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ETHERNET'S JOURNEY TO THE FUTURE AT HEART OF ETHERNET ALLIANCE TECHNOLOGY FORUM 2016 AGENDA

September 2016 event embodies explosive expansion and continued evolution of world's most ubiquitous networking protocol

BEAVERTON, OR, AUGUST 09, 2016 – The [Ethernet Alliance](#), a global consortium dedicated to the continued success and advancement of Ethernet technologies, today unveiled the agenda for its [2016 Technology Exploration Forum](#) (TEF 2016). At the center of the day's agenda is Ethernet's quickening journey through its next decade of continuous technology evolution and growth as the marketplace continues to change. *TEF 2016: The Road to Ethernet 2026* is scheduled for September 29, 2016, at the [Santa Clara County Convention Center](#), Santa Clara, Calif.

“At TEF 2016, we're gathering together to explore the next 10 years of Ethernet; as the voice of Ethernet, the Ethernet Alliance is committed to leading the industry's long-term vision. We're in the midst of a period of unbridled expansion and advancement that's opening the door to new markets and applications. Even though these dynamic changes are just beginning to resonate across the technology landscape, there's no time to waste – we need to look past those things already set in motion and begin assessing the path that lies beyond,” said [John D'Ambrosia](#), chairman, Ethernet Alliance; and senior principal engineer, Huawei. “TEF 2016 is an important opportunity to kick off the forward-looking discussions that will carry Ethernet through the next decade.”

“Ethernet's paradigm is shifting yet again, with significant impacts occurring at every point in the ecosystem, including data centers, campus, higher bandwidth access points, and cloud providers. The accelerating migration toward 2.5 Gigabit per second (Gb/s), 5 Gb/s, 25 Gb/s, and 100 Gb/s, combined with strong demand for increased bandwidth and a surging Ethernet switch market means interesting times lie ahead,” said Alan Weckel, vice president, [Dell'Oro Group](#). “Events like TEF 2016 are an ideal avenue for examining Ethernet's future and securing the industry consensus needed to drive the next generation of networking innovation.”

A unique, one-day forum drawing key stakeholders from across diverse markets and sectors, *TEF 2016: The Road to Ethernet 2026* agenda includes presentations and panel discussions focused on Ethernet developments throughout the next 10 years. Event sessions currently scheduled include:

- *The Future Ethernet Data Center* – Review of and debate over the need for and Ethernet's place in tomorrow's data centers.
- *Ethernet Flexes Its Ports* – Discussion of the future of higher-speed ports, Flex Ethernet, how the industry will leverage them, and their potential evolution.

