

Open Forum Davos 2026

Visions of 2050: Tomorrow Starts Now



PROGRAMME

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Monday 19 January, 18:30-19:45

Which 2050 Do We Want?

The choices we make today, on climate, technology, social justice and how we care for one another, are already shaping the world we will live in by 2050. Good decisions could lead to a more sustainable, fair and thriving future; poor ones could deepen inequality and environmental strain. As we look ahead, we must ask ourselves: what kind of 2050 are we choosing to create?

Tuesday 20 January, 09:30-10:45

The Snow Must Go On

Glaciers cover just 10% of the Earth, yet sustain half of humanity – and they are vanishing at an alarming rate. Beyond providing freshwater, they regulate climate, support ecosystems and power communities. Mountain regions have become hubs of climate innovation, where scientists, policymakers and local communities race to preserve ice and protect the billions who depend on it. How can we scale solutions to safeguard these vital ecosystems?

Tuesday 20 January, 12:30-13:45

Staying Grounded in an Age of Uncertainty

The World Economic Forum's *Global Risks Report 2025* highlights a rapidly shifting risk landscape, with two-thirds of experts anticipating a fragmented global system by mid-century. Eroding trust, intensifying geopolitical competition and growing systemic volatility are weakening the institutions once relied upon to manage shared risks. Can leaders forge new frameworks for collaboration that restore confidence, strengthen resilience and enable collective progress in an increasingly divided world?

Tuesday 20 January, 18:30-19:45

Where Biology Meets Choice

Advances in DNA and RNA research are transforming medicine, preventing disease, enhancing therapies and extending human health. Yet as the power to alter genes grows, so do questions of equity, consent and what it means to be human. As the boundaries between therapy and enhancement blur, how do we decide what should and shouldn't be edited?

Wednesday 21 January, 09:30-10:45

Swipe Left on Reality

AI is fundamentally reshaping human communication, work and knowledge. We are gaining efficiency and personalization while surrendering privacy, fragmenting attention and losing the ability to distinguish real from artificial. As AI platforms increasingly mediate how people connect and understand the world, how do we design and govern these systems to amplify human connection and agency rather than erode them?

Wednesday 21 January, 12:30-13:45

Understanding Quantum Reality

Quantum technologies are rapidly moving from theory to reality. As research progresses, the scientific community faces growing challenges in scalability, standardization, and ethical governance. How can researchers, educators, and policymakers build the knowledge frameworks and interdisciplinary collaborations needed to guide these transformative technologies responsibly?

Wednesday 21 January, 18:30-19:45

The Fragile Future of Antibiotics

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is already undermining modern medicine. As superbugs evolve faster than new treatments can be developed, once-manageable infections are becoming harder to cure, threatening everything from surgery to cancer care. How can we ensure global access to life-saving antibiotics while preserving their effectiveness for generations to come?

Thursday 22 January, 09:30-10:45

Beyond Earth – The Next Space Race

Some 65 years ago, the first human ventured into space. What was once the domain of governments is now increasingly shared with private companies, reshaping the landscape. As missions push towards the moon, Mars and beyond, questions of ownership, accessibility and sustainability grow more urgent. In this new space race, how do we balance discovery with responsibility?

Thursday 22 January, 12:30-13:45

Agricultural Evolution

The global food system is under mounting strain. Feeding a growing population amid climate disruption, resource scarcity and nutritional inequality demands transformation. As innovations in farming, ingredients and supply chain move from theory to practice, the challenge is to scale solutions that are both people- and planet-positive. How can collective action turn proven approaches into widespread change, building food systems that expand consumer choices, sustain farmers and restore the planet's balance?

Thursday 22 January, 17:30-18:30

Art Session

Session topic to be confirmed