

Clayton Naidoo, Director Strategic Missions and Partnerships, Google Cloud

Clayton Naidoo has forged a distinguished career in the technology sector, now serving as Director Strategic Missions and Partnerships at Google. In this pivotal role, he is at the forefront of driving strategic initiatives and forging key alliances to accelerate digital transformation. His work aligns directly with Google's strategic mission to empower organizations with AI-infused solutions for data, infrastructure, productivity, and security. Clayton focuses on leveraging a robust and vibrant partner ecosystem to complement and extend Google's offerings, building partnerships founded on principles of trust, innovation, and a commitment to delivering value and speed to customers.

Prior to joining Google, Naidoo had an impactful tenure at Cisco, where he culminated his time as Managing Director, Africa. In this significant leadership role, he was responsible for executing a vision and strategy that delivered transformative value to customers and partners, accelerated growth across all business segments, and fostered strategic relationships to drive the digital agenda across the entire African continent.

Clayton Naidoo holds a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA). He is deeply passionate about people, economic impact, business strategy, and innovation, attributing his accomplishments to a powerful combination of hard work, stewardship, and ambition.