

# Leading Partner Programs in the Time of Coronavirus

Collaborate to co-sell, co-market and co-innovate during  
Covid-19 pandemic

# Seize Your New Leadership Charter

## Leaders will put together a winning ecosystem

Ecosystem Leaders Rise to the challenges of the Crisis, drive change and see ahead of the curve to a post digital world.

- 1 **Assess** → Understand and Empathize
- 2 **Stabilize** → Be Flexible and Build Resilience
- 3 **Grow** → Digitize



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# Assess the New Partnering Reality

Extensive experimentation is defining a new Partner Experience

## Massive Demand-Side Shock to the Economy

Shift in priority industries  
Shift in problems to be solved  
Shift in marketing routes  
Shift in budgets /authority

Shift towards viable, desirable and deployable solutions



## Your Partners are Shifting their Strategy

Shift in Industry coverage / digital partnering  
Shift in use cases / digital solutioning  
Shift in Partner Marketing / digital launches  
Shift in Partner Selling / digital collaborative

Partners are selling different solutions to different buyers in a different way to survive



## New Partnering Reality Will stay post COVID-19

Channel, Alliances → Ecosystem  
One Sided Portals → Collaborative Network  
Types / Tiers → Competencies  
Timeline - 2 Years of DX in 2 months!

Expectation will be set for digital go-to-market with partners



# Stabilize the Impact on Your Partners

Be the first responder for your partners

1	Partners will miss revenue targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Partner sourced / influenced ↓</li><li>● Partner Tiers ↓</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Digital Partner-Specific Business Plans (not static presentations)</li><li>→ Identify “Lifeboat” deals</li></ul>
2	Partner Employees will transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Lay-offs ↑</li><li>● Need for training / re-skilling ↑</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Digital content and training availability for new solutions</li></ul>
3	Joint Solutions / Sales Plays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● COVID-19 Relevant Packages ↑</li><li>● Priority industry solutions ↑</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Rapid Co-Solution Process</li><li>→ Industry Solution Maps / Gaps</li></ul>
4	Partners will ask for MDF / SDF flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Partner profitability ↓</li><li>● Physical Events ↓</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Digital Events, Funding Accelerators, Multi-partner MDF</li></ul>
5	Partner will ask for deal support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Re-selling ↓ Co-selling ↑</li><li>● Multi-partner deals ↑</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Digital Account Planning &amp; QBR</li><li>→ Win rate with multi-partner</li></ul>

# Digitize Your Programs to Grow in the Post-Digital Era

Now you have a burning platform to digitize



## Digitize Collaboration

Remotely & Asynchronously

- Live Network of Companies & People
- Rapid Partner Onboarding
- Run Pipeline Reviews
- Tasks, Comments, Messages in Context



## Digitize Processes

Ecosystem Workflows

- Workflows for Joint Sales Plans & pipeline mgmt.
- Workflows for Joint Solutions,
- Workflows for Joint Marketing & Funds



## Digitize Data Sharing

Connect Once, integrate to all

- Pipeline / Pre-Pipeline
- Opportunities, Campaigns, Funds, Solutions Data
- Secure data sharing with private and shared data

# Post-Digital Era of Ecosystems

Now you have a burning platform to digitize

Partner  
Program  
Flexibility

Business  
Resiliency Fund

Multiple  
Initiatives



Focused  
Partner  
Communities

Providing  
Partnering Tools

ISV/GSI Embrace  
Program



Relevant  
Solutions &  
Sales Plays

Joint Solutions &  
Pre-Stage 0

Growth Partner  
Program



Daily Visibility  
into Pipeline

Track “Top Deals”  
opportunities

SAP GSSP  
Program



Amplify  
Channels with  
Alliances

Co-fund Channels  
to accelerate  
deployments

Intel VMware  
Amplify Program



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