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I refer to your email of 14 January 2023 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1- *Copies of all invitations to this years WEF meeting in Davos to the Prime Minister*
- 2- *Invitations to any other NZ elected representatives and to any NZ officials and advisors*
- 3- *Any other information held about the guest list, agenda for this WEF meeting deciding who will attend and the purposes for them attending*
- 4- *The NZ government budget for attendances at the Jan 2023 Davos meeting*
- 5- *Copies of any financial or other contributions directly or indirectly from the WEF and/ or Klaus Schwab to NZ government or any Minister or other Member of Parliament*
- 6- *Please include any analysis or other information assessing any benefit or risks for NZ from its relationship with the WEF, for this meeting or generally and any interference this relationship may have on democracy in New Zealand or the perception of democracy in NZ."*

On 26 January 2023, you were advised that your request was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) for response.

Regarding Item 4, this is covered in the document "*Proposed Overseas Travel: Hon Damien O'Connor, 17-25 January 2023, Switzerland, Germany, UK*" that is set to be published on the Ministry's website soon and will be accessible via the link below. This document is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information will soon be publically available.

<https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/media-and-resources/>

Regarding Item 5, there have been no financial (or other) contributions from the World Economic Forum, or Klaus Schwab, to the Ministry. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you have requested does not exist.

The information relevant to your request (relating to items 1, 2, 3, and 6) is attached. Some information is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and

- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, we have identified no public interest in releasing the information that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Professor Klaus Schwab
Founder and Executive Chairman

The Rt Hon. Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister of New Zealand
Government of New Zealand
P.O. Box : Private Bag 18041
Wellington 6160
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19 July 2022

Dear Prime Minister,

It is my honour to invite you to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2023, which will take place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, from 16 to 20 January.

The Annual Meeting gathers top decision-makers in politics, business and civil society to work together to address the key issues on the global agenda and set the necessary priorities.

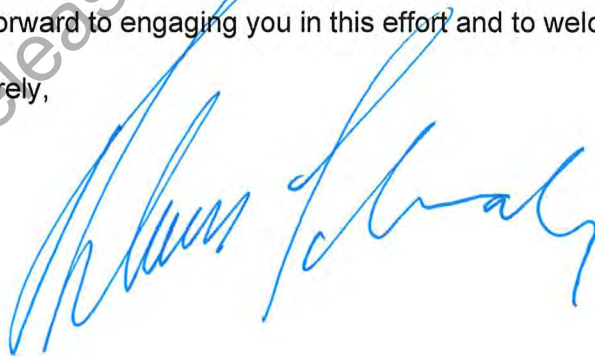
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Throughout the course of the pandemic, New Zealand and its people have demonstrated remarkable resilience and perseverance. The country also has important and timely lessons to share with the world on its progressive steps to tackle climate change, strengthen multilateralism and champion inclusivity and cooperation at regional and global levels. As world leaders convene in January at the Annual Meeting, your insights will be truly valuable.

The Forum will work closely with your office to ensure that your participation is of the greatest relevance to you and New Zealand.

I truly look forward to engaging you in this effort and to welcoming you in Davos.

Yours sincerely,



Børge Brende
President

The Hon. Damien O'Connor
Minister of Trade and Export Growth
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29 August 2022
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Yours sincerely,



Børge Brende
President

The Hon. Grant Robertson
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
The Treasury of New Zealand
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29 August 2022
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Dear Deputy Prime Minister,

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Your leadership and drive for inclusive approaches to key issues – ranging from the pandemic response to economic recovery – in the face of rising inflation and other economic challenges serve as powerful examples to the rest of the world. As global leaders convene to chart a new course for the global economy in January, your insights and experience will be truly valuable.

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Yours sincerely,



Børge Brende
President

The Hon. Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand
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New Zealand continues to play an important role in reinvigorating the multilateral system to tackle the most pressing challenges, from climate change and rising geopolitical tensions to building a more resilient and effective architecture for cooperation in the Pacific region and beyond. Given your important role in representing New Zealand and its priorities in the world, I believe your leadership and insights will be of critical value to the deliberations in January.

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I truly look forward to engaging you in this effort and to welcoming you in Davos.

Yours sincerely,



Børge Brende
President

Mr Adrian Orr
Governor
Reserve Bank of New Zealand
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Wellington
New Zealand

29 August 2022
sbn/pso

Dear Mr Orr,

It is my honour to invite you to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2023, which will take place in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, from 16 to 20 January.

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New Zealand's forward-looking and inclusive approach to managing the impact of the pandemic and rising inflation and unemployment provide positive lessons for the rest of the world to draw from. As leaders gather in Davos in January to discuss a course toward a fairer and more resilient global economy against continued uncertainties, your leadership and insights will be of great value.

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Yours sincerely,





14 October 2022

Minister for Trade and Export Growth

For action by

1 November 2022

Attendance at World Economic Forum Annual Meeting and informal WTO mini-Ministerial meeting in January 2023

BRIEFING Decision Submission

PURPOSE To recommend that the Minister for Trade and Export Growth attends the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting and other priority trade meetings in Davos, Switzerland in January next year.

Tukunga tūtohua – Recommended referrals

Prime Minister	For concurrence by	8 November 2022
Minister of Finance	For information by	15 November 2022
Minister of Foreign Affairs	For information by	15 November 2022
Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth	For information by	15 November 2022
Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Trade and Export Growth	For information by	15 November 2022

Taipitopito whakapā – Contact details

NAME	ROLE	DIVISION	WORK PHONE
Stuart Horne	Divisional Manager	Economic Division	s9(2)(a)
Anna Woods	Policy Officer	Economic Division	s9(2)(a)

Mā te Tari Minita e whakakī – Minister's Office to complete

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Noted	<input type="checkbox"/> Referred
<input type="checkbox"/> Needs amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
<input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by events	<input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's notes	

Comments

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Pito matua – Key points

- The 2023 World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting will be held, as usual, in Davos, Switzerland on 16-20 January. WEF's Annual Meeting is a major event that welcomes public and private leaders for dialogue on the world's most pressing issues and attracts significant international media coverage. Attendance would provide an excellent opportunity to lift New Zealand's international profile and highlight the country's international leadership on a range of priority policy issues.
- The World Economic Forum has invited the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade and Export Growth. The World Economic Forum has been active in reaching out to the Prime Minister including in drafting up a proposed itinerary of events. However, we recommend that the invitation be taken up only by the Minister for Trade and Export Growth, given the number of priority trade meetings scheduled in the margins of the meeting.
- These meetings include an informal WTO mini-Ministerial meeting hosted by Switzerland on 20 January, the potential launch of the Trade Ministers for Climate Coalition, an Ottawa Group meeting (likely 19 January), and a possible WTO E-commerce Joint Statement Initiative Ministerial, along with opportunities for bilateral meetings with CPTPP and Pacific Alliance members and other partners.
- This travel would sequence well following the Global Forum on Food & Agriculture (GFFA) Ministerial which is scheduled for 18 January in Berlin, Germany. From there, the Minister could then travel to Davos for the final two days of the meeting 19-20 January (two days is the usual duration of Ministerial attendance at Davos).



Stu Horne
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Tūtohu – Recommendations for the Minister for Trade and Export Growth

It is recommended that you:

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| 1 | Agree to accept the invitation to attend the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos on 19-20 January 2023. | Yes / No |
| 2 | Agree to also attend the WTO mini-Ministerial meeting hosted by Switzerland held in the margins of Davos. | Yes / No |
| 3 | Agree to sign the attached letter formally confirming your attendance at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting. | Yes / No |
| 4 | Refer a copy of this submission to the Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs / Minita Take Aorere, Minister of State for Trade and Export Growth and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister for Trade and Export Growth for their information. | Yes / No |

Hon Damien O'Connor
Minister for Trade and Export Growth

Date: / /

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Tūtohu – Recommendations for the Prime Minister

It is recommended that you:

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| 1 | Agree that the Minister for Trade and Export Growth accepts the invitation to attend the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos on 19-20 January 2023 on behalf of New Zealand. | Yes / No |
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Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister

Date: / /

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Pūrongo – Report

World Economic Forum

1. The theme of the 2023 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting is “Cooperation in a Fragmented World”. In previous years, New Zealand has been represented by the Minister for Trade and Export Growth (in January 2020), by the Prime Minister (in 2019) and by the Minister of Finance (in 2019 and 2018). Due to the wide range of issues canvassed at Davos, attendance by a range of leaders can be accommodated within the diverse mix of panels and events, targeting foreign affairs, trade, environment and financial issues among others. WEF have advised that they are expecting around 50 Trade Ministers in attendance at the 2023 Annual Meeting.
2. As seen in previous years, and reinforced in recent engagement with WEF, the WEF executive greatly values New Zealand’s attendance (particularly at leader level) and will actively engage in crafting specific opportunities to support Ministerial or Prime Ministerial interests. For instance, WEF have suggested for an MTEG programme a Trade and Indigenous Peoples event that would showcase New Zealand’s Trade for All Approach. Equally if the Prime Minister was to attend, then the WEF has offered to create a bespoke itinerary including a “New Zealand night” and a series of opportunities to promote New Zealand and New Zealand initiatives (see proposed agenda). This, however, may also reflect a desire by the organisers to encourage more leader level attendance at the summit.
3. If you choose to attend, officials will work with WEF to prepare a suitable programme and investigate leveraging associated international media opportunities, as well as engage with Treaty Partners should the proposed Indigenous event be progressed. The World Economic Forum does not extend invitations to officials, so New Zealand will not be represented should you decline.

WTO mini-Ministerial

4. Switzerland has for many years now hosted an informal WTO mini-Ministerial meeting in the margins of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, inviting a group of around 30 key Trade Ministers along with the WTO Director General.¹ The mini-Ministerial involves key players in the WTO and is an opportunity to review global trade developments and discuss prospects for negotiations in the coming year. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, including the risks to global food security which it has caused, will be a major backdrop to the 2023 meeting.
5. The January 2023 meeting will provide a timely opportunity to review the outcomes from the 12th WTO Ministerial (MC12) and for New Zealand to advocate for progress on priority issues ahead of the next Ministerial meeting (MC13 – which will likely occur in early 2024). In particular, to discuss the prospects for the agriculture negotiations and to canvass the views of other Members on how best to progress ratification of the WTO Fish Subsidies Agreement, reform of environmentally harmful subsidies (fisheries, agriculture, fossil fuels) and to maintain momentum on WTO reform.

¹ Usual invitees: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, the EU, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Rwanda, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland (host), Thailand, Turkey, UK, US.

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6. New Zealand has been a regular participant in the Swiss hosted meetings. Your participation is instrumental in reinforcing our credentials for continued inclusion in the small group meetings, which, as demonstrated at MC12, determine whether and how progress is made in the WTO. It also underlines New Zealand's commitment to safeguarding the credibility and effectiveness of the WTO system.

Other Opportunities

7. In addition to the WTO mini-Ministerial, we are anticipating that a range of other WTO related events and meetings will be held in Davos. These include the launch of the Trade Ministers for Climate Coalition (see below), an Ottawa Group meeting (indicative timing of 19 January), and potentially a WTO E-commerce joint statement initiative (JSI) ministerial.
8. While we have very limited information at this stage on the Ottawa Group meeting and the JSI ministerial, your attendance at these two events would underscore the significance New Zealand places in progressing WTO reform and on continuing progress in the e-commerce negotiations. The Ottawa Group in particular will be a critical opportunity to align (as far as possible) approaches on reforming the dispute settlement system and to reiterate New Zealand's ambitions for restoring a fully functioning and binding dispute settlement system. The timing of the meeting, coming at the planned conclusion of the informal US-convened process on dispute settlement reform, could be an important waypoint.
9. As agreed with 'Co-Chairing' Ministers from the EU, Kenya, and Ecuador in July 2022, Davos is the preferred place to launch the Trade Ministers for Climate Coalition (the Coalition). The range of stakeholders at Davos, including Trade Ministers invited to the WTO mini-Ministerial as well as others, business leaders, NGOs and international organisations, will enable a successful event to launch and promote the Coalition and encourage a strong uptake in membership.
10. Officials from the 'Co-Chairs' are progressing a number of key work pieces for the Coalition in preparation for an early-2023 launch. If the Coalition is not launched at Davos, then the next possible event for launch would not be until COP28 or MC13 in early 2024.
11. This trip also offers the opportunity for a potential stop in Türkiye to hold the 10th New Zealand – Türkiye Joint Economic Commission (JEC). ^{s9(2)(g)(i), s6(a)}
12. Holding the JEC in the margins of your trip to the World Economic forum would capitalise on the narrow window for engagement with the relevant Turkish Minister before the upcoming Turkish elections, due to take place in June 2023. ^{s9(2)(g)(i), s6(a)}

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Summary of travel recommendations for the Minister for Trade and Export Growth:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>
Wednesday 18 January	Global Forum on Food & Agriculture	Berlin, Germany
<i>Travel from Berlin to Davos Wednesday evening or Thursday morning (1.5 hour flight to Zurich then a 2 hour drive to Davos)</i>		
Thursday 19 January	World Economic Forum Meeting Sessions Ottawa Group Meeting	Davos, Switzerland
Friday 20 January	Informal WTO mini-Ministerial (10:00 – 14:00 TBC) World Economic Forum Meeting Sessions	Davos, Switzerland

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Annex A: Invitation Letter to Minister O'Connor from the World Economic Forum



George Brandt
President

The Hon. Damien O'Connor
Minister of Trade and Export Growth
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand
195 Lambton Quay
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29 August 2022
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Yours sincerely,

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Annex B: Draft response letter

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Børge Brende
President
World Economic Forum
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SWITZERLAND

Dear Mr Brende

Thank you for the invitation of 29 August 2022 inviting me to attend the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2023.

It was a pleasure to meet with you on my visit to Geneva earlier this year. New Zealand remains a strong supporter of the World Economic Forum and its role in bringing together public and private leaders to discuss global challenges.

I am pleased to accept your invitation to attend, and hope to contribute to the agenda of next year's Annual Meeting. I would welcome the opportunity to offer my perspective on issues of global importance, such as inclusive trade, WTO reform and trade and environment. I look forward to working with the World Economic Forum to develop a personalised programme for my visit to Davos.

Yours sincerely

Hon Damien O'Connor
Minister for Trade and Export Growth

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Annex C: WEF's proposed programme for the Prime Minister

AGENDA PROPOSAL FOR THE PRIME MINISTER (tentative)

17 January / Tuesday

- Morning Arrival from Wellington into Zürich International Airport
- Transfer from Zürich to Davos

* Kindly note these estimated timelines for transfer from Zürich International Airport to Davos:

- By train provided by Swiss Railways (2 hours)
- By Audi A8 limousine (2.5 hours)

- Exclusive 1 on 1 dialogue between with the Prime Minister

- This exclusive 1 on 1 session will provide a platform for the Prime Minister to share her key priorities (i.e. The Christchurch Call, the Pacific, Indigenous Communities) with a global audience at Davos and internationally.
- Open to all participants to attend and Livestream on Forum website and TopLink

- "Country Strategy Dialogue" (Business CEO Roundtable)

- 30-40 global CEOs gathered (list curated with the Government) to hear the Prime Minister's vision and share their aspirations and pledges to support New Zealand's priorities on tech and digital transformation, sustainable development and inclusive growth.

- A High-Level Public Session relating to Digital Safety

a Depending on the focus of the Prime Minister, she can be invited as a special guest to a high-level public session relating to Digital Safety to share more about the Christchurch Call.

- "New Zealand Night"

- The organisation of a possible New Zealand Night or cocktail reception to showcase New Zealand's cultural richness, and indigenous values and facilitate connections between global opinion leaders and New Zealand leaders.

18 January / Wednesday

- Informal Gathering of World Economic Leaders (IGWEL) Lunch

- Traditional lunch with all attending Heads of State/Governments, International Organizations (including the UN, WB, IMF, OECD)
- An opportunity to re-iterate to world leaders, New Zealand's message for collaboration and multilateralism.

- A High-Level Public Session relating to Inclusive Development

a Depending on the focus of the Prime Minister, she can be invited as a special guest to a high-level public session relating to Inclusive Development in particular for women and indigenous communities.

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- **Bilateral Meetings** with key international leaders (Government/ Business)

- *Within the Congress Centre, there are approximately 50 meeting spaces designated for 15-30 minute bilateral discussions between participants*
- *The Prime Minister will be invited to attend key high-level meetings and sessions with regional leaders (i.e. ASEAN leaders).*

- **Wrap-up Media Interview** with International Members of the Press

- *Media engagement – Prime Minister appearing as Special Guest at the International Media Council*
- *The Annual Meeting has the largest global media footprint (outside the world of sport). It convenes around 500 journalists, including the editor-in-chief of many news agencies. In the 14 days surrounding the Annual Meeting we anticipate around 200,000 media mentions of the events and approximately 800 interviews with global leaders. These present a unique opportunity to present Australia's agenda and priorities to the world.*

- **Transfer from Davos to Zürich(2 hours)**

- **Evening Departure** through Zürich International Airport

**The dates and programme above are still tentative pending finalization and approval from the Forum in collaboration with the New Zealand Government.*

Cooperation in a Fragmented World

DAVOS-KLOSTERS, 16-20 JANUARY

The world today is at a critical inflection point. The twin triggers of the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine rattled an already brittle global system. Economic growth in the world's largest economies is stalling, while navigating headwinds from rising food and energy prices. For the first time since the 1970s, the world is facing a precarious disequilibrium with growth and inflation moving in opposite directions. This is occurring alongside heightened geo-economic fragmentation, financial sector vulnerabilities, including stretched asset prices and high debt levels, and a climate crisis spiralling out of control, which could magnify any growth slowdown, particularly in emerging markets. Unless these systemic and interconnected risks are addressed, the promise of a "decade of action" may become a decade of uncertainty and fragility.

Against this unprecedented backdrop, the World Economic Forum is convening its 53rd Annual Meeting in January to reaffirm the value and imperative of dialogue and public-private cooperation, not only to navigate the current cascading crises but, more importantly, to drive tangible, system-positive change for the long term. For over 50 years, the World Economic Forum has provided space for leaders to engage in peer-to-peer deliberations in the spirit of improving the state of the world. Never has this mission been more important. Therefore, finding ways to reinstitute a collective sense of agency and to turn defensive measures into proactive, vision-driven policies and business strategies will be at the heart of the meeting. The magnitude of current crises and the potential of future ones demands no less.

The Programme

The basic tenet of the programme is the premise that the current crises, as serious as they are, are manifestations of larger systemic deficiencies accrued over time. They are also the result of a narrow vision of systems as sectors rather than true multidisciplinary, networked entities that are highly dynamic, particularly in the context of the meta trends of the Fourth Industrial Revolution and climate change.

Therefore, thematically, the programme will have the dual focus of looking at levers to address the current challenges while at the same time setting them against the backdrop of attendant system transformation imperatives.

Concretely, we will look at:

Addressing the Current Energy and Food Crises in the context of a New System for Energy, Climate and Nature

Energy transition and climate change are inextricably linked, with its impact being felt in recent months. While a global energy transition is under way, further action is needed to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change. Critical measures to accelerate energy transition include decoupling economic growth from energy consumption, particularly in emerging economies, mainstreaming breakthrough technological innovations and addressing equity. Rather than using the ongoing crisis as a pretext to forego policies that support the transition to more sustainable energy sources, this moment should be utilized to develop more ambitious, comprehensive, and sustainable infrastructure investment plans that helps the world to meet the 2030 targets.

Addressing the Current High Inflation, Low Growth, High Debt Economy in the context of a New System for Investment, Trade and Infrastructure

Policymakers are now operating with limited fiscal space, while inflationary pressure is forcing a tightening of monetary policy. Tighter monetary policies are also having knock on effects on emerging markets, with many now struggling to service their debts. Protectionist measures also threaten the global trade agenda which was at the centre of economic prosperity of the last 30 years. This comes following the COVID-19 pandemic which has pushed 120 million additional people into extreme poverty and exposed the underfunding of critical infrastructure across markets. In a multipolar world, refashioning the economic agenda along strategic lines and rebuilding trust in the international system will take careful collaboration between all stakeholders and a new vision for economic prosperity and development.

Addressing the Current Industry Headwinds in the context of a New System for Harnessing Frontier Technologies for Private Sector Innovation and Resilience

Industries are being forced to reassess their investment, production and innovation decisions with the advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), climate change and geopolitical fragmentation of recent years. To navigate the current friction points and to strengthen future competitiveness, companies will need to foster emerging technologies of 4IR as well as optimize for agility. They will also need to realize stakeholder capitalism through core business and operating models not only to drive resiliency today but also to shape the future socio-environmental prosperity. To do so successfully, collaboration must be strengthened across increasingly diverse ecosystems, including competitors, companies in other industries and innovators.

Addressing the Current Social Vulnerabilities in the context of a New System for Work, Skills and Care

Official statistics show that despite a growing global economic crisis, workers are continuing to leave - or considering leaving - their jobs. Notwithstanding high numbers of unfilled jobs and tight labour markets across many of the world's biggest economies, real wages are also declining across many job categories in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis. In parallel, emerging markets are facing pressure of significant unemployment driven by the economic slowdown, leading to heightened social pressure. This moment calls for a new social contract that supports strong investment in education, skills and healthcare that fills unmet demand, lays the ground for social mobility and ultimately future-proof economies.

Addressing the Current Geopolitical Risks in the context of a New System for Dialogue and Cooperation in a Multipolar World

Systems that brought common benefit, such as trade, have been used as weapons to punish rivals, and areas that were once paragons of cooperation, like climate change, are at risk of becoming frontlines of competition. Russia's invasion of Ukraine was the latest move away from what was, for the first quarter-century after the end of the Cold War, a largely cooperative global order. The geopolitical vane turned from cooperation to competition. There is a growing need for a new global system that is more stakeholder based and equipped to handle the dynamics of the 21st century.

A special workstream across these themes will be dedicated to **leadership**, with a particular focus on resilience both at the individual and organizational levels.

The meeting will also enable the Forum's **Global Collaboration Village**, a pioneering effort to further scale public-private cooperation on the world's foremost challenges utilizing immersive digital environments.

The Meeting

The meeting will take place from 16 January to 20 January. The four days will cover a wide spectrum of formats for interaction and learning, giving leaders the necessary tools to address the current complexity and build for the future. They will revolve around the following three archetypes:

- **Dialogues** to forge understanding and alignment and exchange insights
- Gatherings of **communities of purpose** to drive tangible action on key global issues
- Opportunities for **foresight and discovery** to scale society critical innovations

The meeting will feature addresses by key heads of state and government as well as various geo-economic and geopolitical deliberations such as the Country Strategy Dialogues, Diplomacy Dialogues and the Informal Gathering of World Economic Leaders (IGWEL) meetings. It will also gather the Forum's foremost business communities, such as the International Business Council, the Community of Chairpersons and the Industry Governors.

Many sessions will be livestreamed publicly on the Forum's website and social media channels, as well as its state-of-the-art digital app, TopLink, providing an opportunity for the Forum's Digital Members community and the public to engage in deliberations. In addition, timely expert briefings will help participants and the public gain insights on the latest developments in current affairs at the time of the meeting.

Participation in the Annual Meeting is by invitation to the following Forum communities:

- Chief executives and chairs of the Forum 1,000 Partner companies actively engaged in initiatives and communities such as the International Business Council, Community of Chairpersons and Industry Governors
- Public figures from across the world including G7 and G20 countries, as well as heads of International Organizations
- Leaders from the foremost civil society, labour, media organizations as well as top thinkers and academics
- Members of the Global Innovators and Technology Pioneers community, the Community of Global Shapers, the Forum of Young Global Leaders and the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship

Health and Safety

The World Economic Forum attaches the highest priority to protecting the safety and well-being of participants, staff and the local community. For our Annual Meeting, we are working closely with public authorities to develop policies and protocols covering every aspect of the meeting, including health, safety and security.

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Tuesday 17 January

16:15 - 17:00 Your Stakeholder Dialogue entitled **Indigenous Peoples and Trade** *Panellist* *Invited*

Indigenous peoples have engaged in trade for millennia yet face challenges today. As demands for sustainable and inclusive globalization grow, what can we learn from Indigenous approaches to commerce and how can we ensure that the benefits of trade are more broadly shared for generations to come?

(Kurpark, Aspen 3)

- **Raj Kumar (Invited)**, President and Editor-in-Chief, Devex, USA (Moderated by)
- **Damien O'Connor (Invited)**, Minister of Trade and Export Growth of New Zealand (Panellist)
- **Fawn Sharp (Confirmed)**, President, National Congress of American Indians, USA (Panellist)

Thursday 19 January

07:45 - 08:30 Your Multilateral Meeting entitled **Partnering on Trade and Investment for Development** *Participant* *Invited*
(Annual Meeting 2023 Multilateral Meetings Programme)
How can we accelerate public private partnership on trade and investment for sustainable development?
(Congress Centre, Multilateral Room 2.8)

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<p>09:00 - 10:30 Your Roundtable entitled IGWEL: The Cost of Economic Fragmentation (Annual Meeting) With the likelihood of global recession increasing as inflationary pressure rises, leaders are coping with constrained fiscal, monetary and political spaces all while a widening geopolitical fracture makes a coordinated global economic response appear out of reach.</p> <p>Within this challenging context, what is the cost of geopolitical divides and how can stakeholders launch a new growth agenda?</p> <p>(Congress Centre, Parsenn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristalina Georgieva (Confirmed), Managing Director, International Monetary Fund (IMF), Washington DC (Chaired by) • Saadia Zahidi (Confirmed), Managing Director, World Economic Forum (Introduced by) 	<p><i>Participant</i></p>	<p><i>Invited</i></p>
<p>12:30 - 14:00 Your Lunch entitled Trade and Investment Leadership Lunch (Annual Meeting) This lunch session convenes leading CEOs and ministers to set directions for trade and investment in 2023.</p> <p>On the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open and resilient trade and investment - Easing physical and digital flows - Ensuring sustainable and inclusive outcomes <p>(Kurpark, Mönch)</p>	<p><i>Participant</i></p>	<p><i>Invited</i></p>
<p>15:00 - 16:30 Your Roundtable entitled IGWEL: Charting the Course to COP28 (Annual Meeting) The window for addressing climate change is fast closing, with the UN saying it is “now or never” to limit global warming. As leaders take stock of COP27 outcomes and set an agenda for COP28, how can the public and private sectors work together to raise climate and nature ambition, implement commitments and accelerate deployment of finance?</p> <p>(Congress Centre, Parsenn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Børge Brende (Confirmed), President, World Economic Forum (Chaired by) 	<p><i>Participant</i></p>	<p><i>Invited</i></p>

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| 15:00 - 17:00 | <p>Your Roundtable entitled The Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate (Annual Meeting)</p> <p>The launch of a new Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate invites discussion with stakeholders on cooperation and partnerships.</p> <p>Minister-only discussion until 16:15 CET; business and other stakeholders to join thereafter.</p> <p>On the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aligning trade with climate action - Stakeholder insights on priorities <p><i>(Kurpark, Mönch)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Deere Birkbeck (Confirmed), Director, TESS, Switzerland (Moderated by) • Valdis Dombrovskis (Confirmed), Executive Vice-President for an Economy that Works for People, European Commission (Contributor) • Damien O'Connor (Confirmed), Minister of Trade and Export Growth of New Zealand (Contributor) | <i>Contributor</i> | <i>Confirmed</i> |
| 17:00 - 18:30 | <p>Your Workshop entitled Realizing RCEP's Full Potential (Annual Meeting)</p> <p>The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership is the world's largest Free Trade Agreement to date, comprising about 30% of global GDP and about a third of the world's population.</p> <p>Having been ratified by most of the member economies, how can RCEP realize its full potential and deliver on its promises of fuelling recovery and sustained growth in a comprehensive and mutually beneficial way?</p> <p><i>(Congress Centre, Jakobshorn)</i></p> | <i>Participant</i> | <i>Invited</i> |

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