

Dubai Hosts World Economic Forum's Third Summit on the Global Agenda

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- Summit on the Global Agenda to take place in Dubai from 29 November to 1 December
- Media programme at Summit on the Global Agenda
- Open Forum programme 28 November – 1 December: www.weforum.org/gac2010/openforum
- More information about the Summit is available here: www.weforum.org/gac10

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 27 November 2010 – The World Economic Forum today announced the programme of the Summit on the Global Agenda, which is held in partnership with the United Arab Emirates represented by the Government of Dubai. The Summit will take place in Dubai from 29 November to 1 December.

The Summit will bring together over 600 members of the Network of Global Agenda Councils, comprising global experts from 60 countries – thought leaders from academia, business, government and civil society – to address some of the most pressing issues on the global, regional and industry agendas. Together they represent over 72 councils, each focusing on an issue such as climate change, education, energy security, China, innovation, and logistics & transport. During the three-day Summit, participants will engage in interactive workshops and sessions to discuss emerging trends and global risks that will shape the future. They will also develop ideas to address the world's challenges.

"The third Summit on the Global Agenda in Dubai is being held at a pivotal moment as we move away from short-term responses to the crisis to discussions on the long-term solutions in the post-crisis world," said Sherif El Diwany, Senior Director, Middle East and North Africa, World Economic Forum. "The Summit on the Global Agenda will examine, among other agenda issues, the implications of the G20 summit outcomes in Seoul and look into the opportunities and risks that the Cancun summit on climate change may present to the international community. The Summit brings together top minds, thinkers and experts in the world capable of tackling the structural problems which underlined the crisis."

The co-chairs of the Summit 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.

"The Summit on the Global Agenda is of critical relevance, especially as Governments across the world today are at a crossroads in addressing various challenges, following the global financial slowdown," said Sultan Bin Saeed Al Mansoori. "In today's globalized world, joint discussions and collaborative brainstorming sessions are the way forward to bring about concrete action and tangible results. The UAE was one of the few countries to show remarkable resilience to the financial crisis, thanks to the strength of our economic fundamentals, and the confidence boosting measures of our government. By hosting the Summit, the nation is demonstrating our commitment to encourage problem-solving on a global scale."

"Dubai is proud to host the Summit on the Global Agenda for the third consecutive year and to provide a platform for these important discussions aimed at addressing fundamental global imbalances and achieving long-term sustainable growth," said Sami Dhaen Al Qamzi. "Dubai looks forward to welcoming the global thought leaders who will contribute to redesigning the international

system for the 21st century, and also to greeting members of the public at the first-ever Open Forum being hosted on the sidelines of the Summit.”

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