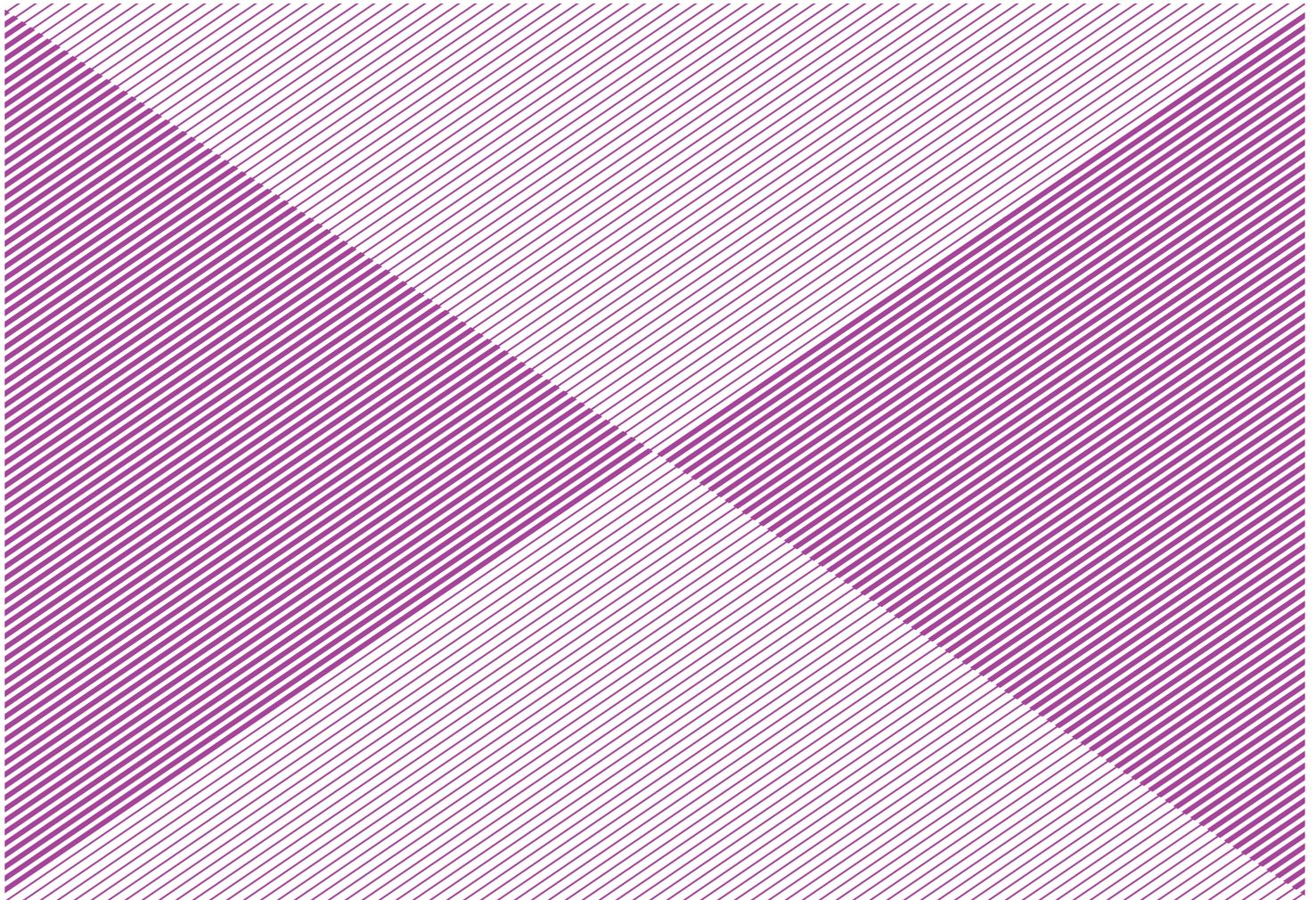


Regional Agenda

World Economic Forum on India Meeting Overview

National Capital Region, Gurgaon, India 6-8 November 2012



From Deliberation to Transformation

India has reached a critical inflection point. Twenty years after the liberalization of the Indian economy, which unleashed an unparalleled period of sustained high growth, new challenges have emerged in the form of rising inflation, a falling growth rate, delays in much-needed reforms and the attendant waning of investor confidence. As India's "summer of discontent" demonstrated last year, anti-corruption sentiment reached unprecedented levels, leading to one of the largest civil society movements since Indian independence.

At the same time, India is expected to overtake Japan as the world's third largest economy by 2015 and to surpass China as the most populous nation by 2030. The promise of favourable demographics, a rising middle class, improving trade relations with Pakistan and a successful, globalizing corporate sector signal the potential to address present challenges and shape India's next wave of economic growth and transformation in international affairs.

In this context, the World Economic Forum's annual gathering in India of top thought leaders and decision-makers from government, industry and civil society will convene for the first time as the World Economic Forum on India under the working theme "From Deliberation to Transformation". After an intense year of national debate, the meeting will be an opportunity to outline a blueprint for a post-crisis India that can be a new model of pragmatic, practical and effective governance, rebuilding trust both in the region and in society to link leadership with livelihood.



It is very important that we set politics aside and set the reform agenda so that we can bring reforms forward rapidly and the deceleration of GDP growth can be reversed.



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Programme Objectives

Redressing Risk

- How will India's next wave of growth be shaped by a transition to a low-carbon economy while meeting growing demand for food, water and energy?
- How will the cities of India ensure sustainable infrastructure development while continuing to support rapid urbanization and development needs?
- How can innovations in healthcare delivery be implemented across India to increase access and availability of medical services to tackle chronic and non-communicable diseases?
- How can administrative obstacles and policy paralysis be removed to allow the implementation of critical reform?

Developing Human Capital – Prioritizing Girls and Women

- How can India place greater emphasis on girls to counter cultural preferences and new technologies which lead to the phenomenon of “missing women”?
- How can practices be implemented by the private and public sector to overcome glass ceilings and low representation of women in leadership positions, despite women forming almost half of those obtaining university-level degrees?
- How can more systemic approaches in education and skill-building be promoted for developing and deploying human capital and better aligning supply and demand?

Fulfilling the Future Promise of India

- How can best practices in inclusive governance at the federal and state levels be stepped up to accelerate India's inclusive growth agenda?
- How can India better leverage its demographic dividend to empower the next generation of leaders in both India and South Asia?
- How will the prospect of normalized trade relations between India and Pakistan by the end of the year enable greater trade across South Asia and serve as a driver of employment?
- How can new models of financial services support economic growth and reach underserved customers to unlock new opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises, financing and consumer financial services beyond micro credit?

Meeting Information

The Forum has further improved the interactive, outcome-oriented format of meeting discussions. Speeches are strongly discouraged and all participants are invited to contribute actively to constructive, lively debate.

Plenary sessions feature senior government officials and business leaders, and cover broad issues on the meeting's theme. These sessions provide the conceptual framework for further discussions. In virtually all cases, ample time for questions, answers and discussion allows government officials to give first-hand information on critical economic and business issues. The closing plenary highlights the outcomes of the meeting and maps out the future engagement of the main stakeholders.

Interactive sessions pursue topics related to the four pillars of the programme in greater depth and are structured around a panel, bringing together expert views and contrasting perspectives. Prepared remarks by the panel are kept to a minimum in favour of intensive discussions under the guidance of a moderator. The objective of each interactive session is to formulate two to three concrete action points on the topic. Some of the interactive sessions are sector-specific and industry-focused.

WorkStudios are structured to allow a high level of interaction and exchange among participants. They often begin with short introductory remarks to set the scene, followed by small brainstorming exercises around working walls led by designated discussion leaders/facilitators. A feedback process brings the results of the discussions back to a common core. An open question-and-answer period rounds up the WorkStudio. The sessions are also structured to come up with concrete recommendations and key takeaways.

Arena sessions offer interactive debate with top government, business and civil society leaders. Prepared remarks by the panel are kept to a minimum in favour of intensive discussions under the guidance of a moderator.

One-on-One interview sessions elicit insightful and challenging perspectives on India's transformation from a select group of global and regional thought leaders. Each session introduces a guest who is an inspiring individual from business, government, academia or civil society.

New Solution sessions highlight the unique and creative approaches of the Forum's different communities to solving some of the region's most intractable issues. Each panellist presents a concrete solution, followed by a facilitated group discussion on its impact and scalability.

The Media Debate is conducted in collaboration with a leading global media organization. Lively and televised, it explores issues related to economic and societal shifts.

For sessions that are not open to the reporting press, please note that the Chatham House Rule applies:

When a meeting/session is held under the Chatham House Rule, neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s) may be revealed. The aim is to provide anonymity to speakers and encourage openness and sharing of information. It is now used worldwide as an aid to free discussion.

The same rule applies to blogging and tweeting of sessions. To encourage free-flowing debate, bloggers and twitterati are asked not to reveal the identity or affiliation of speakers in sessions without their permission.

FAQs

Where will the meeting take place?

The meeting will take place in the Leela Kempinski Gurgaon Hotel, National Capital Region, Gurgaon, India.

Where will I stay?

PublicisLive, our operations and logistics provider, will arrange accommodation for the World Economic Forum on India and will contact you upon confirmation of your registration.

What does registration include?

The registration fee (3,300 euros for Members, 4,500 euros for non-members) includes access to all sessions.

What is the working language of the meeting?

The official language of the meeting is English.

By when do I need to register?

The deadline for inclusion in the printed Participants Booklet is 19 October 2012. We therefore recommend you register before this date.

Do I need a visa?

Please check with the Indian embassy or consulate nearest you for visa requirements. The World Economic Forum is not responsible for providing visas.

Where do I find additional information about the programme?

Basic information on the programme can be found on the Forum website at <http://www.weforum.org/india2012>. Upon registration, you will receive your personal access to the meeting's private area of the website.

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Programme at a Glance

Tuesday 6 November

08.00 - 20.00	Private Sessions
10.00 - 20.00	Early Registration at the Leela the Leela Kempinski Gurgaon Hotel

Wednesday 7 November

08.15 - 09.00	Briefing Session - forum's vision
09.15 - 09.45	Opening Address - special address/harper
09.45 - 10.45	Interactive Session - i to i
10.00 - 11.00	Interactive Sessions - risk resilience - new solutions/children
10.00 - 11.00	Plenary Session in Parallel - inclusive governance
11.00 - 11.15	Community Break
11.15 - 12.30	Opening Plenary - rebooting India
12.45 - 13.45	Interactive Lunch Session - pakistan
14.00 - 15.15	Interactive Session - financing growth
14.00 - 15.15	Plenary Session in Parallel - entrepreneurship
15.15 - 15.45	Community Break
15.45 - 17.00	Plenary Session - india vision
17.15 - 18.15	Interactive Session - food security - health peace - consumer
17.15 - 18.15	Plenary Session - regional cooperation
18.30 - 19.00	Transfer
19.00 - 21.30	Welcome Reception and Dinner
21.30 - 22.00	Transfer

Thursday 8 November

09.00 - 10.00	Interactive Session - trade
09.00 - 09.30	One-on-One - one-on-one/powell
09.00 - 10.30	WorkStudio - road safety
10.15 - 11.15	Interactive Sessions - derisking cities - new solutions/healthy living
10.15 - 11.15	Debate - beyond numbers
11.15 - 11.45	Community Break
11.45 - 13.00	Plenary Session - missing women
11.45 - 13.00	Plenary Session in Parallel - investor confidence
13.00 - 14.00	Community Lunch
13.30 - 14.00	One-on-One - one-on-one/bang
14.15 - 15.15	Interactive Session - gender parity - new solutions/ education tech
14.15 - 15.15	Televised Session - digital governance
14.15 - 15.45	WorkStudio - manufacturing
15.15 - 15.45	Community Break
15.45 - 16.45	Plenary Session - chief ministers
15.45 - 16.15	One-on-One - one-on-one/sarabhai
17.00 - 18.00	Closing Plenary
18.00 - 19.00	Farewell Reception



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