



## Azita Arvani

Senior Fellow | Executive in Residence  
Board Member | Tech & Telecom Industry Expert

*Expertise and areas of interest*

AI Transformation | Connectivity Ecosystem

Azita Arvani is a globally recognized technology executive whose career has been defined by turning emerging technologies into engines of large-scale organizational transformation. With advanced degrees in computer science and management from USC, UCLA, and Stanford, she has held pivotal leadership roles at the intersection of innovation, strategy, and execution – from senior roles at Xerox and Nokia and start-ups to serving as CEO of Rakuten Symphony North America, where she led open, cloud-native network initiatives and Tier-1 partnerships and customer deployments across the Americas.

Her work has not only reshaped telecom operating models but also influenced national policy. As co-founder of the [Open RAN Policy Coalition](#), she has been instrumental in mobilizing public and private sector stakeholders behind new architectures for digital connectivity.

Azita also serves on the Board of Tennant Company (NYSE: TNC) and formerly served on the Board of Vuzix (NASDAQ: VUZI), advising on technological innovation, sustainability, and governance. She regularly supports Fortune 500 and high-growth companies in designing AI-enabled strategies and navigating ecosystem-based business models. In 2023, she has been recognized in as “Woman in Tech Leader of the Year” and is a sought-after voice at global forums on technology and leadership.

Azita’s unique capability lies in orchestrating complex technology-driven ecosystems – uniting partners across startups, corporates, investors, and policymakers, while anchoring innovation in practical governance and strategy. This combination of visionary thinking, ecosystem orchestration, and real-world execution is a great fit with the mission of the Center for the Future of Organization, where she plays a critical role in advancing research and thought leadership on how organizations must evolve to thrive amid technological disruption.

Azita lives in Los Angeles, California.