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Cooperation in a Fragmented World Outcomes from the Meeting

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About the 53rd Annual Meeting 2023

The World Economic Forum convened its 53rd Annual Meeting in January to reaffirm the value and imperative of dialogue and public-private cooperation, not only to navigate the current cascading crises but, more importantly, to drive tangible, system-positive change for the long term.

For over 50 years, the World Economic Forum has provided space for leaders to engage in peer-to-peer deliberations in the spirit of improving the state of the world. Given the urgency of the multiple crises that we are faced with, never has this mission been more important. Therefore, finding ways to reinstitute a collective sense of agency and to turn defensive measures into proactive, vision-driven policies and business strategies was at the heart of the meeting.

Over the course of five days, leaders engaged in 480 sessions, with the overriding focus on solutions and impact on key topics, such as gender equality, climate change, global economic outlook, innovation and technology, geopolitical order and many others.



Through the power of collaboration, innovation, human goodwill and ingenuity, we have the capacity to turn challenges into opportunities. This is the spirit of solving problems through mutual respect and cooperation. This is the spirit of Davos.

Klaus Schwab

Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum



Our Participants

We brought together **over 2,700 leaders** across 130 countries:

- Of which **47 Heads of State/Government**
- **Over 350 Public Figures** across 90 nationalities
- **1,500 Business Leaders**, which included 90 Unicorns and Tech Pioneers
- **50 Civil Society** leaders, including NGOs, religious leaders, labour organizations and Indigenous communities
- **Over 160 change-makers** from Global Shapers, Young Global Leaders and the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship communities
- Record number of participation from women leaders, who were highly represented across the programme

480+

Sessions in our Official Programme

305 Open Sessions

177 Invitation-Only Sessions

62 Affiliated Sessions

Rewatch our livestreamed sessions on our [official website](#)



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We are facing a threat of the collapse of a world as we know it, the way that we are accustomed to it and to what we aspire.

Olena Zelenska
First Lady of Ukraine



We are resolutely pushing forward with the decarbonization of our industry.

Olaf Scholz
Chancellor of Germany



We oppose unilateralism and protectionism and look forward to strengthening international cooperation with all countries for world economic stability and development, and the promotion of economic re-globalization.

Liu He
Vice-Premier of China

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Technology will provide more and more ways to bring people together.

Satya Nadella

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Microsoft



We need a new type of globalization, not the old type, what we are calling deglobalization at the WTO.

Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Director-General of World Trade Organization



There is no issue more critical to the lives of Indigenous peoples and to the health of our shared home than global climate change.

Fawn Sharp

President, National Congress of American Indians

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The pandemic confirmed that those with skills were more equipped to adequately adapt to the transformations: increasing people's employability and providing them with greater control of their prosperity is critical to creating a future that is better for the many, not the few.

Jonas Prising

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ManpowerGroup



Democracies will never function better if half of the population [women] is not included. Women today are at the base of our societies. Where they are not in positions of power, power is very hostile to women.

Arancha Gonzalez Laya

Dean, The Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA), Sciences Po



Over the last three years, we have entered a new era of globalization. We have shifted from market-driven globalization to politically powered globalization.

Bruno Le Maire

Minister of Economy, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty of France

Fostering Private-Public Cooperation for Impact



KEY OUTCOMES FROM THE MEETING

Addressing the Current Energy and Food Crises in the context of a New System for Energy, Climate and Nature

The [First Movers Coalition](#) leaders ramped up collective climate action by doubling their membership from 35 to 70 and committing to be proactive and engage their suppliers to work with governments in matching private offtake of public green procurement and addressing common challenges on infrastructure, policies, and standards.

At the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2023, nine leading industrial clusters from Indonesia, the United States, Japan, Spain, and China, joined the [Transitioning Industrial Clusters Towards Net Zero](#) initiative.

The World Economic Forum, supported by more than 45 partners, launched the [Giving to Amplify Earth Action \(GAEA\)](#), a global initiative to fund and grow new and existing public, private, and philanthropic partnerships (PPPPs) to unlock the \$3 trillion of financing needed each year to reach net zero, reverse nature loss and restore biodiversity by 2050. GAEA will also work with COP28 to build the enabling environment that can scale and amplify existing PPPPs.

The World Economic Forum launched a Chief Sustainability Leaders community, with 60 chief sustainability officers at the Annual Meeting, representing 12 industry sectors, 22 countries, and an estimated 4.8 million employees.

Joyeeta Gupta and Johan Rockström revealed never-seen-before [science](#) outlining a framework for “Earth System Boundaries” to keep the planet safe from the effects of the climate crisis.

The President of Tanzania announced her commitment to join the [Food Action Alliance](#) (FAA), in collaboration with Rwanda as co-lead, to progress the FAA’s commitment to driving flagships and a network of countries across Asia, Africa, and the Americas in 2023. The Forum also launched a new report, [Food, Nature, Health Transitions – Repeatable Country Models](#), as a roadmap for investment and partnerships with early-mover countries.

The Whole Fish Champions community convened for the first time in the Forum’s [Global Collaboration Village](#) for a meeting on the metaverse around an underwater conference table, discussing the reduction of waste in seafood and shaping strong governance and financial resources to tackle seafood loss and waste.

Following the launch of the report [Securing the Energy Transition](#), public and private sector participants emphasized the need to focus on energy security for a robust and effective energy transition. The speed of regulatory developments in times of crisis has been remarkable; a similar sense of urgency is necessary to meet Paris Agreement goals.



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[The Innovating for the European Green Deal](#) white paper was launched, which builds on interviews of select members of the CEO Action Group for the European Green Deal and Global Innovators, that aims to encourage policy dialogues on how to further accelerate innovation in Europe.

The Forum launched the Community of Climate Governance Experts, an interdisciplinary knowledge network, to develop cutting-edge thought-leadership and help corporate board action on climate.

A briefing paper entitled [The Voluntary Carbon Market: Climate Finance at an Inflection Point](#) was released, setting a science-based decarbonization target to deliver in the near term, adopt and scale leading standards on project quality claims, and create market transparency through disclosure and collaboration on potential reforms.

Financing for Nature launched the [draft version](#) of [High Integrity and Governance Principles](#) for Biodiversity Credits markets.

[1t.org](#) welcomed two additional pledges reaching over 80 companies committing to more than 7 billion trees in over 65 countries by 2030. The first 30 companies have shared data on their [forest restoration](#), thanks to a partnership with IUCN, 85% of which are on track to fulfil commitments.

Business leaders agreed to work towards operationalizing the [Framework for Business Action on Climate Adaptation](#).

The [CEO Climate Leader Alliance](#) identified three main priorities for leaders to work on: sharing best practices on engaging the whole organization; fostering decarbonization of Scope 3 emissions through the launch of a standard playbook; setting clear goals on Scope 2 and engaging with emerging markets.

The [Global Water Initiative](#) launched a first-of-its-kind water innovation ecosystem, announcing the winners of the Global Freshwater Challenge, the first of five challenges in the Aquapreneur Innovation Initiative, who received CHF 1.75 million in total in co-financing with HCL Tech.



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The **ASEAN Leaders for Just Energy Transition** was launched to deliver a just energy transition for the region, leveraging the Forum's platform to strengthen the intra-regional and international public-private cooperation.

G20 economies are continuing to advance the sustainable blue economy agenda, to support the vision of Lifestyle for Environment, which underpins India's G20 Presidency. The Annual Meeting showcased existing commitments and collaborations such as those on ending plastic pollution, marine spatial planning, marine protection, and helped solidify existing ones. The World Economic Forum signed a partnership with the Government of Indonesia to support its ambition to scale blue carbon restoration and ocean conservation efforts.

The Forum announced a **new initiative in partnership with the Wellcome Trust** to document the impact of the climate crisis on global public health through evidence-based solutions. The aim is to strengthen both the healthcare systems and health support needed to protect individuals.

The **Food Action Alliance convened over 60 leaders**, including the Presidents of Tanzania and Colombia, the Deputy Prime Minister of Viet Nam, Ministers from Niti Ayog, Telangana, Norway, Rwanda, CEOs, Farmer organizations, and multilateral institutions – showcasing early-mover countries and flagship initiatives that have policy and investment strategies and outcomes for sustainable food systems.

The University of Exeter announced the **Hoffmann Fellowship** with the World Economic Forum and Arctic Basecamp, to develop a new project in support of the Arctic and Antarctic biospheres.

The **Leaders for a Sustainable MENA** committed to explore improved coordination both within the Middle East and North Africa region as well as between Europe and MENA, through standardized regulatory framework. It will work on a regional roadmap to accelerate and scale clean hydrogen adoption.



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The World Economic Forum and its partners launched the [Clean Power and Delivery Accelerator](#), which will focus on scaling clean power by removing non-economic barriers, expanding and modernizing transmission and distribution grids.

The [Global Plastic Action Partnership \(GPAP\)](#) deepened multistakeholder leadership on a global plastic treaty in the making. Three ministers from Ecuador signed a collaboration agreement with GPAP, reaffirming its commitment to plastic action. In partnership with UNEP FI, a new finance stakeholder group was established to mobilize banks, insurers and investors to unlock financing for implementation.

In front of drifted geopolitical divergence and energy crisis, the [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#) in the United States can catalyse opportunities for both the EU and US in building private sector competitiveness and upscaling green employments that are crucial for the energy transition, if long-term goals are heightened and industrial benchmarks aligned with policies. Global leadership is important on the journey from climate denial to climate delay.

Børge Brende, President of the World Economic Forum, and Majid Al Suwaidi, Director-General and Special Representative for COP28 signed a **Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration on the delivery of the COP28 goals**. This agreement formalized the partnership between the Forum and the COP28 presidential team to mobilize business leaders for climate ambition, decarbonize industry, lead a just energy transition, mobilize finance through climate philanthropy, and create sustainable food, water, and natural ecosystems.

Through a [joint statement](#), an initial group of champions for a new **Global Commission on Nature-Positive Cities** agreed to join forces to increase awareness of climate, and nature-related risks and accelerate investment in nature to design, plan and deliver cities.

Through the Forum's **New Frontiers of Nutrition Initiative**, leaders from government, private sector, academia, and civil society committed to the establishment of a global nutrition transformation roadmap to mobilize the industry, investment, policy, and consumer landscapes to achieve better nutrition for all.

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Addressing the Current High-Inflation, Low-Growth, High-Debt Economy in the context of a New System for Investment, Trade and Infrastructure

The Forum launched a [Future of Growth Consortium](#), to support and champion a new multidimensional agenda for growth, highlighting the trade-offs and synergies with other goals and values, including climate, equality, innovation and societal resilience.

A majority of the World Economic Forum's Community of Chief Economists [expect a global recession in 2023](#), see geopolitical tensions continuing to shape the global economy, and anticipate further monetary tightening in the US and Europe. Leaders stressed the need to respond to the cost-of-living crisis through boosting open trade, actively managing fiscal and monetary policies and increasing productivity.

Technologies in agriculture, education and energy are "the most strategically important" for economies and societies over the next decade, [according to a survey of 12,000 global executives](#). Leaders laid the foundations for a [Market Creators Alliance](#) to improve public-private collaboration in creating new models of innovation and industrial development.

The Forum continues to expand its network of [Markets of Tomorrow Accelerators](#) - country-level initiatives that support government and business in identifying and nurturing new technologies and markets to drive economic growth and transformation. At the Annual Meeting, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia became the latest country to announce the launch of a Markets of Tomorrow Accelerator.

Government and business leaders took stock of progress on implementing the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and discussed progress on a similar agreement on Investment Facilitation Development. They also agreed on the need to support a mechanism that can allow impactful, measurable and business-oriented investment and trade.

Leaders committed to facilitate sustainable foreign direct investments through developing a Guidebook on Impactful Measures, calling also on the need to create a Coalition of Investment Promotion Agencies for Climate.

During the Annual Meeting, the 2023-2024 term for the [Network of Global Future Councils](#) was also launched. The network comprises 29 expertise-based thematic councils and convenes 500 experts from academia, government, international organizations, business, and civil society. The councils will help identify future-ready pathways on critical frontier and systems issues.



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The World Economic Forum is launching the [Centre for Trustworthy Technology](#) in Austin, Texas, to promote responsible production and use of emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and quantum computing.

The **Steering Committee of the [Defining and Building the Metaverse Initiative](#)** reviewed the first output on interoperability and future themes of privacy, security, safety and identity.

The [Crypto Impact and Sustainability Accelerator](#) launched its [Digital Identity Initiative](#), bringing together over 50 leading organizations from the public and private sectors to develop policy frameworks, evaluation mechanisms and tools to realize the benefits and mitigate the risks of privacy-preserving digital identity.

The Forum launched the [Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2023](#), which provides a roadmap for leaders as they grapple with new cybersecurity trends that disrupt business and undermine societies' social and economic activities.

CEOs launched the **Digital Transition Public-Private Dialogue Series**, as part of the [Digital Transition Framework](#), to build a shared global digital agenda for the next decade and address short-term and long-term challenges.

The Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Strategic Intelligence launched a global [GovTech network](#), which aims to accelerate and amplify solutions for the digital transformation of government.

Japan's Minister for Digital Transformation Kono Taro called for the creation of a new international body to promote cross-border data flows, regulatory cooperation and technology alliance, raising the need for a formal partnership that could operationalize [Data Free Flow with Trust](#).

Forum's **Stakeholder Capitalism Metrics Coalition** secured strategic alignment with financial market regulators and standard-setters on harmonized requirements among different regulatory regimes.

Almost **30 Governors' meetings** were held. These CEO meetings focused on transforming industries and accelerating industry decarbonization and sustainable business, digital transformation and new business models, and building resilience to ongoing macro shifts.



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Seven CEOs announced their adoption of the [Green Building Principles](#), pledging to reduce real estate-related emissions by 50% by 2030 and to be fully net zero by 2050. The group also launched the [Attainable Housing Dialogue Series](#), coalescing around the guiding principles of “leadership, governance and capital”.

The [Circular Transformation of Industries](#) initiative generated commitments from 20+ leading organizations to drive circularity systemically and at scale to enable an innovative, sustainable and resilient economy through industry-level projects.

The [EDISON Alliance](#) partners have had a positive impact on the lives of 454 million people around the world, 16 months into the challenge and with three years left to go [until 2025](#). This was achieved by activating over 250 initiatives, in 90 countries, and across 14 industries – representing 45% of the overall target for 2025.

The [Cybercrime Atlas](#) was launched as a Forum-hosted initiative to facilitate a collective effort to map the cybercrime landscape and promote operational collaboration.

Surveying more than 270 experts, the [State of the Connected World Report](#) collected insights on major governance gaps and opportunities of internet of things (IoT) to build a connected world.

Government ministers from 31 countries, leading companies from the building and real estate industry and civil society organizations joined forces to accelerate the development of a thriving sustainable community, launching a new global [Davos Baukultur Alliance](#), led by the [World Economic Forum](#).

Capgemini is joining forces with the World Economic Forum and the International Centre for Industrial Transformation to scale COSIRI, a new global benchmarking tool to assess the sustainability maturity of industrial operations.

The Forum and the UAE government signed a collaboration agreement on the [TradeTech Initiative](#) to use technology to overcome trade impediments across sectors and geographies. They also signed the agreement to host the [Annual Meeting of the Global Future Council 2023](#) in Dubai, on 16-17 October 2023.

CEOs from the Aviation, Travel and Tourism community and leaders from the broader airports’ ecosystem agreed to launch in the coming months an initiative to shape the transformation of airports from passenger-only to sustainable economic activity hubs. The initiative will work in tandem with the Clean Skies of Tomorrow coalition to accelerate the uptake of sustainable aviation fuels and the group’s ambition to reach 10% by 2030.



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Addressing the Current Social Vulnerabilities in the context of a New System for Work, Skills and Care

Some 350 million people are experiencing better skills, jobs and education through commitments made as part of the Forum's [Reskilling Revolution Initiative](#), three years after its launching at the Annual Meeting in Davos. A [new Forum report](#) finds that an additional 76 million jobs in green and social sectors are needed by 2030 in 10 economies alone, highlighting the crucial role of reskilling and upskilling in the future of jobs.

Twenty ministers and CEOs joined the [Jobs Consortium](#) to drive and implement a new vision for a better future of work. The [Good Work Alliance](#) aligned on how to attract talent and drive retention, and build a resilient, equitable and human-centric future of work, based on newly published [metrics and reporting guidelines](#).

The [Education 4.0 Alliance](#) launched a new interactive [education 4.0 taxonomy](#) and announced 16 finalists as [education lighthouses](#), examples of the most innovative and forward-looking education initiatives from around the world.

Italy confirmed its intention to join a network of 17 national [Skills and Education accelerators](#). The Confederation of Indian Industries signed a new agreement with the Forum to promote innovative and inclusive approaches to upskilling and reskilling. The Forum and the Maharashtra Institution for Transformation signed a partnership on improving skills and jobs in the State of Maharashtra.

The Education Industry community held its inaugural meeting to discuss the industry's role in shaping the future of human capital. University leaders also met to discuss the future of higher education and committed to shaping a more cooperative future on education, science and research.

The [Regionalized Vaccine Manufacturing Collaborative](#) announced a framework, developed in discussion with 96 public, private and NGO stakeholders, to improve equitable access to vaccines during pandemics and routine times through geo-diversification of regional manufacturing.



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Leaders discussed lessons learned from the labour market integration of Ukrainian refugees based on a [newly published briefing paper](#) from the Forum's Refugee Employment and Employability Initiative and considered how to scale these learnings in other contexts.

The [Global Parity Alliance](#), a global coalition of 250 CEOs, ministers and other leaders, met to design strategies to renew growth and resilience through diversity, equity and inclusion within organizations and across the corporate ecosystem. The alliance launched its [Lighthouse Programme](#), highlighting best-in-class diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives from leading companies around the world.

Honduras joined the Forum's network of [13 Gender Parity Accelerators](#). The Accelerators are working with more than 77 public sector and more than a 1000 businesses globally to increase labour force participation, advance pay equity and accelerate gender parity in STEM.

The Forum and the Ministry of Women and Child Development of India will collaborate to improve global data availability on participation of women in local political decision-making. They will also work to accelerate upskilling and reskilling in India, with a focus on digital and managerial skills for women.

Some 56 business members of the [Partnering for Racial Justice Initiative](#) - representing over 7 million workers globally - agreed on [10 Guiding Principles for Racial and Ethnic Equity](#) to assess gaps, track progress and take action on issues related to race and ethnicity within their organizations.



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CEOs in seven industries launched the [Zero Health Gaps Pledge](#), committing to embed [health equity](#) in their core strategies, operations and investments, and to work with other private and public sector leaders to eliminate disparities in health and well-being globally.

The World Economic Forum's [Global Coalition for Digital Safety](#) has launched new principles translating international human rights into the digital context, driving multistakeholder alignment and enabling positive behaviour and action across the ecosystem.

The Forum, together with the Africa CDC, announced a formal collaboration to establish **multisectoral partnerships in support of Africa CDC's Pathogen Genomics Institute's** vision for a continent-wide pathogen surveillance system which includes safe data-sharing practices, bioinformatics, genomics and supply chain and logistic systems collaboration.

Eight additional manufacturing companies committed to join forces and mobilize resources to further scale the [Global Lighthouse Network](#) initiative - a network of companies demonstrating leadership in advanced technologies - to accelerate digitalization, sustainability and inclusive workforce engagement at scale.

The [Global Battery Alliance](#) announced the proof of concept for the world's first battery passport that can allow recovery and reuse of the passport while sharing key information with consumers to inform their buying decisions.

The World Economic Forum is launching its first [thematic centre on healthcare and life sciences](#) in Telangana, India, in collaboration with the state government. The centre will be an autonomous, non-profit organization, leading on policy and governance for healthcare and life sciences.

In collaboration with the Partnership for Central America, the Forum and the IDB launched a [Gender Parity Accelerator](#) with the Government of Honduras and published a report on the Stakeholder Metrics' regional context.



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Addressing the Current Geopolitical Risks in the context of a New System for Dialogue and Cooperation in a Multipolar World

The [Global Risk Report 2023](#) points to the need for greater global cooperation and ranks the cost-of-living crisis as the most severe short-term global risk, while the failure of climate mitigation and climate adaptation are the biggest long-term concerns for humanity. The Risks Community identified three priorities for its mandate at the Annual Meeting: risk foresight – diversifying inputs and focus outputs; strengthening the quantification of global risks; and linking foresight and preparedness.

The Forum brought together over **40 CEOs across industries with Ukraine's political leadership**, including First Lady Olena Zelenska and First Deputy Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko joining in person in Davos, as well as Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal joining virtually, to reconfirm commitment of the private sector in meeting Ukraine's immediate needs and enable the country's long-term reconstruction.

USAID announced its new **\$50 million Private Sector Engagement Fund**, which focuses on identifying partnerships that achieve outsized development impact by leveraging business comparative advantages and influencing businesses to adopt socially responsible practices in their operations and supply chains.

The Forum continues to advance dialogue through its Special Dialogue community of Israeli and Palestinian business leaders. Under the umbrella of this community, the Swiss Envoy for the Middle East will work together with the Forum to launch a joint working group on Climate and Science, which will focus on three priorities: water scarcity, waste management and agriculture. **Palestinian and Israeli business leaders reinforced their commitment to the Palestinian economy against political uncertainty through a [joint communique](#).**

During the third Meeting of the Forum, Friends of the AfCFTA, in partnership with the AfCFTA Secretariat, launched the **first report by global business** on the opportunities presented by the Africa Continental Free Trade Area. The participants agreed to develop an action plan for the Annual Meeting 2024.

The publication of the Forum paper in collaboration with McKinsey & Company on [Seizing the Momentum to Build Resilience](#) was highlighted, which outlines a comprehensive action agenda to drive resilience. It was agreed that policy-makers and business leaders need to develop strategies to drive a global resilience agenda.



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A series of Country Strategy Dialogues, interactive dialogues between public figures and business CEOs were held throughout the week:

- **Saudi Arabia's Ministers** focused on the kingdom's transformation agenda and economic outlook for the year ahead
- **Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission**, emphasized the need to eliminate global emissions to reach climate goals during the European Commission meeting
- **Pedro Sánchez, Prime Minister of Spain**, focused on the country's economic outlook, its reform agenda, sustainability and green energy, transformative investments and resilience
- **Japan's ministers** focused on the country's "New Capitalism" and, more specifically, on trade, climate, growth, energy, technology and workforce
- **South Africa's ministers** addressed the country's spill over consequences of the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, especially on the energy crisis
- **Indonesia's** Minister of Investment focused on the country's G20 presidents and the ASEAN chairmanship

Other dialogues were held between business leaders and political leadership from Viet Nam and the Republic of Korea.

During a critical multilateral meeting between Klaus Schwab and the delegation of three senior Indian cabinet ministers, both sides agreed on [continued partnership during India's G20 presidency](#) under multiple thematic areas that India aims to prioritize during the year.

The Forum also hosted a **Diplomacy Dialogue on Myanmar** with key regional and international leaders to address Myanmar's humanitarian crisis, and a CEO Dialogue on the Philippines with the President **Ferdinand Marcos Jr**, introducing the countries' strong focus, from agriculture, food security and nutrition to cybersecurity, data management and digitalization.

Several European leaders, including the Presidents of Poland, Lithuania and North Macedonia, as well as the Leader of the Democratic Forces of Belarus and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain, pledged continued support for Ukraine, highlighting the importance of European solidarity.

Leaders from the European Union, European Parliament and Western Balkan nations highlighted the potential of the new European Political Community (EPC) in broadening dialogue among European nations, as well as debating the current level of attractiveness of the EU to prospective members.



CHANGE-MAKERS FROM DAVOS

Civil Society and Social Entrepreneurship

The Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship awarded [16 Social Innovators of the Year 2023](#), for their innovative approach and potential global impact, joining a community of 435 innovators operating in 190 countries.

The Global Alliance for Social Entrepreneurship launched a report on **Innovations towards Health Equity in Africa**, which offers evidence that social entrepreneurs are key actors that can drive systems change by embracing local contexts.

Positioned between the launch of two key reports, Strengthening Public-Private Cooperation with Civil Society, and the 2023 Edelman Trust barometer - this high-level, multistakeholder panel - looked at ways in which public-private cooperation and collaboration with civil society can disrupt the current cycle of distrust.

Eight indigenous leaders brought their wisdom to Davos in conjunction with a new report on [Embedding Indigenous Knowledge in the Conservation and Restoration of Landscapes](#).

The Forum's Global Shapers Community launched its **Davos Hub**, uniting diverse and dynamic young people from the Annual Meeting's host city who, together, will create projects and change for their communities.

The importance of civil society's role in multistakeholder cooperation was reflected across the programme and recently launched [community paper on Civil Society's 2023 agenda](#).

On the role of faith, the Forum launched the **Interfaith Climate and Nature Action community** bringing together faith leaders and organizations driving impact together with values.



Uplink and Global Innovators

The Forum gathered over **90 mission-driven Tech Pioneers and Unicorns** from the Forum's [Global Innovators](#) community to help shape the industry and societal agenda.

UpLink hosted a [press conference](#) to announce new partnerships with Manulife, Africa Teen Geeks and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to source and scale innovations that will strengthen sustainable forestry, STEM training for young people, and sustainable food systems, respectively. The speakers included Suzanne DiBianca (EVP & Chief Impact Officer, Salesforce), Joe Ucuzoglu (Incoming Global CEO, Deloitte), Tatiana Malvasio (UpLink Top Innovator and Co-Founder & CEO, Kilimo), Faisal Alibrahim (Minister of Economy and Planning, Saudi Arabia), Lindiwe Matlali (CEO, Africa Teen Geeks) and Roy Gori (President & CEO, Manulife).

We also announced the [first cohort of aquapreneurs](#): 10 winners of the [Global Freshwater Challenge](#), the first of five water-focused challenges run in collaboration with HCL Tech as a part of the Aquapreneur Innovation Initiative. Each of the winning organizations will receive CHF175,000 in co-financing from HCL to scale their solutions.

We launched two new 'Innovation Challenges':

1. The [Sustainable Forest Economy Challenge](#), run in collaboration with Manulife, to identify scalable innovations for sustainable forest management
2. The [Food Ecosystems in Arid Climates Challenge](#), run in collaboration with Saudi Arabia, to identify innovations that strengthen food security amid droughts and desertification

In addition, we announced the winning cohorts of two more Innovation Challenges:

1. The [Trillion Trees: USA Challenge](#), run in collaboration with 1t.org, for the conservation, restoration and growth of forests in the United States
2. The [Ocean Data Challenge](#), run in collaboration with Friends of Ocean Action to improve our knowledge of oceans through data and analytics

These new winning cohorts added 30 new entrepreneurs to the UpLink Innovation Ecosystem.

Across the week, the 10 UpLink Top Innovators had the opportunity to present their solutions in the [Forum's IdeasHub](#) and in more than 25 official and invite-only sessions throughout the Annual Meeting Programme.



ART AND CULTURE

Arts & Culture Programme

- 4 Crystal Awardees
- 4 One-on-One sessions: Cultural Leaders and Global Shapers
- 1 Cultural Event in the Global Collaboration Village
- 4 Meet the Artist sessions at the Exhibitions
- 3 Exhibition Tours, including all four Exhibitions
- 6 Discovery Sessions with Cultural Leaders



Global Collaboration Village

Over **500** Participants

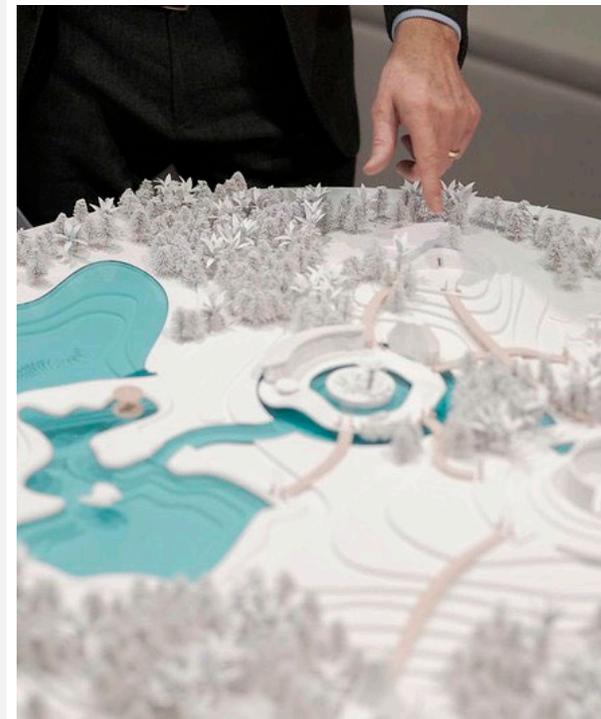
75+ Global Collaboration Village guided tours

[80 Global Collaboration Village partners](#)

The first-ever multilateral meeting in the metaverse

The World Economic Forum, in partnership with Accenture and Microsoft, unveiled a working prototype of its [Global Collaboration Village](#), a purpose-driven metaverse where organizations can convene to learn about, create solutions for, and take action on the world's most pressing challenges.

With partners from [80 leading organizations](#) helping to shape the village's development, participants from around the world joined the Forum in its first interactive, multilateral session in the metaverse.



ON THE AGENDA

The Forum also shed light on some of the biggest imperatives and debates of our day through a series of press conferences:



[Taking Stock – 75 Years of Human Rights](#)

[Global Collaboration Village](#)

[Philanthropic-Public-Private Partnerships for climate & nature \(GAEA\)](#)

[The Future of Jobs](#)

[Mykhailo Fedorov](#)

[Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2023](#)

[EDISON Alliance - From Promise to Progress](#)

[How to Build a Metaverse for All](#)

[A Conversation with the First Lady of Ukraine](#)

[Achieving health equity by tackling the trust gap](#)

[Closing the Disability Inclusion Gap](#)

[Towards a World with Zero Health Gaps](#)

[Trailblazing entrepreneurs tackling the world's biggest problems](#)

[The Hispanic Promise 2.0](#)

[New Frontiers for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#)

[Launch of the Coalition of Trade](#)

[President of Colombia](#)

[Trade and Investment](#)



MEDIA AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Learn about our key press releases



[Chief Economists Say Global Recession Likely In 2023, But Pressures On Food, Energy and Inflation May Be Peaking](#)

[The Reskilling Revolution: 350 Million People Reached with Future-Ready Skills, Education and Jobs](#)

[Successful Pilot Shows How Artificial Intelligence Can Fight Wildfires](#)

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The global public has followed and engaged with the Annual Meeting in unprecedented numbers. Engagement has surpassed both January 2020 and May 2022. Media coverage rose by 45% from 2020 and 119% compared to 2022. The number of thought leadership and analysis articles on the Forum Agenda blog rose by around 70% since AM20 and AM22. Livestream views on the most popular sessions are more than double the most popular sessions in May. Monday's Agenda Davos newsletter alone, sent to public audiences, contributed to an increase of nearly 250 paid digital memberships.

210k

Media mentions compared to 145k at AM20 and 96k at AM22.

2.54m

People visited the AM23 Event page.

2.5m

People watched live sessions from Davos (Liu He's speech alone got 230,000 views – more than twice the most popular session in May).

615

Agenda articles published with nearly **1 million views**, compared to 355 at AM20 and 370 at AM22.

457k

Number of people who read the Daily Davos newsletters.

Impact Stories received nearly **30k views** this week.

34m

Social media video views (compared to 27m in May), with Instagram stories at 1.3m.



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