

12th Open Forum Davos Welcomes Public Debate on Global Issues

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- Open Forum Davos 2014 programme offers sessions on geopolitics, the economy, social affairs and more
- Panellists include top leaders from business, politics and civil society
- For more information about the 12th Open Forum, visit: <http://www.openforumdavos.ch>

Davos, Switzerland, 20 January 2014 – On the occasion of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2014, the Open Forum Davos 2014 will open its doors to the general public from 22 to 24 January in Davos, Switzerland.

Upholding its tradition of stimulating dialogue among thought leaders on a range of issues, the Open Forum will offer six sessions covering such diverse topics as refugees, immigration, gender equality, education and capitalism. Each session has been designed to offer a platform for debate and interaction on controversial topics between the public and scholars, business leaders and policy-makers.

Some leading personalities who will participate in the Open Forum are:

- Kofi Annan, Chairman, Kofi Annan Foundation, Switzerland; Secretary-General, United Nations (1997-2006)
- Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Chairman of the Board, Nestlé, Switzerland
- Didier Burkhalter, President of the Swiss Confederation and Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris
- Joseph Jimenez, Chief Executive Officer, Novartis, Switzerland
- Martin Schulz, President, European Parliament, Brussels
- Martin Sorrell, Chief Executive Officer, WPP, United Kingdom
- Peter D. Sutherland, Chairman, Goldman Sachs International, United Kingdom
- Jasmine Whitbread, Chief Executive Officer, Save the Children International, United Kingdom
- Muhammad Yunus, Chairman, Yunus Centre, Bangladesh

Open Forum Davos 2014 programme:

Wednesday 22 January

12.30 -14.00 [A Day in the Life of a Refugee](#)

19.00 - 20.30 [Higher Education: Investment or Waste?](#)

Thursday 23 January

12.30 - 14.00 [Immigration: Welcome or Not?](#)

19.00 - 20.30 [Ethical Capitalism: Worth a try?](#)

Friday 24 January

12.30 - 14.00 [Faith and Gender Equality: Mind the Gap?](#)

19.00 - 20.30 [The Secret is Out: What 's Next for Switzerland?](#)

As in previous years, the Open Forum Davos 2014 will be held at the Swiss Alpine Mittelschule,

Guggerbachstrasse 3, Davos Platz. Though no registration is required, those wishing to participate in the

audience are encouraged to arrive early, as the maximum capacity of the auditorium is 300. For those

unable to take part, all sessions will be livestreamed on the Open Forum website at www.openforumdavos.ch.

You can also follow the debates using the Open Forum Twitter account: [@OpenForumDavos](#) #WEF #OFD. Some of

the sessions will be broadcast by Swiss Television (SF-info), available at [YouTube](#) after the event.

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