

World Economic Forum Chairman Receives Mexico's Prestigious Order of the Aztec Eagle

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- President Felipe Calderón confers Mexico's highest decoration to non-Mexican citizens on Professor Klaus Schwab
- The award is given for the Forum's commitment to collaborate and improve economic development in Mexico
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New York, 25 September 2012 – Professor Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, today received the National Order of the Aztec Eagle, Mexico's highest decoration awarded to non-Mexican citizens, for his contributions towards Mexico's development and economic transformation. The prestigious honour was bestowed by Felipe Calderón, President of Mexico, in New York prior to the start of the UN General Assembly high-level week.

"It is an honour to receive this award in recognition of the work of the World Economic Forum, in collaboration with the Government of Mexico, to further the causes of political, social and economic advancement in Mexico and further afield," Professor Schwab said at the ceremony. "Mexico has been a true partner in transformation and a role model for the region, and we look forward to working with the country as it looks to a new era of growth and prosperity."

The award comes after the success of the World Economic Forum on Latin America, which convened in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in April 2012. Held under the theme "Regional Transformation in a New Global Context", the meeting brought together a record number of participants, with close to 900 top regional and global leaders from 70 nations, to shape a strategic vision for the region's growth. The World Economic Forum on Latin America was also convened in Cancun, Mexico, in 2008.

During the course of Mexico's G20 presidency in 2012, the World Economic Forum contributed recommendations to heads of state and other government leaders through a number of B20 task forces on food security, green growth, employment, transparency, trade and investments, innovation and technology, and finance for development. Recommendations from the private sector and organizations such as the World Economic Forum focused on global economic growth and social development.

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