

World Leaders to Meet During Davos Agenda in a Crucial Year to Rebuild Trust

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- The Davos Agenda 2021 will convene under the theme: A Crucial Year to Rebuild Trust
- The World Economic Forum will gather the world's foremost leaders to address the economic, environmental, social and technological challenges following the COVID-19 pandemic
- More than 1,500 business, government and civil society leaders from over 70 countries will set the agenda for a critical year ahead and discuss how to catalyse impact in the rapidly advancing Fourth Industrial Revolution
- The conclusions from the Davos Agenda week will feed into task forces working on global issues for the upcoming Special Annual Meeting in Singapore
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Geneva, Switzerland, 18 January 2021 – The World Economic Forum [Davos Agenda](#), taking place virtually on 25-29 January, will bring together the foremost leaders of the world to address the new global situation. Heads of state and government, chief executives and leaders from civil society will convene under the theme: A Crucial Year to Rebuild Trust.

The meeting will focus on creating impact, rebuilding trust and shaping the policies and partnerships needed in 2021.

“In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need to reset priorities and the urgency to reform systems have been growing stronger around the world,” said **Klaus Schwab**, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum. “Rebuilding trust and increasing global cooperation are crucial to fostering

innovative and bold solutions to stem the pandemic and drive a robust recovery. This unique meeting will be an opportunity for leaders to outline their vision and address the most important issues of our time, such as the need to accelerate job creation and to protect the environment.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that no institution or individual alone can address the economic, environmental, social and technological challenges of our complex, interdependent world. The pandemic has accelerated systemic changes that were apparent before its inception. The fault lines that emerged in 2020 now appear as critical crossroads in 2021. The Davos Agenda will help leaders choose innovative and bold solutions to stem the pandemic and drive a robust recovery over the next year.

The five programme themes are:

1. Designing cohesive, sustainable, resilient **economic systems** (25 January)
2. Driving responsible **industry transformation** and growth (26 January)
3. Enhancing stewardship of the **global commons** (27 January)
4. Harnessing the **technologies** of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (28 January)
5. Advancing global and regional **cooperation** (29 January)

Special addresses from G20 heads of state and government and international organizations will provide crucial insights into a range of important issues in the year ahead. Participants will hear first-hand how these public figures will demonstrate leadership and drive action in areas such as the environment, jobs, and advances in innovation brought by the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Heads of state and government include:

Xi Jinping, President of the People’s Republic of China; **Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister of India; **Yoshihide Suga**, Prime Minister of Japan; **Emmanuel Macron**, President of France; **Angela Merkel**, Federal Chancellor of Germany; **Ursula von der Leyen**, President of the European Commission; **Giuseppe Conte**, Prime Minister of Italy; **Moon Jae-in**, President of the Republic of Korea; **Alberto Fernández**, President of Argentina; **Cyril Ramaphosa**, President of South Africa; **Pedro Sánchez**, Prime Minister of Spain; **Guy Parmelin**, President of the Swiss Confederation and Federal Councillor for Economic Affairs, Education and Research; **Ivan Duque**, President of Colombia; **Carlos Alvarado Quesada**, President of Costa Rica; **Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**, President of the Republic of Ghana; **Kyriakos Mitsotakis**, Prime Minister of Greece; **Benjamin Netanyahu**, Prime Minister of Israel; **Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein**, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; **Paul Kagame**, President of Rwanda; **Lee Hsien Loong**, Prime Minister of Singapore, the host of the World Economic Forum Special Annual Meeting 2021.

Other world leaders are expected to confirm.

Leaders from international organizations, government agencies and central banks include:

António Guterres, Secretary-General, United Nations (UN); **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO); **Kristalina Georgieva**, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF); **Amina Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (UN); **Achim Steiner**, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); **Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, Undersecretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN WOMEN); **Dongyu Qu**, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); **Inger Andersen**, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); **Henrietta Fore**, Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); **David Beasley**, Executive Director, United Nations World Food Programme (WFP); **Fang Liu**, Secretary-General, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); **Anthony Fauci**, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, USA; **Angel Gurría**, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); **Mauricio Claver-Carone**, President, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); **Guy Ryder**, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO); **Jürgen Stock**, Secretary-General, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); **Fatih Birol**, Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA); **Peter Maurer**, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross; **Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria**, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation).

Christine Lagarde, President, European Central Bank; **François Villeroy de Galhau**, Governor of the Central Bank of France; **Andrew Bailey**, Governor of the Bank of England.

The private sector will be represented by more than 1,000 leaders from the Forum's [member and partner](#) organizations. Seven of the top ten companies by market capitalization are engaged year-round with the Forum and many will participate in The Davos Agenda week. As a working meeting to advance ongoing project work, more than 500 chief executives and chairpersons will take part in sessions throughout the week.

Leaders from civil society are a critical voice in shaping the agenda. Those taking part in the meeting include:

Seth Berkley, Chief Executive Officer, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; **Gabriela Bucher**, Executive Director, Oxfam International; **Sharan Burrow**, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC); **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, President, Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT); **Marco Lambertini**, Director-General, WWF International; **Laura Liswood**, Secretary-General, Council of Women World Leaders; **Delia Ferreira Rubio**, Chair, Transparency International; **Peter Sands**, Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GF).

Drawn from over 10,000 civic-minded young leaders, members of the World Economic Forum's [Global Shapers](#), [Young Global Leaders](#), [Technology Pioneers](#) and [Social Entrepreneurs](#) communities will bring

unique perspectives to The Davos Agenda.

Flagship reports, initiatives, and the latest book on Stakeholder Capitalism

On January 25, Professor Schwab will release his latest book, titled “[Stakeholder Capitalism: A Global Economy that Works for Progress, People and Planet](#).” It explores how societies can build the future post-COVID, and builds on the Forum’s 50-year-old advocacy of the stakeholder approach.

The World Economic Forum will release its *Global Risks Report 2021* on 19 January. The flagship report is an important marker for prioritizing action in public and private sectors in the year ahead.

The Davos Agenda will also mark the launch of several World Economic Forum initiatives to accelerate the race to net-zero emissions, to champion new standards for racial justice, to ensure artificial intelligence is developed ethically and in the global public interest and to close the digital divide. More details on these initiatives and others will be disclosed at the meeting.

Opening Event and Crystal Awards

The meeting will be preceded by the **Opening Event**, available on YouTube on Sunday 24 January at 19.00 CET, featuring a welcome from Klaus Schwab and a special address by Guy Parmelin, President of the Swiss Confederation, just before the 27th Crystal Awards hosted by Hilde Schwab, Chairperson and Co-founder, Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, and the photographer Platon.

The awards will be followed by the world premiere of “See Me: A Global Concert.” The official programme of The Davos Agenda will begin on 25 January.

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