

Press Conferences for Annual Meeting

Davos-Klosters, Switzerland 14-25 January

Programme

As of 22 January 2015

Thursday 22 January

09.00 - 09.30
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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

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

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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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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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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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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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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 Chohade**, 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

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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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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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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, Cinopolis, Mexico; Young Global Leader Alumnus

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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 Kolley Yumkella**, Undersecretary-General and Special Representative, United Nations - Sustainable Energy for All, Vienna; Global Agenda Council on the

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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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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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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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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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Saturday 24 January

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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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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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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

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