

Regional Agenda

Agenda 2014

Regional Meetings and the Annual Meeting of the New Champions

World Economic Forum on Latin America
Panama City, Panama 1-3 April 2014

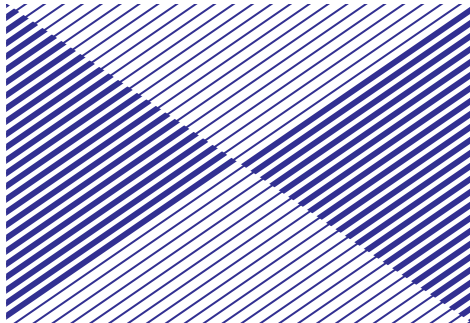
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Turkey
Istanbul, Turkey 28-29 September 2014

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To address the challenges of global economic turmoil, we must continue to promote regional cooperation and integration – and the key to this is connectivity.

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Yingluck Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

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The World Economic Forum is just an amazing set of ideas, connections and people.

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Marissa Mayer, CEO, Yahoo! Inc., USA

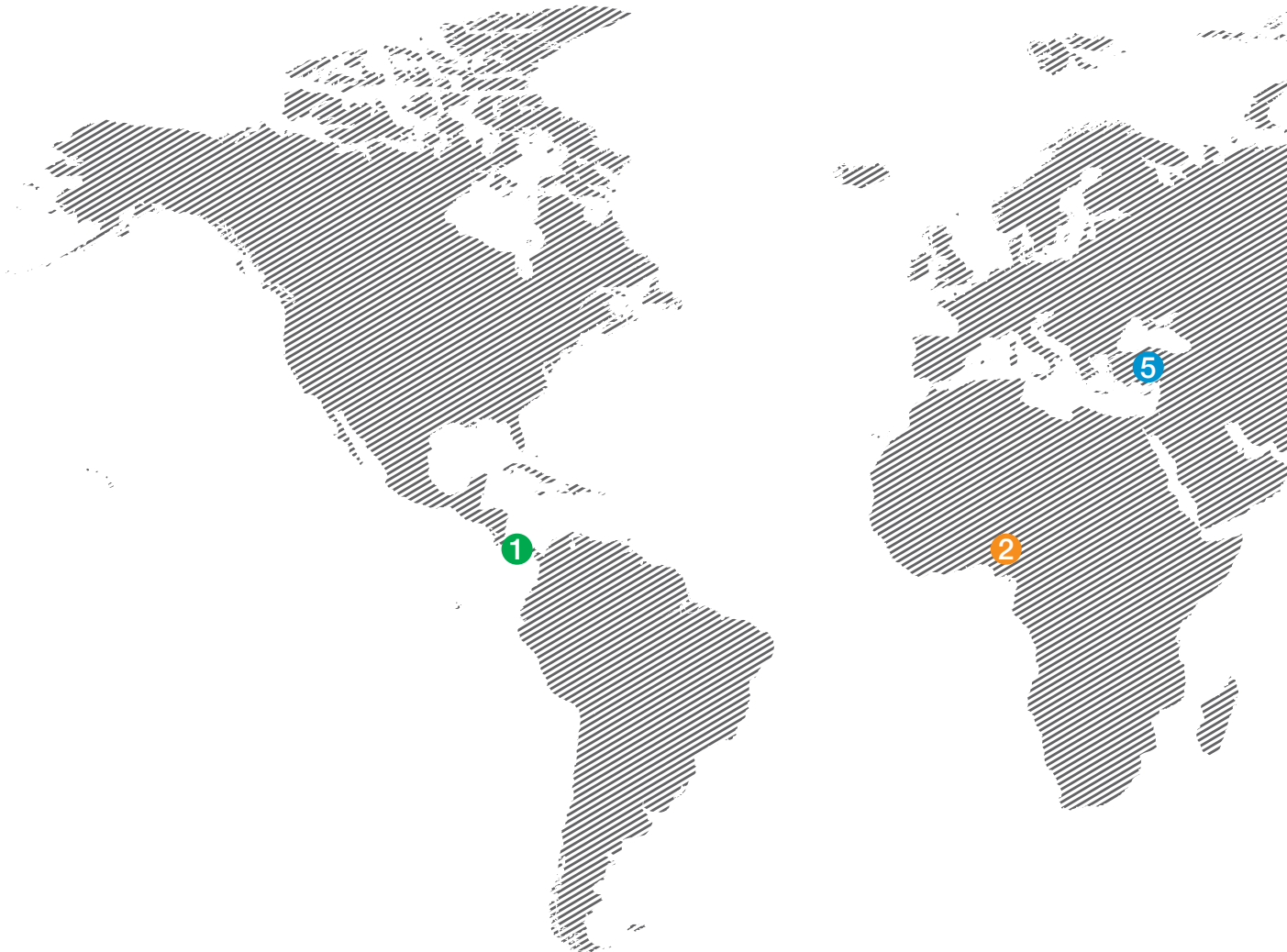
For more than 40 years, the World Economic Forum has provided an unrivalled independent platform for convening the most relevant actors from all sectors – business, government and civil society – in a high-level, informal environment of trust to discuss, learn, debate and take action on today’s pressing challenges. Based on its integrated and interactive approach, Forum meetings are not stand-alone events in the traditional conference sense. Rather, they are much more based on an ongoing concept of processes, task forces, and preparatory activities and follow-up actions.

The Annual Meeting in Davos remains the foremost meeting to determine global, regional and industry agendas at the beginning of each year. The Annual Meeting of the New Champions serves as the world’s foremost meeting devoted to innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and technology of the “new economy”, and the Summit on the Global Agenda is the foremost global “expert” Summit to define global, regional and industry transformation processes.

In addition to its Annual Meetings, the Forum also convenes a number of Regional meetings each year, to discuss specific regional challenges within a global context. These events focus on determining the critical actions needed to deal with regional challenges and to improve competitiveness. They provide a neutral environment for business, political and civil society leaders to take a greater role in global governance and secure the prosperity of their countries. Participants engage in discussions on how these global challenges and opportunities affect their regions, and the outcomes feed into the Annual Meetings.

In this respect, the Forum’s Annual and Regional meetings are closely interwoven and reinforce each other. Many of the sub-activities integrated in the regional summits are taken up in Davos, and vice versa, thus contributing to a continuous process of interaction at the highest level.

Forum membership includes an invitation to participate in all regional meetings for the chief executive or chairperson of each Member, including Global Growth Company Members. This important privilege is recognized as the most effective way for senior executives to interact with leaders across regions and to gain new insights from renowned experts into the increasingly complex environment in which they operate.



1 World Economic Forum on Latin America

Panama City, Panama 1-3 April 2014

Opening Pathways for Shared Progress

Latin America is known for its financial stability, sustained economic growth, growing middle class and vast natural resources. Its internal market of over 600 million people, strong macroeconomic foundations and increased access to financing make the region ripe for global opportunities.

Panama, the host of this year's World Economic Forum on Latin America, embodies the region's progress and potential. The country is a thriving international hub of trade and investment in the Americas and has demonstrated impressive economic performance and stable growth rates of over 10% in recent years. It offers a strategic geographic position in the centre of the Americas, being further enhanced with the development of modern infrastructure and the expansion of the Panama Canal, which is to coincide with the celebration of its centenary at the meeting.

The World Economic Forum on Latin America will focus on the region's efforts in maintaining its economic growth, boosting the diversification of its economies, increase its productivity, fuel competitiveness, enhance trade and invest in human capital. Participants will help to determine how to better address challenges in education, health, infrastructure and technology in the region and will contribute to shaping the region's economic, social and political agenda.

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2 World Economic Forum on Africa

Abuja, Nigeria 7-9 May 2014

Forging Inclusive Growth, Creating Jobs

Africa's remarkable growth trajectory is projected to remain above 5 per cent in 2014 with West Africa the fastest growing sub-region, representing the continent's largest business opportunity. Such momentum is a welcome and necessary boon to a region whose youthful population offers the prospects of a significant demographic dividend fuelled by growth in consumer industries, manufacturing and business process outsourcing.

Nigeria, sub-Saharan Africa's second-largest economy and most populous nation – with over 160 million inhabitants – already plays a crucial role in advancing the continent's growth; yet it is also emblematic of the challenges of converting natural wealth into solutions that address persistent social challenges.

As the foremost gathering on the continent, the 24th World Economic Forum on Africa will bring together regional and global leaders to discuss innovative structural reforms and investments that can sustain the continent's growth while creating jobs and prosperity for all its citizens.

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3 World Economic Forum on East Asia 2014

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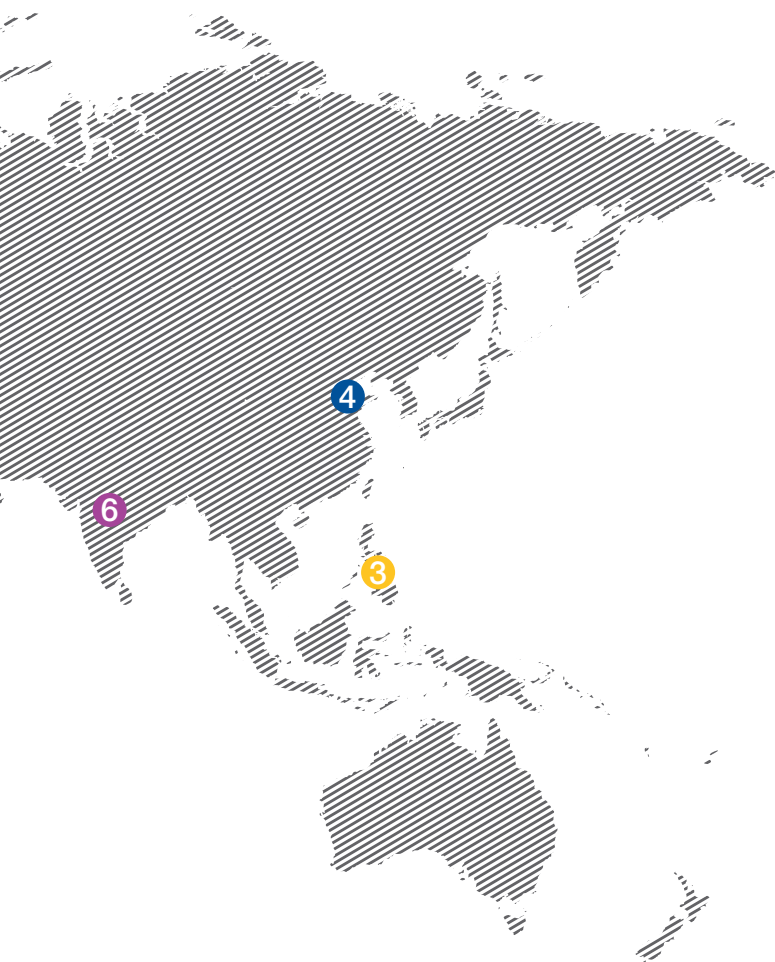
Leveraging Growth for Equitable Progress

In the World Economic Forum's recent Global Competitiveness rankings, the Philippines was the most improved economy, advancing an astounding 22 places from 2009. The country is also a founding and active member of ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and its economy is the 40th largest in the world. As a newly industrialized country, the Philippines has been transitioning from an economy based on agriculture, to one based more on services and manufacturing and saw GDP growth surpassing 6.5% in 2012.

In this context, the 23rd World Economic Forum on East Asia will be held in Manila, Philippines. This will provide an ideal platform for participants to address not only the region's challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, but also to understand the ever more important geo-economic and geopolitical importance of ASEAN.

As one of the economically fastest-growing regions in the world, ASEAN is one year away from achieving a common market comprising 600 million people with a combined GDP of nearly US\$ 2 trillion.

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4 Annual Meeting of the New Champions

Tianjin, People's Republic of China
10-12 September 2014

Creating Value through Innovation

Established in 2007 as the foremost global gathering on science, technology and innovation, the Annual Meeting of the New Champions convenes the next generation of fast-growing enterprises shaping the future of business and society together with leaders from major multinationals as well as government, media, academia and civil society. Join us next September in Tianjin as part of – a community of more than 1,500 participants from 90 countries – for a true global experience addressing today's unprecedented set of intertwined global challenges – economic, political, societal and environmental.

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5 World Economic Forum Special Meeting in Turkey

Istanbul, Turkey 28-29 September 2014

Unlocking Resources for Economic Growth

Turkey is not only at the crossroads of three rapidly transforming regions, but is also going through its own economic, political and social transformation. Following the first-ever direct presidential elections in August, Turkey will assume Chairmanship of the G20 as of December, creating new opportunities for shaping the domestic and international agendas. Meanwhile, the three regions that border Turkey – Europe, Eurasia, and the Middle East and North Africa – are each experiencing rapid and historic economic and political changes and challenges that are fundamentally impacting their economic trajectory and the outlook for growth and investment.

The World Economic Forum Special Meeting in Turkey, taking place in Istanbul, is a unique opportunity for senior global and regional stakeholders to better understand, adapt to, and shape these national and regional transformations by engaging with key economic decision-makers and other leaders from business, government and civil society.

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6 World Economic Forum on India

New Delhi, India 4-6 November 2014

India is Asia's third largest economy, the world's largest democracy and second most populous country, with over 1.2 billion inhabitants. In this indispensable emerging market, the country's entrepreneurs and rapidly globalizing firms are key contributors to the world economy. However, as a fundamentally bottom-up, state-led and centrally enabled model, the country's development is a multidimensional undertaking. As a result, the challenges and opportunities that India encounters are among the most important yet also least understood in the world.

Marking the 30th year of the World Economic Forum's engagement in India and to further explore the country's vast potential, the meeting in New Delhi will provide a multistakeholder platform for international and national leaders interested in contributing to a sustainable roadmap for India's future.

This meeting will offer an opportunity to meet with the new government to discuss key issues that challenge inclusive growth in India and to focus to craft solutions.

This will be an invaluable meeting for all who have a real interest in the future of India.

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