

## The Future of Government - Fast and Curious

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- Innovative governments can create public value by becoming “Fast and Curious”
- The Global Agenda Council on the Future of Government identifies four criteria for government transformation
- Read the report online  
here: <http://www.weforum.org/reports/future-government-fast-and-curious>
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**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 13 November 2012** – The World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Future of Government has identified a matrix for government transformation. In a new report, *Future of Government – Fast and Curious*, the group of academics, politicians and business leaders outline a framework for governments to follow to become flatter, agile, streamlined and tech-enabled (FAST) organizations.

The success of a government, as identified by the report, relies on politicians implementing the FAST model:

- **Flatter** government to promote (a) citizen engagement, (b) administrative efficiency, (c) decision-making process, (d) intergovernment and cross-sector collaboration
- **Agile** government organizes itself to marshal public and private resources quickly to address challenges.
- **Streamlined** government carefully plans workforce reductions coupled with significant organizational, technological and workforce advances.
- **Tech-enabled** government is successful in redesigning its policy, legal and regulatory frameworks and processes to align with the dynamics of a networked world.

In addition, the report argues that FAST government cannot happen without significant changes in mindset among all stakeholder groups. For example, the Council calls on public and private decision-makers to highlight the most immediate priorities and most promising opportunities to transform governments and enhance their ability to deliver value to citizens at all levels. In particular, the report demands that governments design citizen-oriented strategies to encourage greater engagement and accountability.

Pursuing an open and candid dialogue among all entities, organizations and groups affected by the transformation of governments will remain a central priority of the Council. Offering innovative and pragmatic approaches to what governments can achieve for, and with, their citizens is the Council’s ultimate goal. Remaining fast and curious is a priority to share with governments that seek to transform themselves for the better, and for all those who want to contribute to this ambition.

The Co-Chairs of the Summit on the Global Agenda 2012 are **Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori**, Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates and **Sami Dhaen Al Qamzi**, Director-General, Department of Economic Development of the Government of Dubai.

## Notes to Editors

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