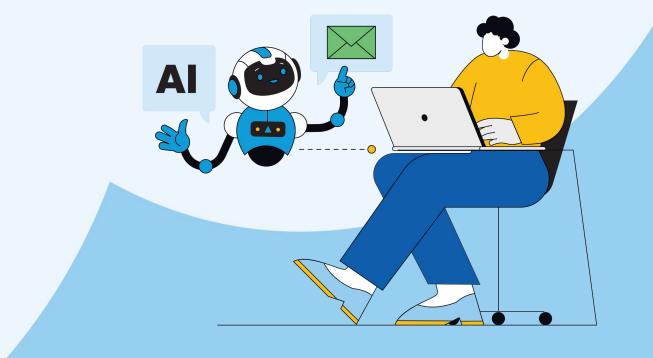


The Agentic Web Powered by Vercel: Software's Next Frontier

Al is reshaping software development. Join CEO Guillermo Rauch and COO Jeanne Grosser as they discuss how today's infrastructure will pave the way for an agent-to-agent future.

- Guillermo Rauch, CEO, Vercel
- Jeanne DeWitt Grosser, COO, Vercel

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LEADERSHIP TRACK

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Assembling the Hybrid Workforce of the Future

The future of work is already here. Learn how leaders blend digital agents and people to scale hiring, cut costs, and build a workforce ready to meet tomorrow's challenges.

- Mark Grimwood.
- SVP Head of Global Distribution Recruiting, Salesforce
- Brandon Metcalf, CEO & Founder, Asymbl, Inc.

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Challenging the Status Quo: Rethinking Automation

Your sales and care experiences drive costs down and fuel growth. Just adding agentic AI to the mix won't resolve the problems that have been put off - aligning data, tech people, and processes will.

- **Ryan Peterson,** Chief Product Officer, *Concentrix*
- Guy Bourgault, Head of Agentics, TPS, Concentrix

Metreon AMC, L3, Theater 10

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM PDT

Aligning Incentives & Outcomes: 5 Keys to Driving Performance

Incentives falling flat? Let's change that. Explore five proven ways to align incentives with outcomes. We'll dive into best practices that drive smarter compensation and lasting performance.

- Senior Director, Product Management, Salesforce
- Jeron Paul. SVP of Product, Salesforce
- Chase Evans, Product Manager, Salesforce
- Sambhav Galada,
- Senior Product Manager, Salesforce

Moscone West, L2, Roundtable

9:00 AM - 9:20 AM PDT

Creating Continuity and Streamlining Business Processes

Learn how to leverage AI, automate processes, and unify diverse data to enhance effectiveness and improve accuracy for business continuity and streamlined operations.

- Assistant Deputy Secretary,
- Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
- Alexis Harper, Criminal Justice Project Manager,
- Colorado Department of Public Safety Sabih Khan.
- Global Industry Strategy & GTM Advisor, Public Safety & Justice,

Moscone West, L3, Theater 19

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Moscone South, LL, Keynote - Hall B

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM PDT

The Do's and Don'ts of Modern Marketing

Customer engagement varies by industry, but great marketing is universal. Join expert marketers as they share wins, challenges, and how AI is reshaping the future of customer connection.

- Angela Vega,
 Director, Capabilities & Operations, Expedia Group
- Jason Scott,
 - SVP, Martech | CRM | Customer Data | Analytics, First Horizon
- Max Kiely, Product Marketing Manager, Salesforce
- Head of Marketing Tech & Growth Engineering, Amazon Music

Moscone West, L3, Room 3024

ADDITIONAL SESSION: Thursday, Oct 16, 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM PDT Metreon AMC, L3, Theater 7

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From Toil to Joy: Unleashing **Employee-Centric Gen Al**

Gen AI isn't just boosting productivity – it's redefining fulfillment. Explore how embedding gen AI in daily tasks enhances employee engagement, reshapes roles, and unlocks more meaningful work.

- Lucas Puente
- VP, Product Research & Insights, Slack, Salesforce
- Matt Kropp,

CTO | Managing Director and Senior Partner, Boston Consulting Group

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TIME100 Talks: The Modern CEO Playbook

How is the CEO of Docusign leading through the most disruptive era yet? Join TIME CEO Jess Sibley as they discuss scaling teams and building iconibrands.

- Jessica Siblev.

Allan Thygesen, CEO, Docusign

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12:15 PM - 12:45 PM PDT

Leading With Purpose: Starbucks & LIV Golf

Starbucks CEO Brian Niccol and LIV Golf CEO Scott O'Neil discuss global leadership, blending reinvention, innovation, and human connection while reshaping the rules of business.

- Brian Nicol.
- Heather Ruden, EVP, Global Field Marketing, Salesforce
- Scott O'Neil.

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The Power of Showing Up as Yourself

From one person's journey to CEO and Slack Community leader, learn how Slack fosters personal growth and leadership, leading to individual and team success through consistency and authenticity.

 Niti Praveen, CEO, KnowCloudAI

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- Marcus Conway, Lead Solution Engineer, Salesforce
- Kathryn Dean,
- Head of Growth, HappyRobot

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A Conversation with Sundar Pichai and Marc Benioff

Join Marc Benioff and Sundar Pichai as they discuss how Salesforce and Google, together with humans and AI agents, are redefining what's possible in business. Marc Benioff,

- Founder & CEO, Salesforce
- Sundar Pichai.
- CEO, Google and Alphabet

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Powering the Next Al Frontier

AI's growth is colliding with an unprecedented energy bottleneck. Leaders from Emerald AI, Crusoe, and Base Power discuss clean energy, grids, and financing to power the next wave of intelligence.

- **Dr. Varun Sivaram,** CEO & Founder, *Emerald AI*
- Chase Lochmiller,
- CEO. Crusoe Energy
- Justin Lopas, Co-Founder & COO, Base Power
- Claudine Emeott,

VP and Partner, Salesforce Ventures Impact Fund, Salesforce

Moscone West, L2, Agentic Theater

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM PDT

Women in Tech: Balancing Expectations and Career Growth

Women make up less than half of the workforce in the tech industry and fewer are leaders. Hear from women leaders in tech about their journeys, while networking with other women and allies.

- Madison Hoffman, Manager, Business Consultant, *Salesforce* Christine Magnuson,
- VP, Solution Engineering, Salesforce
- Trish Soganich, VP Global Revenue Operations, Precisely

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Fireside Chat with a Government Leader **Looking to the Future**

Join this session with a U.S. state governor to hear their priorities as they balance housing, healthcare, wildlife recovery, and the wellbeing of their people

Kevin Paschuck EVP, North America Public Sector & Education, Salesforce

Moscone West, L2, Roundtable 12

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM PDT

Dreampitch: Al for the Earth's Future

Trailblazing entrepreneurs pitch AI-powered solutions to global challenges, from climate change to economic growth. Judges weigh in, but the audience casts the final vote in this live competition.

- Barinda Rasode, Co-Founder & CEO, Tersa Earth
- Bozoma Saint John, Forbes' #1 Most Influential CMO
- Daniel White,
- Co-Founder & CEO, Gentian Dounia Senawi,
- Commercial Officer, Deloitte Jumana Al Hashal, Co-Founder & CEO, voltair.ai
- Marcus Lemonis. CEO, Camping World; Executive Chairman, Bed Bath & Beyond; Host, Fox Business' The Fixer
- Molly Ford, VP, Employer Brand Marketing,
- Salesforce Christian van Maaren Founder & CEO, Excess Materials Exchange

Moscone West, L3, Keynote - Room 3001

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM PDT

Grid Orchestration: Managing New Connections, Demand & More

Discover how a unified, stakeholder-centric platform transforms complex utility initiatives by connecting customers, contractors, and regulators on a single source of truth.

- Susie McMullan.
 - Senior Director of Product Management, Energy & Utilities, Salesforce

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- Global Salesforce for Utilities Innovation Lead, Accenture
- Mike Johnson,
- Group Product Owner, Xcel Energy
- Dan Keating,

Director Customer Solutions Operations Support, National Grid

Moscone West, L2, Roundtable 12

12:45 PM - 1:15 PM PDT

Ellen Pompeo: Elevating Voices On and Off Screen

A conversation with actor and producer Ellen Pompeo on owning her voice and using her platform to advocate for change in an age-old industry.

- Soledad O'Brien, CEO, Soledad O'Brien Productions
- Ellen Pompeo,
 Actress & Producer

YBCA, Keynote - Blue Shield of California Theater

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Inside Amazon and Google's Vision to Power Al Sustainably

AI drives innovation but also a growing environmental cost. Big tech Chief Sustainability officers explore how to scale responsibly–aligning tech growth with a thriving planet.

- Kate Brandt,
- Chief Sustainability Officer, Google Kara Hurst,
- Chief Sustainability Officer, Amazon
- Sunya Norman, SVP, Impact, Salesforce

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A Power Panel for Women in Sales

Join an inspiring conversation with women reshaping sales & Salesforce, building careers, finding their voice & driving real change across the ecosystem. Walk away with a network that's got your back

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- CEO, KnowCloudAI
- Marisa Lopez, Strategic Account Director, Agile Cloud Consulting

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America Ferrera on Redefining Authenticity and Impact

Join America Ferrera for a conversation on creating authentic impact. Drawing from her trailblazing career, she'll explore what it means to lead with purpose in today's world.

- America Ferrera.
- Award-Winning Actor, Director & Producer
- Alexandra Siegel, Chief Equality & Engagement Officer, *Salesforce*

YBCA, Keynote - Blue Shield of California Theater

12:45 PM - 1:15 PM PDT **The Resilient Enterprise for a**

trade and unlocking new competitive advantages.

New Era of Trade Evan Smith, CEO of Altana, and Amy Chang, Board Member at Salesforce, Disney & P&G, explore how AI is transforming global

Evan Smith, Co-Founder & CEO, *Altana*

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2:15 PM - 2:45 PM PDT

Al for Impact: Scaling Solutions for People and Planet

Discover how bold leaders are using AI to tackle global challenges, from climate to education, and proving that purposeful tech can drive real, far-reaching impact.

- Stephane Moulec, Chief Technology Officer, Good360
- Siva Kumari,
- Chief Executive Officer, College Possible Amy Guterman,
- Senior Director, Salesforce Accelerator AI for Impact, Salesforce

Moscone West, L2, Agentic Theater



TIPS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR DREAMFORCE EXPERIENCE

Tips from the Salesforce Ventures team on how to get the most out of your Dreamforce experience.

"Your top priority should be networking. Target the folks you want to meet and try and book those 1:1 meetings before the start of Dreamforce."

Nowi Kallen, Managing Director



"Don't overplan. Prioritize the sessions with the most relevance to your business or where you can make key connections."

Adrianna Alterman, Principal





"Dreamforce is full of experts of all stripes. Write down your biggest business questions and then seek out the folks who can answer them."

Rob Keith, Partner



"Leave time for the unexpected. The best connections are often spontaneous."

Katie Schwartz Thiry, Managing Director

"Polish your elevator pitch. Have a crisp, 30-second pitch ready and tailor versions for customers, investors, and partners."

Laura Rowson, Principal



"Look for sessions that are unique to Dreamforce especially those featuring seasoned experts."

Paul Drews, Managing Partner





"Try to listen more than you talk. Great questions open doors. Aim to be curious and engaging, not just pitching or promoting."

Claudine Emeott, Partner



"Stay energized. Dreamforce is huge and there's a lot going on at all times. Schedule downtime, eat lightly, and wear comfortable shoes."

Zak Kokosa, Investor



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A quick look at all the Salesforce Ventures portfolio companies speaking at or sponsoring this year's Dreamforce:

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