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# Summit on the Global Agenda 2013 Aims To Drive Change Through Collaboration

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- Abu Dhabi will welcome over 1,000 leaders from academia, business, government and civil society
- Summit is the sixth annual meeting of the World Economic Forum ' s Network of Global Agenda Councils
- Format aims to leverage unique skills of leaders to address complex global challenges
- More information about the Summit on the Global Agenda 2013 is available here

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 17 November 2013 –** Over 1,000 leaders from the worlds of academia, business, government and civil society will take part in the sixth annual Summit on the Global Agenda, which takes place tomorrow at Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi, under the theme, Driving Change Through Collaboration. Jointly hosted by the United Arab Emirates Federal Government and the Government of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi together with the World Economic Forum, the Co-Chairs of the Summit on the Global Agenda 2013 are **Sultan Saeed Nasser Al Mansouri**, Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates and **Nasser Ahmed Al Sowaidi,** Chairman, Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development.

Among the international experts attending the three-day meeting, being held in Abu Dhabi for the second time, will be over 900 members of the World Economic Forum ' s Network of 86 Global Agenda Councils. The purpose of the meeting is to leverage the individual expertise of Council members and other participants to generate insights, ideas and actions that positively influence industry, regional and global agendas.

In keeping with the Summit ' s brainstorming tradition, the programme of the meeting has been designed to maximize the opportunity for collaboration and discussion between councils and their members, as well as provide time for each Council to further their own agendas.

" In this time of unprecedented change, the Global Agenda Councils ' ability to convene the world ' s best brains to explore, understand and help solve complex challenges is more relevant than ever, " said Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum. " The support and collaboration the Network of Global Agenda Councils have enjoyed with the Government of the United Arab Emirates has been critical in helping it grow in scale, impact and ambition. "

" The diverse perspectives represented at the Summit on the Global Agenda make this a particularly rare space for creative and collaborative problem solving, " said HE Sultan Al Mansouri, Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates. " There is truly no other forum quite like it, and we are again honoured to be hosting this annual summit in the UAE for the sixth consecutive year. "

" Hosting the Summit on the Global Agenda in Abu Dhabi is a testament to our ongoing commitment to partake in and contribute to global dialogues, " said HE Nasser AlSowaidi, Chairman, Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development. " We look forward to providing a collaborative environment in which challenging global issues can be explored by a diverse group of thinkers from around the world. "

Among participants at the Summit are more than 40 leaders from the United Arab Emirates and more than 130 Public Figures, including 15 government ministers and one Head of State. More than 250 participants are women leaders, while more than 200 participants will attend from the Forum ' s future-oriented communities, the Forum of

Young Global Leaders and the Global Shapers Community.

Alongside the Summit, Abu Dhabi will also host the second Global Meeting of Regional Organzations. Intended to provide a platform to foster greater ties and cooperation between the world ' s regions, the meeting will be attended by over 20 regional organizations and is co-hosted by the World Economic Forum and the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

**Notes to Editors**

The **Host broadcaster** for the Summit is Abu Dhabi Media.

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