

Summit on the Global Agenda 2014 Overview

Dubai, United Arab Emirates 9-11 November



Shaping the Transformations of the World

Established as a unique partnership between the World Economic Forum and the United Arab Emirates, the Summit on the Global Agenda is the world's largest brainstorming, bringing together the foremost thought leaders from the Forum's **Network of Global Agenda Councils**.

Convening this year under the theme, **Shaping the Transformations of the World**, participants will explore the mapping of transformations related to global, regional and industry issues. The multidisciplinary platform of the Summit will reinforce the Network's prime role as a future-oriented global agenda-setter.



A significant event that brought together some of the world's greatest minds. We have discussed globally pressing issues, and we have brainstormed ideas and solutions that the participants will continue to carry forward.



Sultan Al Mansouri
Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates
Summit on the Global Agenda 2013



The Network of Global Agenda Councils

Since 2008, when the World Economic Forum created the Network of Global Agenda Councils, the Network has grown to a comprehensive portfolio of 80 Councils today – 50 Global Councils, 19 Industry Councils and 11 Regional Councils. In addition, six Meta-Councils were established this year. Each Global Agenda Council comprises 15-20 world-renowned experts from business, government, academia or other fields who exchange ideas and explore solutions to the most pressing global, regional and industry issues. The aim is to integrate the knowledge gained into global collaboration and decision-making processes.

Programme Highlights

The Summit on the Global Agenda 2014 will provide a unique convening platform to share insights, define emerging trends and risks, and build connections to collectively develop solutions to major global challenges. The programme is designed to incorporate three levels of interaction: Intra-Council – Cross-Council (Meta-Councils) – Network-Wide



The programme will highlights innovations such as :

- the Road to Impact, a new framework designed to provide the Councils with clear guidance and support to consistently create value and impact over the 2-year term
- the Meta-Councils, providing an overarching vision for 6 cross-cutting global themes, which are relevant to a number of Councils, to help Councils develop strategic connections
- the GAC Vision Award, recognizing the collaborative efforts of the 2012-2014 term Councils to conceive, design and promote an innovative idea with high impact on the global, regional or industry agenda and serve as inspiration to the new Councils
- the launch of the Think Tank Leaders Forum, a newly created community comprising the world's leading think tank representatives
- the Outlook on the Global Agenda 2015, the Network's flagship publication, which offers a comprehensive overview of the most important issues the world is facing, drawing upon the collective brainpower of the Network of Global Agenda Councils.

Enhanced media and public outreach

The 2014 Summit will provide unprecedented opportunities for media exposure across all channels and on various levels. These include showcasing ideas and insights, recommendations and solutions put forward by the Councils, significant Council outcomes, the launch of the newly designed digital Outlook on the Global Agenda 2015 and the creation of a think tank community.

Preliminary Programme

Sunday 09 November			Monday 10 November		Tuesday 11 November	
07.30 onwards Registration			08.00-10.30 Council Sessions		08.00-11.00 Council Sessions	08.00-11.00 Meta-Council Chairs and Vice-Chairs Session
08.30-11.30 Briefing for Chairs and Vice-Chairs			10.30-11.00 Community Break			
11.45-13.00 Welcome Lunch			11.00-12.30 The Global Challenges Series <i>7 Thematic Sessions in Parallel</i>		11.00-11.15 Community Break	
					11.15-12.15 Meta-Councils - Key Insights and Future Agenda	
13.00-14.00 Opening Plenary			12.30-14.00 Cross-Council Lunch		12.15-12.45 Closing Plenary	
14.30-18.00 Council Sessions			14.00-15.15 Cross-Council Sessions	14.00-15.15 Meta-Council Sessions	12.45 -14.00 Farewell Lunch	
			15.15-15.30 Community Break		14.00-15.30 Debriefing for Chairs and Vice-Chairs	
			15.30-16.45 Cross-Council Sessions	15.30-16.45 Meta-Council Sessions		
16.30-18.00 Meta-Council Chairs and Vice-Chairs Preparatory Session		17.00-18.15 Outlook on 2015: Global Trends				
18:15-19.30 Meta- Council Sessions	18.15-19.30 Discussion with Vision Awardees	18.15-19.30 GAC Circle Reception	18.30-19.00 Transfer to Cultural Soirée			
19.30-21.30 Community Dinner			19.00-22.00 Cultural Soirée			

FAQs

Where will the meeting take place?

The Summit on the Global Agenda 2014 will take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Where will I stay?

The World Economic Forum has made block reservations in several hotels in Dubai. PublicisLive, the Forum's operations and production provider, handles accommodation and will contact you upon your confirmation of registration.

What is the working language of the Summit?

Sessions will be held in English, with simultaneous interpretation in Arabic for plenary sessions.

When do I need to register?

Participation is by invitation only and reserved exclusively for members of the Network of Global Agenda Councils. The deadline for inclusion in the Participants Booklet is Wednesday 24 September 2014. Due to the limited capacity of the conference venue, registration is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Do I need a visa?

The World Economic Forum is not responsible for providing visas, but works closely with the Government of the United Arab Emirates to facilitate the visa application procedure. Further details will be provided in the confirmation letter that you will receive upon registration.

Who do I contact for more information?

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