

World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2013 Executive Summary

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Resilient Dynamism

The Davos Agenda in 2013

We live in the most complex, interdependent and interconnected era in human history – a reality we know as the hyperconnected world. This reality presents a new leadership context, shaped by adaptive challenges as well as transformational opportunities. Yet efforts to rebuild confidence and restore growth remain vulnerable to looming political and economic shocks. Indeed, there is no “risk-off” setting for the global economy, but leaders from the public and private sectors need to adopt a “risk-on” mindset to catalyse dynamic growth. Dynamism in this context requires successful organizations to demonstrate strategic agility and to possess risk resilience.

“Resilient Dynamism”, therefore, is the focus of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2013. The aim is to catalyse and facilitate global, regional and industry transformation as a trusted partner of our Members and constituents. For more than 40 years, the Annual Meeting has provided an unrivalled platform for leaders from all walks of life to shape the global, regional, industry and business agendas at the beginning of the year in Davos. These agendas are integrated into the design of the 2013 programme:

The Global Agenda

- How to get the global economy back on to a path of stable growth and higher employment
- How to address persistent vulnerabilities within the international financial system
- How to increase global, national and industry resilience to major systemic and catastrophic risks

The Regional Agenda

- How to adapt to leadership transitions among G20 members and to understand their geopolitical and geo-economic implications
- How to navigate the political and economic transformations in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa
- How to ensure that protectionism and nationalism do not derail regional economic integration and multilateral economic cooperation in Asia, Africa and the Americas

The Industry Agenda

- How to thrive when global competitiveness is increasingly driven by talent and innovation
- How to ensure stable, sustainable and affordable supplies of critical natural resources
- How to navigate a changing regulatory environment while pursuing new growth opportunities

The Business Agenda

- How to create new value in the face of generational and structural shifts that are reshaping business models
- How to adapt to the future evolution of social technology in a business context
- How to leverage rapid and far-reaching advances in science, technology and medicine

The World’s Foremost Multistakeholder Community of Leaders

Participation in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting is by invitation only for:

- Chief executives and chairs of our 1,000 Partner and Member companies
- Political leaders (from the G20 and other relevant countries)
- Heads of international organizations
- Experts representing our Global Agenda Councils
- Representatives from all our civil society stakeholder groups
- Young Global Leaders
- Social Entrepreneurs
- Technology Pioneers
- Global Shapers (under the age of 30)
- Media leaders
- Spiritual and cultural leaders

Participants will share insights on critical strategic and structural changes, catalyse sought-after solutions and collaborate on the risks and opportunities that lie ahead in the new year. And in the true “Davos Spirit”, the aim is to elaborate bold ideas and promote innovative solutions in an exceptional multistakeholder environment.