# Press Conferences for Annual Meeting

Davos-Klosters, Switzerland 14-25 January

## Programme

As of 22 January 2015

### Thursday 22 January

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| 09.00 - 09.30 | **Briefing Session**  
*Issue Briefing: Income Inequality*  
World-leading experts provide a briefing and will answer questions on income inequality and how to combat it  
*Speaker*  
- Christopher Pissarides, Regius Professor of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom; Global Agenda Council on New Growth Models  
*Moderated by*  
- Oliver Cann, Director, Media Relations, World Economic Forum |

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| 10.30 - 11.00 | **Press Conference**  
*UNICEF: The Case for Education and Equity*  
UNICEF will launch “The Investment Case for Education and Equity” report at this press conference. Global education is in crisis: the drive for universal access to primary school has stalled, millions of children in school are not learning the basics, and international funding for education is declining. The report draws attention to the current crisis and provides a blueprint for solutions, calling on governments, donors and the private sector to invest more and invest more equitably in education.  
*Speakers*  
- Yoka Brandt, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), USA  
- Gordon Brown, Chair, World Economic Forum Global Strategic Infrastructure Initiative; Member of Parliament; Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (2007-2010); Global Agenda Council on Infrastructure  
- Angelique Kidjo, Musician and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, USA  
- Koos Timmermans, Vice-Chairman, Management Board, Banking, ING Group, Netherlands  
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- Georg Schmitt, Associate Director, Public Engagement, Media Relations, World Economic Forum, Switzerland |

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| 13.30 - 14.00 | **Press Conference**  
*Planetary Boundaries: Blueprint for Managing Systemic Global Risk*  
The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Stockholm Resilience Centre will present and answer question on latest findings on the New Global Context for the planet |
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Speakers
- Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations, New York
- Marco Lambertini, Director-General, WWF International, Switzerland
- Johan Rockström, Executive Director, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden

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15.00 - 15.30
Congress Centre - Media Briefing Centre
Press Conference
GAVI - the Vaccine Alliance: 15th anniversary
15 Years of GAVI: How a Davos-born idea has seen half a billion children immunised and is boosting efforts to end extreme poverty

Speakers
- Seth F. Berkley, Chief Executive Officer, GAVI Alliance, Switzerland
- Amina Mohammed
- Christian Paradis, Minister of International Development and Minister for La Francophonie of Canada

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- Oliver Cann, Director, Media Relations, World Economic Forum

16.00 - 16.30
Congress Centre - Media Briefing Centre
Briefing Session
Issue Briefing: Anti-Corruption
Corruption takes many forms, and is now widely understood as a key impediment to growth, competitiveness and stability across both emerging and developed economies. The briefing will be an opportunity to discuss latest proposals on beneficial ownership structures, the renewed focus on anti-corruption within the B20 and G20, and how a new World Economic Forum global challenge initiative will help move dialogues from recommendation into action.

Speakers
- Steve Almond, Global Chairman, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, United Kingdom; Global Agenda Council on Transparency & Anti-Corruption
- Elaine K. Dezenski, Senior Director, Head of Partnering Against Corruption Initiative, World Economic Forum
- Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris; World Economic Forum Foundation Board Member
- Cobus de Swardt, Managing Director, Transparency International, Germany; Global Agenda Council on Transparency & Anti-Corruption

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16.45 - 17.15
Congress Centre - Media Briefing
Press Conference
The Future of Internet
The internet is at a critical stage of its development. Its capacity for innovation and
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enterprise, its unique power to deliver transformative economic and social value is under threat, if trust in its governance can’t be restored in a truly multi-stakeholder and international manner.

Speakers

- **Fadi Chehade**, Chief Executive Officer, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), USA

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- **Richard Samans**, Head of the Centre for the Global Agenda, Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum

17.30 - 18.00

**Congress Centre - Media Briefing Centre**

**Press Conference**

**Announcement: World Economic Forum and Japan 2016**

Japan will hold a special meeting on the new human civilization with the World Economic Forum in October 2016. 2,000 leaders from culture, sports, youth leaders as well as leaders from government, business, civil society and academia are expected to take part.

Speakers

- **David Aikman**, Head of New Champions, Member of the Management Committee, World Economic Forum
- **Hakubun Shimomura**, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and Minister of Olympics and Paralympic Games of Japan

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11.00 - 11.30
Congress Centre - Media Briefing Centre

Briefing Session
**Issue Briefing: Infrastructure**
World-leading experts provide a briefing and answer questions on how to plug the world’s $1 trillion annual infrastructure gap

**Speakers**
- **Gordon Brown**, Chair, World Economic Forum Global Strategic Infrastructure Initiative; Member of Parliament; Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (2007-2010); Global Agenda Council on Infrastructure
- **Thomas Maier**, Managing Director, Infrastructure, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London; Global Agenda Council on Infrastructure

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- **Oliver Cann**, Director, Media Relations, World Economic Forum

13.30 - 14.00
Congress Centre - Media Briefing Centre

Press Conference
**Recommendations for Latin America: Bridging the Gap in Skills and Innovation**
The panelists will present and discuss the World Economic Forum’s latest recommendations for Latin America and how they can best be implemented across the region.

**Speakers**
- **John Levis**, Global Chief Innovation Officer and Regional Managing Director, Americas Region, Deloitte, USA
- **Diego Molano Vega**, Minister of Information Technologies and Communications of Colombia
- **Alejandro Ramírez**, Chief Executive Officer, Cinepolis, Mexico; Young Global Leader Alumnus

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14.00 - 14.30
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Press Conference
**Africa Energy Leaders Group**
Energy issues are high on the agenda of African policy makers. The World Economic Forum is creating a working group of African leaders to build political momentum for a sustainable energy transition in Africa. Members of the group – to be known as “African Energy Leaders Group” (AELG) – will come together to share insights and to enhance the overall capacity to build public-private partnerships, leverage political support, and mobilize funds for sustainable energy and development initiatives on the continent.

**Speakers**
- **Daniel Kablan Duncan**, Prime Minister of Côte d’Ivoire
- **Tony O. Elumelu**, Founder, The Tony Elumelu Foundation, Nigeria
- **Donald Kaberuka**, President, African Development Bank (AfDB), Abidjan; World Economic Forum Foundation Board Member; Global Agenda Council on Africa
- **Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella**, Undersecretary-General and Special Representative, United Nations - Sustainable Energy for All, Vienna; Global Agenda Council on the
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**Future of Electricity**

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- **Oliver Cann**, Director, Media Relations, World Economic Forum

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**Press Conference**
**Data-Driven Development**

The Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Data-Driven Development will launch its “Pathways for Progress” report at this press conference. Big data holds tremendous potential as a force for progress to achieve the post 2015 sustainable development goals. Yet it is not a certainty. A lack of clarity on privacy and ethics, shifting power dynamics and an array of entangled social and commercial risks threaten to hinder progress. This report addresses these complexities and provides a blueprint for progress.

**Speakers**
- **Peter B. Gabriel**, Founder, Real World, United Kingdom
- **Sam Gregory**, Programme Director, WITNESS, USA; Young Global Leader
- **Mikael Hagström**, Executive Vice-President, Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia-Pacific, SAS, USA; Global Agenda Council on Data-Driven Development
- **Alan Marcus**, Senior Director, Head of Information Technology and Telecommunications Industries, World Economic Forum USA
- **Alex Pentland**, Toshiba Professor of Media, Arts and Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA; Global Agenda Council on Data-Driven Development

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17.00 - 17.30
*Congress Centre - Media Briefing Centre*

**Briefing Session**
**Issue Briefing: Currency Shocks**

World-leading experts provide a briefing and will answer questions on the threat and potential implications of currency shocks on the global economy

**Speakers**
- **Kenneth Rogoff**, Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Economics, Harvard University, USA
- **Lord Turner**, Senior Fellow, The Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), United Kingdom

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17.45 - 18.15
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**Briefing Session**
**Issue Briefing: Brain Research**

World-leading experts provide a briefing and answer questions related to the latest developments in human brain research, including ageing and rejuvenation, novel solutions for mental illness and rebuilding the brain after stroke.
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Speakers

- **Anne Brunet**, Professor of Genetics, Stanford School of Medicine, Stanford University, USA
- **Marion Buckwalter**, Assistant Professor, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford University, USA

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18.45 - 19.15  
*Congress Centre*  
*Media Briefing Centre*

**Press Conference with will.i.am**

Renown artists Will.I.Am will talk about his work with the “I Am Angel” – Foundation and how it is transforming lives through education inspiration and opportunity

Speaker

- **William Adams**, Founder, I.Am.Angel Foundation, USA

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- **Georg Schmitt**, Associate Director, Public Engagement, Media Relations, World Economic Forum, Switzerland
Saturday 24 January

10.30 - 11.00  
**Congress Centre - Media Briefing Centre**  
Press Conference  
**Keeping Europe on the map in an ever more competitive world**  
The panelists will address the importance of investing in ground-breaking, high-risk/high-gain research to keep Europe on the map and building tomorrow’s science-driven economy; how this type of “blue sky” science can generate breakthroughs and innovation; and the need to back young top talent.  
Speakers  
- Jean-Pierre Bourguignon, President, European Research Council, Belgium  
- Carlos Moedas, Commissioner, Research, Science and Innovation, European Commission, Brussels  
- Christopher Pissarides, Regius Professor of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom; Global Agenda Council on New Growth Models  
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14.45 - 15.15  
**Congress Centre - Media Briefing Centre**  
Press Conference  
**Joint press briefing with Minister Johann N. Schneider-Ammann and WTO Director General Roberto Azevedo**  
The Swiss Minister of Economy Schneider-Ammann and WTO Director General Azevedo will give a briefing on the outcome of the Informal Ministerial WTO Meeting of this morning, attended by Ministers of Economy  
Speakers  
- Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO), Geneva  
- Johann N. Schneider-Ammann, Federal Councillor of Economic Affairs, Education and Research of the Swiss Confederation  
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- Georg Schmitt, Associate Director, Public Engagement, Media Relations, World Economic Forum, Switzerland

15.45 - 16.15  
**Congress Centre - Media Briefing Centre**  
Briefing Session  
**Issue Briefing: The Future of Military and Intelligence Agencies**  
World-leading experts provide a briefing and answer questions on the future of security in the New Global Context  
Speakers  
- Espen Barth Eide, Head of Centre for Global Strategies, Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum  
- Jean-Marie Guéhenno, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Crisis Group (ICG), Belgium; Global Agenda Council on Fragility, Violence & Conflict  
Moderated by  
- Oliver Cann, Director, Media Relations, World Economic Forum