

Young Global Leaders Annual Summit 2008



Media Information

The next generation of leaders from around the globe convene for the Young Global Leaders Annual Summit 2008 in Tianjin

The fourth Young Global Leaders (YGL) Annual Summit will bring together more than 250 YGLs in Tianjin, People's Republic of China from 24-28 September 2008 for a truly transformative experience. The Annual Summit provides an opportunity for the diverse group of young leaders to explore various dimensions of leadership and to discover how to become even more effective leaders in the face of current complexities and shifting paradigms.

The Annual Summit sessions are open to the media upon request. If you are interested in attending one of the sessions or interviewing a YGL during the Summit, please contact Yann Zopf at yzo@weforum.org or tel.: **+86 150 2237 2344**.

Information about The Forum of Young Global Leaders

Created in 2004 by Professor Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, The Forum of Young Global Leaders (FYGL) is an independent foundation working in close partnership with the World Economic Forum. It is a diverse multistakeholder community of the world's most outstanding leaders under the age of 40 who are committed to jointly shaping a better future and improving the state of the world.



The Community

The community is comprised of over 450 leaders representing 74 countries. Almost half of the Young Global Leaders are from the business sector and a majority of these leaders are chief executive officers. However, the diverse community represents various stakeholder groups, including politics, social entrepreneurship, civil society, media, academia and arts and culture. Every year, the World Economic Forum nominates 200-300 of the world's most dynamic young leaders who share a strong commitment to making a difference in the world to join this dynamic community.

Objectives

The Forum of Young Global Leaders aims to:

- **Engage a diverse global community of peers** who are committed to making a difference in the world and searching for forward-looking, innovative solutions to the world's most pressing problems
- **Catalyse the next generation of leaders** by developing networks, sharing experiences and building knowledge that will engender a more comprehensive understanding of global trends and challenges
- **Positively impact the global agenda** through engaging YGLs in task forces and initiatives, enabling the community to address the global challenges they have collectively identified

Activities

The YGL nominees can actively engage and shape a range of activities, including:

- **Task Forces** – YGLs can dedicate their time and energy to initiate, develop and drive innovative solutions to global issues from tackling obesity and hunger, to creating awareness of climate change, empowering youth around the world and making a business case for diversity
- **Future Mapping for the Global Agenda** – Through mapping key trends, risks and weak signals, and understanding their interconnection, YGLs can develop a better understanding of how global developments will shape the leadership environment in the coming decades
- **Events and Meetings** – YGLs can actively participate in world-class events and meetings such as the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos-Klosters, interactive workshops and informal roundtables
- **Leadership Development Programme** – To further develop their leadership skills, YGLs can participate in exclusive education programmes designed by renowned academic institutions.

Further information can be found at: www.youngglobaleaders.org, or contact ygl@weforum.org.