

# Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2018

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## The complexity of today's world calls for new ways of working together to tackle global challenges

Accelerating progress on the Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Agreement commitments requires global dialogue, deeper public-private cooperation and wider application of Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies. Building on the momentum of last year's inaugural summit, the Forum will once again bring multiple voices to the world stage for discussions on sustainable development and to seek solutions to climate change.

Last year's meeting engaged more than 500 public- and private-sector organizations. They collaborated on over 60 global initiatives and projects, including the launch of the SDG Investment Fund by the Government of Denmark, Global Battery Alliance and the Fourth Industrial Revolution for the Earth Initiative.

This year, 700 business, government, civil society and academic leaders from more than 70 countries will convene at the second Sustainable Development Impact Summit in New York, taking place during the week of the United Nations General Assembly. The Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2018 aims to shape an agenda for action and serve as a platform to harness cutting-edge scientific, technological and digital innovations.

Driving progress towards meeting the SDGs and tackling climate change are no easy tasks, but no global challenge is too daunting to address as long as we work together. The Forum aims to provide a truly global platform for bringing the best minds together to solve the world's most pressing and complex problems.

Join us this September to:

- Help shape the global agenda for ensuring a sustainable future
- Be a change-maker and scale up the impact of your organization's multistakeholder initiatives and projects
- Catalyse collaborative efforts to build new alliances, coalitions and partnerships at the local, national, regional and international levels
- Promote innovative technologies, social entrepreneurship and systems leadership

## Who is taking part?

**Institutional Members and Partners** – The most influential multinational and national corporations represented by their chief executive officers, chief sustainability officers and experts

**Forum Members** – The world's most innovative start-ups and SMEs that are using cutting-edge technology to drive future growth

**Public Figures** – Heads of government, ministers and heads of international organizations

**Technology Pioneers** – Companies involved in the development of life-changing technologies with the potential for long-term impact on business and society

**Civil Society Organizations** – Leaders driving social progress from non-governmental, labour and faith-based organizations

**Social Entrepreneurs** – Leaders driving social change with innovative business solutions and partnership models

**Young Global Leaders** – Leaders under the age of 40 providing insight into the priorities and expectations of future generations

**Global Shapers** – Individuals under the age of 30 selected for their leadership potential

**Young Scientists** – Some of the brightest young scientific minds in the world with a track record of advancing the frontiers of science, technology and environment in areas of high societal impact

**Faculty and Global Future Council Members** – Top experts generating insight through thought leadership and interdisciplinary collaboration

**Cultural Leaders** – Renowned artists challenging assumptions about technology, sharing visions of the future and building bridges on global issues

**Media Leaders** – Publishers and editors-in-chief, top columnists on economic, science and technology issues

## Leveraging the World Economic Forum's global platform

The Sustainable Development Impact Summit builds on the agenda of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, and related projects of the Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution in San Francisco, California. Relevant experts, research and initiatives are also highlighted by Transformation Maps, which can be accessed via the TopLink portal. Forum constituents and our extensive network of over 6 million followers on social media engage in the conversations to identify scalable solutions that can significantly impact the development agenda.

## Registration and information

Visit our online collaboration and interaction platform, TopLink, to register for the meeting, contribute to the agenda and receive updates on the programme, participants and other summit highlights.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How will the summit be structured?

The programme will feature formats to generate insight, spark inspiration and drive impact. These formats include plenary sessions, topical working sessions and interactive exhibits.

### Where will the summit take place?

The summit will take place in New York City, USA, on 24-25 September at:

Convene  
730 Third Avenue  
New York, NY  
10017

Please note that no transfers will be organized from/to airport or between the summit venues.

### What is the working language of the summit?

The official language is English. If you need interpretation, please contact your Forum engagement manager.

### By when do I need to register?

The deadline for registration is 27 August 2018. We strongly recommend that you register as early as possible due to limited capacity.

### Where will I stay?

Participants are kindly asked to arrange their own travel and accommodation.

### Do I need a visa?

Please check with your closest US embassy or consulate for visa requirements. The World Economic Forum cannot help with visa provision. You can also find visa information here.

### Where do I find additional information about the programme?

When you register, you will receive access to TopLink, the Forum's online collaboration and interaction platform, where you can find the programme and other details.

### Who do I contact for more information?

Please contact your Forum engagement manager (as indicated in your meeting invitation or TopLink account page under Your Profile) or [impactsummit@weforum.org](mailto:impactsummit@weforum.org).