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2 February 2016  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your participation in the Annual Meeting 2016, which took place under the theme "Mastering the Fourth Industrial Revolution". Your engagement, together with that of all World Economic Forum communities, is helping to strengthen public-private cooperation.

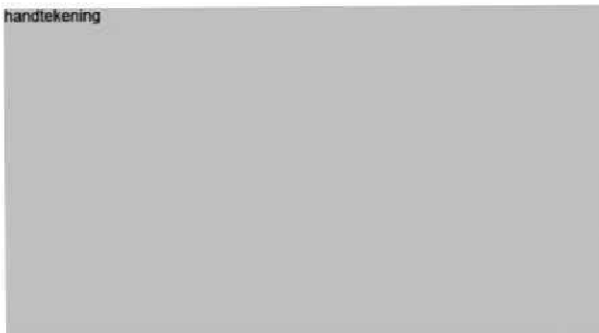
At the rise of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, your active participation in the programme has brought forward solutions to address the growing challenges of an ever more complex and interconnected world. The strategic insights and the impact achieved demonstrate your commitment to improving the state of the world.

We greatly value your active contributions, including your insightful remarks during the "Future of Europe" plenary session and the "Fourth Industrial Revolution: Setting the Agenda for Europe" dinner, which were especially cherished by participants. We also hope that the insights drawn from your participation in the Annual Meeting will help to further your country's presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Over the coming year, the World Economic Forum will continue to deliver on its mission and looks forward to your continued support and collaboration. On behalf of Forum Members and constituents, thank you again for your important and valuable contributions.

Yours sincerely,

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Date 28 January 2016

Dear Professor Schwab,

I look back with great pleasure on my visit to this year's annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, held in Davos last week. I appreciated your personal involvement in organising the animated discussion on 'The Future of Europe' and couldn't have hoped for a better venue for delivering several key messages at the start of the Netherlands' Presidency of the Council of the European Union. I would of course also like to thank you for taking the time to meet with Queen Máxima and myself.

The theme of this year's annual meeting, 'Mastering the Fourth Industrial Revolution', inspired me and many others to think about the impact of the latest wave of technological innovations on society and business. I was glad to contribute to the dinner event, where this theme was examined in a European perspective. I am certain your book on this theme will be widely discussed, and I plan to take it with me on my trip to Silicon Valley next week.

I am very happy with how the relationship between the World Economic Forum and the Netherlands has grown over the years. Queen Máxima and I, as well as members of my cabinet, greatly enjoyed taking part in the discussions in Davos. I also appreciate the meaningful and pleasant working relationship we have enjoyed over the past year, and I look forward to our continued cooperation.

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11 July 2016  
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Dear Prime Minister,

As always, it is my pleasure to invite you to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, from 17-20 January 2017. Held under the working theme "Shaping Global Systems in the Face of Political and Economic Uncertainty", the Annual Meeting will focus on collaborative and impactful problem-solving and action.

Given the severe challenges currently faced by Europe, its future will take a prominent role in the programme. I am convinced that your leadership and insights, including from your recent Presidency of the European Union, will provide invaluable input to the discussions.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Annual Meeting in January.

Yours sincerely,

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MINISTER-PRESIDENT

World Economic Forum WEF  
Professor Klaus Schwab  
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No.: 3184230

The Hague, 20 December 2016

Dear Professor Schwab,

It is my pleasure to confirm my attendance at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos in January 2017. The trip to Switzerland in midwinter is always a delight for me and a highlight of the new year.

This year, I will be in Davos from Wednesday night to Thursday night. The year ahead will be a special one for the government of the Netherlands, with elections due in March 2017. In light of the chosen theme – 'responsive and responsible leadership' – this year's annual meeting in Davos promises to be especially interesting.

I look forward to inspiring and fruitful discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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25 January 2017  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your participation in the Annual Meeting 2017. Your engagement, together with that of other stakeholders globally, strengthens collaborative efforts to address the key global issues.

We have once again made progress on many workflows and launched a number of significant initiatives. In particular, thank you for your outstanding contributions to the "Which Europe Now" panel, as well as your active contributions to the first Europe Regional Strategy Group meeting on "A New Compact for Europe". As every year, thank you for the strong support and engagement of your government in the Forum's initiatives.

You can rely on the World Economic Forum to continue to deliver on its mission. In this, we look forward to your sustained support. On behalf of Forum members and constituents, thank you again for your important and valuable contributions.

Yours sincerely,

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MINISTER-PRESIDENT

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Professor Klaus Schwab  
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No.: 3189731

The Hague, 8 February 2017

Dear Professor Schwab,

It was a great pleasure to once again take part in the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos last month. I am proud that my government was represented by such a large delegation.

The excellent programme organised by the World Economic Forum included many interesting and productive discussions on the challenges facing us, such as the future of Europe and leadership in a changing world. I was delighted to take part in the plenary session on 'Which Europe Now?', where we had a thought-provoking discussion on our continent's future. It was a perfect opportunity to deliver several key messages on what constitute, in my view, the biggest challenges for Europe today.

As in previous years, I also greatly appreciated the opportunity to speak to such a wide range of leaders, from both the business community and the world of politics, in such a short space of time.

Queen Máxima and I, as well as members of my cabinet, greatly enjoyed taking part in the discussions in Davos. I look forward to continuing our close working relationship. Depending on the outcome of the coming elections in the Netherlands on 15 March, I sincerely hope to contribute to next year's annual meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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Cologne, 22 February 2017

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter. I am happy that you and your government found the Annual Meeting useful. I hope we can continue this fruitful cooperation over the coming years.

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With warm regards,

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H.E. Mr Mark Rutte  
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30 August 2017  
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Dear Prime Minister,

After the recent worldwide cyberattacks, the World Economic Forum contacted key government agencies and international organizations, such as INTERPOL, as well as its member communities. They all acknowledged that global and coordinated action is needed. The World Economic Forum, with the endorsement of its Board of Trustees, will use its trusted public-private platform to create a common effort to promote a more resilient and robust cyberspace.

We will prepare the launch of the Global Cyber Centre with a meeting at the working level, which will take place on 13 to 14 November 2017 at the Forum's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. We will have the participation of 100 system-relevant global companies at the meeting.

We would like your government to be part of this initiative. Please let us know whom you would like to nominate and we will provide this person with the relevant documentation, including the list of participants and the meeting programme.

Yours sincerely,

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Jean-Luc Vézina  
Head, Global Cyber Centre  
Member of the Executive Committee



Invitation to a meeting on the establishment of the World Economic Forum

# Global Cyber Centre

Cologne, Switzerland 13 - 14 November



## Venue

This meeting will be held at World Economic Forum headquarters,

91-93 Route de la Capite  
1223 Cologne  
Switzerland

## Date

Monday 13 November 2017 19.00 - 21.00  
Working Dinner

Tuesday 14 November 2017 09.00 - 17.00  
Workshop

The discussions will be chaired by Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum, and Jean-Luc Vez, Head of the Global Cyber Centre, World Economic Forum (Director-General, Swiss Federal Police, 2001-2013).

## Discussion Items

### Mission

The mission of the Centre is to offer governments, Forum Partners and international organizations/ agencies a unique platform to permanently and effectively diminish the impact of malicious activities on the web by addressing all threats from a public-private partnership perspective.

### Centre Activities

The Centre will manage multiple work streams and projects that will focus on the following key themes, all with the goal of determining common measures that could enable the public and private sectors to address cybersecurity challenges:

#### 1. Furthering the Implementation of ongoing Forum Initiatives

- Recommendations for Public-Private Partnership against Cybercrime (2016)
- Guidance on Public-Private Information Sharing against Cybercrime (2017)
- Advancing Cyber Resilience: Principles and Tools for Boards (2017)

## 2. Cyber Library and Practical Tools

The Centre aims to provide a secure reference space on cybersecurity-related issues and a reliable source of pragmatic options for action to protect and defend against cyber threats.

The **Library** will provide a state-of-the-art repository for knowledge sharing and ideas.

**Tools** will include checklists and processes so that actors can understand and implement processes and procedures in certain instances.

## 3. Think Tank

The Centre will partner with think tanks and academic institutions to produce research at the forefront of cybersecurity developments. This will allow the Centre to permanently adapt its mission and offering. The Centre will explore future cybersecurity scenarios showing how technology and the internet could potentially impact society. These scenarios will serve as a basis for multistakeholder discussions on how the public and private sectors could collaborate to create tools and methods to manage these scenarios.

## 4. Creation of Protocols and Capacity Building

The Centre will equip stakeholders with the necessary tools to successfully tackle cyber threats. It will:

- Collaborate with the Council of Europe to update the Budapest Convention – which entered into force in 2002 – to guide on how it can be applied to the radically different cybersecurity climate today.
- Catalyse initiatives developing innovative forms of regulation.

- Assist regions that are “cyber poor” in the development of cyber strategies and/or national cyber laws – launch ideas, connect with partners to build capacity in a broader sense.

## 5. Countering digital misinformation and media manipulation

The Centre will create a network to identify, research and develop tactics to counter digital misinformation and media manipulation threats:

- Bring together experts across disciplines to build a deep understanding of information operation campaigns, tactics and defence.
- Develop a representative inter-partner alert system to predict potential campaigns and threats.
- Share knowledge across stakeholder groups.

During this meeting, participants will discuss:

- **Centre activities**, identifying specific needs and essential parts of the Centre's value proposition.
- **Oversight bodies**, exploring the options for an optimal governance system for the Centre, which will be based at the World Economic Forum – the international organization for public-private cooperation.
- **Membership**, determining the optimal composition of Centre membership in the interests of ensuring trusting and efficient cooperation among members.
- **Partnership**, identifying the expert groups and institutions that could support the Global Cyber Centre.

## Contact

For further questions and to confirm your organization's participation, please contact: [globalcybercentre@weforum.org](mailto:globalcybercentre@weforum.org).



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13 October 2017  
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Dear Prime Minister,

It is with great pleasure that I write to congratulate you on the formation of your new government. I wish you the necessary strength and courage to preside over your third coalition. Your enthusiasm and determination are essential qualities, especially in view of the challenging political climate in which you assume your leading role.

I am personally delighted about the continuous engagement of the Netherlands in World Economic Forum activities and I hope to see your new cabinet participating in many Forum initiatives in the near future.

It is my pleasure to invite you to the 48th World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, which will take place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, from 23 to 26 January 2018 under the theme 'A Shared Future in a Fractured World'. The new concept for Europe will be a central focus of the discussions in Davos next year and I very much look forward to your continued leadership and input to the discussions.

Once again, please accept my best wishes as you take on your new responsibilities. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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13 November 2017  
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Dear Prime Minister,

It is with great pleasure that I have received confirmation of your participation in the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2018. The meeting's theme will be Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World and the programme will explore the root causes of and pragmatic solutions to the manifold political, economic and social fractures occurring today.


Interest in participating in the Annual Meeting is stronger than ever, with 3,000 of the most influential leaders from all walks of life joining the discussions in Davos. The meeting serves as an opportunity at the beginning of the year to shape the global agenda through an integrated and multistakeholder approach.

Among other issues, the programme will highlight the future outlook on Europe and the potential of the European Union to reform itself, developing a shared positive vision to gain the renewed support of the majority of its citizens and simultaneously achieve a successful Brexit. The Forum would welcome your engagement on this issue and will work closely with your staff to ensure that your presence serves your interests in an optimal manner.

I truly look forward to welcoming you in Davos.

Yours sincerely,

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## World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2018

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30 October 2017

### Why Davos matters

#### *Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World*

From 23 to 26 January 2018, 3,000 leaders from around the world will meet in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland. They will gather in a collaborative effort to shape the global, regional and industry agendas, with a commitment to improve the state of the world.

The Annual Meeting is the only global summit bringing together governments, international organizations, business, civil society, media, foremost experts and the young generation, at the highest level and in representative ways. It attracts some 50 heads of state and government, over 300 ministerial-level participants and over 1,700 business participants at the CEO and chair level commanding, in aggregate, a share of the global economy of some \$25 trillion. With participation of the top media leaders from around the world, the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting is the world's most followed annual political and business event.

The 2018 theme, *Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World*, requires us to understand the root causes of the manifold political, economic and social fractures facing global society today. The Forum's specific contribution is to address the issues on the global agenda in a holistic, interconnected and future-oriented way, helping to catalyse new ideas and partnership initiatives.

Davos is designed specifically for this purpose – it is a uniquely multifaceted meeting. The programme is structured to ensure that each political leader is provided with the most appropriate platform to share their message with Annual Meeting participants as well as with a global audience through the media, and to engage in multiple dialogues with the most relevant counterparts. Special priority programme areas will be developed with participating political leaders.

The Annual Meeting is designed to encourage collaborative strategies and solutions for a world that is becoming increasingly multipolar and multiconceptual. In January, we will present innovative ideas to strengthen capability to:

- maintain a free and open trade and investment system
- protect our environmental commons mainly through public-private partnerships to scale innovative approaches
- make economic growth more inclusive and socially sustainable through structural policy and fiscal measures
- build resilience against economic and financial risks in the face of monetary and fiscal adjustment
- show multistakeholder support and commitment to accelerate the SDGs
- adapt the humanitarian system to expanding needs created by conflict and migration.

In a multipolar system, the policies of the key global powers will determine the success of our efforts to create shared solutions. Thus we will examine the willingness and potential of:

- the European Union to reform itself, developing a shared positive vision to gain renewed support of the majority of its citizens and achieve a successful Brexit
- the USA to engage actively in shaping the global agenda for future generations
- China to assume its role as a responsible and responsive global power building on the agenda announced by President Xi in Davos in January 2017
- India to exercise its influence as an emerging power that is also the largest democracy in the world
- Japan to demonstrate its commitment to economic revival and continued reform in the face of an ageing society and security threats.

The year 2018 will also be influenced by the presidential elections in major Latin American countries, the 50th anniversary of ASEAN and its future development, questions about Africa's resilience as population demands increase, and the future security outlook for the Korean Peninsula and the Middle East. All these issues will be on the Davos agenda.

Meanwhile, the World Economic Forum has become a reference point for the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The Annual Meeting will feature in-depth discussion of the technologies shaping our future, such as artificial intelligence, robotization, blockchain and precision medicine, among others. They will require principles and protocols in order to facilitate their rapid deployment in tandem with broad acceptance by society and to prevent a destructive backlash. In Davos, we will show how our efforts to facilitate public-private cooperation in this domain can become a future global standard for "agile governance": allowing stakeholders to work together, to quickly and adroitly manage the consequences of new technological development.

The new digital world depends economically and politically on reliable and trustworthy cybersecurity. Global leaders will work together in Davos for a more robust and resilient cybersystem, and the Forum will launch a permanent public-private platform providing a trusted space for governments and major corporations to share best practices. Communication technologies are having accelerating impact on politics and society. The Annual Meeting will feature in-depth analysis of how artificial intelligence, algorithms, social bots, fake news and civic tech influence perceptions and decision-making and what policies may be needed to re-establish trust and social cohesion.

The World Economic Forum has become the global platform for enabling public-private cooperation to address global challenges. Our System Initiatives are shaping sustainable positive change in the future of health, mobility, media, manufacturing and nine other complex global systems by connecting key public, private, civil society and academic actors; and aligning their efforts around the most impactful projects. The Forum's Annual Meeting provides the opportunity for these System Initiatives to advance their work by bringing together the most relevant leaders in informal Stewardship Boards for strategic discussion about how best to accelerate progress across the entire interconnected ecosystem. All of these activities to define shared solutions are supported by the Forum's numerous taskforces working throughout the year, and by Forum research, including the annual *Global Risk Report* and the *Global Competitiveness Report*. Special emphasis will be given to the impact of digitalization and innovation on competitiveness, social inclusion and economic development.

Davos is the only global summit to approach this complex set of issues in an integrated way. The World Economic Forum Annual Meeting will define the global agenda for 2018 as we bring together all stakeholders at the beginning of the year to advance progress with a positive, collaborative, future-oriented and holistic vision.



MINISTER-PRESIDENT

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Professor Klaus Schwab  
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No.: 3214994

The Hague, 22 November 2017

Dear Professor Schwab,

Thank you for your kind letter of 13 October inviting me to the 48th World Economic Forum Annual Meeting from 23 to 26 January next year in Davos. More than ever, it is of vital importance to sustain a dialogue between politicians, business leaders, academics and civil society. I am always grateful for the opportunity to participate in this dialogue in Davos. I would be delighted to attend, and especially to meet you again and continue our exchange of ideas.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the importance of the World Economic Forum to the government of the Netherlands. The participation of a substantial Dutch delegation in last year's Annual Meeting gave a further boost to my country's already excellent relationship with the Forum. I am confident that involvement in its activities this year by the ministers of the new Dutch government, as well as the ongoing engagement of senior Dutch civil servants, will be of great value. As a follow-up to the Annual Meeting, I would like to invite you to an informal lunch in The Hague later in 2018, to further pursue our dialogue. If you are interested, I suggest that our staff get in contact to arrange a mutually convenient date and discuss the further details.

I look forward to inspiring and fruitful discussions.

Yours sincerely

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Cologne, 14 December 2017  
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Dear Prime Minister,

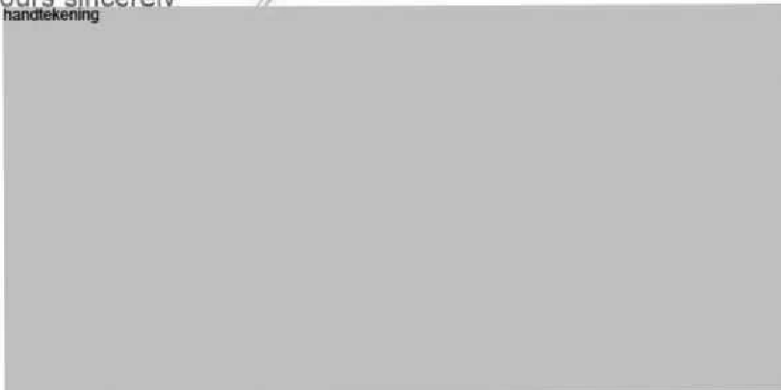
Thank you for your letter. I am looking forward to seeing you and your important delegation in January at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2018 in Davos.

The Forum would highly welcome your government's increased engagement. As such, I look forward to our informal luncheon in The Hague to discuss details. My team will be in touch with yours to set a date.

In the meantime, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a good start to the New Year.

Yours sincerely

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30 January 2018  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your participation in the Annual Meeting 2018, which was held under the theme *Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World*, and for making it a truly historic moment for international cooperation.

Your active engagement, together with that of other world leaders, created a new, formidable momentum to make progress on the world's most pressing issues.

I sincerely appreciate your government's continued commitment to Forum projects and initiatives; thank you in particular for your insights on how Europe can strengthen its role in the world.

You can rely on the World Economic Forum, as the International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation, to build on this important milestone and continue delivering on its mission of improving the state of the world.

On behalf of the entire Forum community, thank you again for your important and valuable support.

Yours sincerely,

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MINISTER-PRESIDENT

World Economic Forum  
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No.: 3216705

The Hague, 2 February 2018

Dear Professor Schwab,

It was a great pleasure to take part in the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos. I am particularly pleased that my government was again represented by such a large delegation.

As in the past, the World Economic Forum organised an excellent programme that prompted many interesting and fruitful discussions. I especially enjoyed the 'New Momentum for Europe' session, which led to a thought-provoking exchange of ideas on the future of Europe.

Every year I am impressed by how the WEF provides participants with the opportunity to speak with such a wide range of leaders, from both the business community and the world of politics. I was fortunate to have many interesting and useful conversations in a relatively short span of time. The rest of the Dutch delegation, including Queen Máxima and the members of my government, were also grateful for the chance to come to Davos and engage in productive discussions.

I understand that my staff have been in contact with your staff in order to arrange a mutually convenient date when we can advance our dialogue over dinner in The Hague. I look forward to seeing you later this year and continuing our close working relationship.

Yours sincerely,

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23 March 2018  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am pleased to invite you to the 49th World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, which will take place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, from 22 to 25 January 2019.

As demonstrated again at the Annual Meeting last January, there has never been a greater need for a true multistakeholder gathering to shape the global agenda at the beginning of the year.

The future of Europe will be a key theme of the programme next year. As such, your strong leadership and your insights and those of the Netherlands on how to advance on critical challenges and reforms will be essential to the deliberations.

On behalf of the 3,000 leaders from government, business and civil society who will take part in the meeting, I look forward to your participation and active engagement. The Forum will work closely with your office over the next months to build a personalized agenda that takes into account your evolving priorities.

It would also be a delight for me to come to The Hague to exchange ideas. My office is in contact to set a date.

Yours sincerely,  
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19 June 2018  
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Dear Prime Minister,

In addition to my invitation to the Annual Meeting 2019 in Davos, I am writing because I have learned that you will be participating in the United Nations General Assembly on 18-25 September.

In this respect, it is my great pleasure to invite you to the World Economic Forum Sustainable Development Impact Summit in New York, USA, on 24 and 25 September 2018.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural summit, more than 700 business, government, civil society, and academic leaders from over 70 countries will convene at a pivotal time for the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement.

In the context of a changing international landscape, as well as developments in key economies, this summit will catalyse the collaborative efforts of decision-makers present in New York during the United Nations General Assembly to:

- Build new purpose-driven coalitions and partnerships
- Scale up the impact of existing multistakeholder initiatives and projects
- Harness the Fourth Industrial Revolution for sustainable development and social entrepreneurship.

Your country's exemplary dedication to development cooperation, combining aid, trade and investment, and its willingness to make the Sustainable Development Goals its leading policy framework serve as a role model globally. Participants would be delighted to hear your valuable insights into your country's deep expertise in forming multistakeholder partnerships at the national and international level, for example in the area of water-related challenges.

I look forward to welcoming you in New York.

Yours sincerely,

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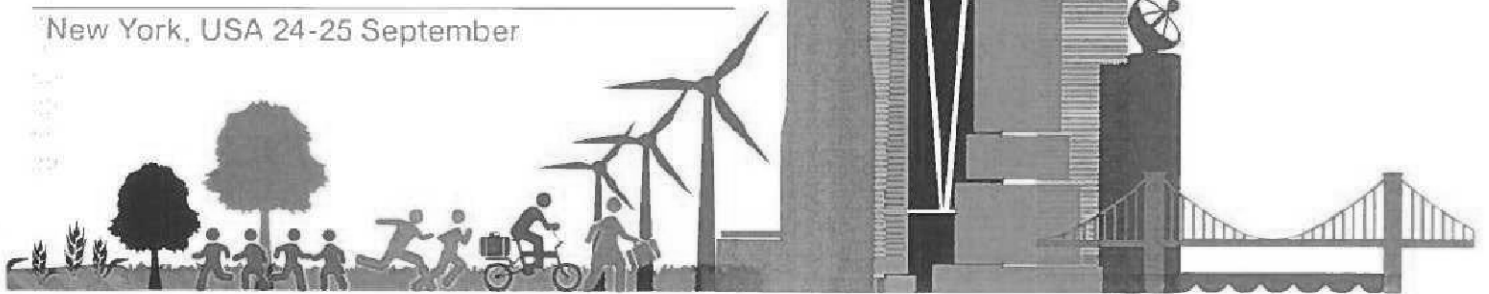


# Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2018

New York, USA 24-25 September

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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 20 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).