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### LIST OF CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

#### Current Heads of State and Government, Ministers & Organizations

Bajram Begaj	President of the Republic of Albania
Milo Dukanovic	President of Montenegro (video message)
Egils Levits	President of the Republic of Latvia
Sergio Mattarella	President of the Republic of Italy ( <i>message</i> )
Rumen Radev	President of Republic of Bulgaria
Jose Ramos-Horta	President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 1996
Rishi Sunak	Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ( <i>message</i> )
Dritan Abazovic	Prime Minister of Montenegro
Michal Kaminski	Deputy Marshal of the Senate of the Republic of Poland
Gila Gamliel	Minister of Intelligence of the State of Israel
Azim Ibrohim	Minister of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan
Darija Kistic	Minister of Family Welfare and Demography of the Republic of Serbia
Darkhan Kydyrali	Minister of Information and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Khuon Soudary	Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Cambodia

Winnie Byanyima	Executive Director UNAIDS, Under-Secretary-General of UN
Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus	Director-General, WHO ( <i>video message</i> )
Wu Hongbo	Special Representative of the Chinese Government for European Affairs, former Under Secretary-General of United Nations; former Chinese Ambassador to Germany
Miguel Angel Moratinos	UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations
Najat Mokhtar	Deputy Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency
Shirin Ebadi	Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2003 ( <i>video message</i> )
Kailash Satyarthi	Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2014

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Vaira Vike-Freiberga	Co-Chair, NGIC; President of Latvia 1999-2007
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Ivo Josipovic	President of Croatia 2010-2015
Tarja Halonen	President of Finland 2000-2012 ( <i>video message</i> )
Kerry Kennedy	President, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights
Zlatko Lagumdzija	Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2001-2002; deputy Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2012-2015
Yves Leterme	Prime Minister of Belgium 2008, 2009-2011
Tzipi Livni	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Israel 2006-2009

Amre Moussa	Secretary-General, Arab League 2001-2011; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt 1991-2001
David Qinzhong Pan	Executive Dean of Schwarzman College
Rosen Plevneliev	President of Bulgaria 2012-2017
Petar Stoyanov	President of Bulgaria 1997-2002
Boris Tadic	President of Serbia 2004-2012
Eka Tkeshelashvili	Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia 2010-2012
Marianna V. Vardinoyannis	Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO ( <i>video message</i> )
Filip Vujanovic	President of Montenegro 2003-2018
Kateryna Yushchenko	First Lady of Ukraine 2005-2010
Chau Chak Wing	Co-Chair of the Global Circle, NGIC ( <i>video message</i> )

## Former Heads of State and Government

Shaukat Aziz	Prime Minister of Pakistan 2004-2007
Joyce Banda	President of Malawi 2012-2014
Andris Berzins	President of Latvia 2011-2015
Kjell Magne Bondevik	Prime Minister of Norway 1997-2000, 2001-2005
Gordon Brown	Prime Minister of the UK 2007-2010, Special Envoy of UN on Global Education, WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing ( <i>video message</i> )
Nino Burjanadze	Acting President of Georgia 2003-2004; 2007-2008; Speaker of Parliament 2001-2008
Micheline Calmy-Rey	President of the Swiss Confederation 2007-2011

Helen Clark	Prime Minister of New Zealand 1999-2008 (video message)
Emil Constantinescu	President of Romania 1996-2000
Mirko Cvetkovic	Prime Minister of Serbia 2008-2012
Jan Fischer	Prime Minister of the Czech Republic 2009-2010
Chiril Gaburici	Prime Minister of Moldova 2015
Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic	President of Croatia 2015-2020
Ameenah Gurib-Fakim	President of Mauritius 2015-2018
Dalia Itzik	President of Israel 2007, Speaker of Knesset 2006-2009
Mladen Ivanic	President of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014-2018
Gjorge Ivanov	President of the Republic of North Macedonia 2009-2019
Jadranka Kosor	Prime Minister of Croatia 2009-2011
Petru Lucinschi	President of Moldova 1997-2001
Igor Luksic	Prime Minister of Montenegro 2010-2012
Moussa Mara	Prime Minister of Mali 2014-2015
Giorgi Margvelashvili	President of Georgia 2013-2018
Peter Medgyessy	Prime Minister of Hungary 2002-2004
Stjepan Mesic	President of Croatia 2000-2010
Joseph Muscat	Prime Minister of Malta 2013-2020
Ehud Olmert	Prime Minister of Israel 2006-2009
Djoomart Otorbaev	Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan 2014-2015
Iveta Radicova	Prime Minister of Slovakia 2010-2012
Petre Roman	Prime Minister of Romania 1989-1991

<b>Abdur-Rauf Rawabdeh</b>	Prime Minister of Jordan 1999-2000, President of the Senate 2013-2015
<b>Mirko Sarovic</b>	President of Bosnia and Herzegovina 2002-2003; Former deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Trade and Economy of Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>Rosalia Arteaga Serrano</b>	President of Ecuador 1997
<b>Laimdota Straujuma</b>	Prime Minister of Latvia 2014-2016
<b>Aminata Touré</b>	Prime Minister of Senegal 2013-2014
<b>Cassam Uteem</b>	President of Mauritius 1992-1997, 1997-2002
<b>Raimonds Vejonis</b>	President of Latvia 2015-2019
<b>Viktor Yushchenko</b>	President of Ukraine 2005-2010
<b>Valdis Zatlers</b>	President of Latvia 2007-2011

**Former Deputy Prime Ministers, Ministers & Members of Parliament**

<b>HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal AlSaud</b>	Chairman of the Board of Directors, King Faisal Center for Research & Islamic Studies
<b>HRH Prince Saud bin Turki AlFaisal</b>	Advisor to HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal
<b>Rashid Alimov</b>	Secretary-General, SCO 2016-2018, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan 1992-1994
<b>Anastas Angjeli</b>	former Minister of Finance and Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Albania
<b>Adel El Beltagy</b>	Chair of the International Dryland Development Commission; Former Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation of Egypt
<b>Ana Birchall</b>	Deputy Prime Minister of Romania 2018-2019; Minister of Justice 2019; Member of the Parliament of Romania

Volkan Bozkır	75th President of the UN General Assembly; Minister of European Union Affairs of Turkey 2014-2015, 2015-2016; Member of the Turkish Parliament
Hikmet Cetin	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey 1991-1994
Lazar Comanescu	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania 2008, 2015-2017; Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation
Hakima El Haite	President of the Liberal International; Minister of Environment of Morocco 2013-2017; Special Envoy for Climate Change of Morocco 2015-2017
Werner Fasslabend	Minister of Defense of Austria 1987-1990; 1990-2000; 2000-2007; President, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy
Maria Fernanda Espinosa	73rd President of the UN General Assembly; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador 2017-2018; Minister of Defense 2012-2014 <i>(video message)</i>
Evan Feigenbaum	Vice President for Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Zanete Grende	Minister of Culture of Latvia 2011-2013
Vuk Jeremic	President of the United Nations General Assembly 2012-2013; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia 2007-2012
Mac Harb	Former Member of the House of Commons of Canada; Senator for Ontario 2003-2013
Maria Angela Holguin	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia 2010-2018; Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations 2004-2006
Benamina Karic	Mayor of Sarajevo
Ivan Korcok	Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia 2020-2021; 2021-2022

<b>Jan Kubis</b>	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia 2006-2009; Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe 2009-2011
<b>Filippo Lombardi</b>	Member of the Council of States, Switzerland 1999-2019
<b>Aichatou Mindaoudou</b>	Foreign Minister of Niger 1999-2010; Joint Special Representative UN/AU in Dafour 2011-2013; UN Special Representative in Côte d'Ivoire 2013-2017; Current CEO of IPITI Consulting
<b>Artis Pabriks</b>	Minister of Defense of Latvia 2019-2022; Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia 2004-2007
<b>Milica Pejanovic-Durisic</b>	Minister of Defense of Montenegro 2012-2016
<b>Friedbert Pfluger</b>	Head of the European Cluster for Climate, Energy and Resource Security, University of Bonn; Founding Partner of Strategic Minds Company GmbH, Berlin; former Deputy Minister of Defense of Germany
<b>Erdal Trhulj</b>	former Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>Yashar Yakish</b>	former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey
<b>Ekaterina Zaharieva</b>	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria 2017-2021, Minister of Justice 2015-2017

## International Organizations

<b>Mohamed Mahmoud Abdelsalam</b>	Secretary-General of Muslim Council of Elders; Co-President, Religions for Peace
<b>Giuli Alasania</b>	Founder and President of the University of Georgia, Georgia
<b>Abdulaziz Altwaijri</b>	Former Director-General of ISESCO
<b>Farida Allaghi</b>	Ambassador of Libya to the European Union 2015-2016; Senior Adviser to HRH Prince Talal Bin Abdulazez Al Saud



Soud Ba'alawy	Founder and Chairman of ENSPIRE DIFC Ltd, based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Amitav Banerji	Projects Director, Global Leadership Foundation
Gregory Bird	Deputy Secretary-General, Global Coalition for Efficient Logistics
Nicolas Briec	Director of External Affairs at Philip Morris International
Emil Brix	Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
Bonnie Burnham	former Head of the World Monuments Fund
David Chikvaidze	Chef de Cabinet to the Director-General of the UNOAG
Arben Cici	Prorector, Mediterranean University of Albania; Director, Albanian Diplomatic Forum
Edin Dilberovic	Director of State Agency for European Integration; Councillor in the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ismahane Elouafi	Chief Scientist at the Food and Agriculture Organization of UN
Walter Fust	Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation 1993-2000; Member of the UN-ICT Task force; Chair, UNESCO Intergovernmental council for the Development of Communication 2008-2010; President Globethics.net
Shafik Gabr	Chairman and Managing Director, ARTOC Group for Investment and Development
Nathalie de Gaulle	Strategic Committee Member & Senior Advisor, TENEO
Maurizio Geri	Senior advisor to the Italian MOD; Fellow at the Center for Media and Peace Initiatives, Expert on post-Soviet space for the International Team for the Study of Security, & former NATO officer
Hafez Ghanem	former Vice-President, Middle East and North Africa, World Bank
Wu Hailong	President, Chinese Public Diplomacy Association (video message)
Jaffar Hasnain	TRT World Presenter and Correspondent

Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman	Deputy CEO, Strategy and Innovation for the Jerusalem Post Group
Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu	Secretary-General, OIC 2004-2014
Aira Kalela	Senior Advisor to President Tarja Halonen
Mats Karlsson	Vice-President of the World Bank 1999-2002
Ieva Krumina	Head of the Textile Department of the Latvian Academy of Art
Sanat Kushkumbayev	Deputy Director of the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of Kazakhstan
Shi Ling	Vice-President of the Chinese People Institute of Foreign Affairs
Bolat Nurgaliyev	Director of the Institute for Foreign Policy Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan
Francis O'Donnell	Ambassador (ret., SMOM) and UN Resident Coordinator for Ukraine 2004-2009
Susan Ness	Distinguished Fellow and Project Director, Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania
Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah	Special Representative of the Secretary-General of West Africa 2003-2007; United Nations Special Envoy for Somalia 2007-2010
Ronit Raphael	Founder, L.Raphael
Paul Revay	Former Director, Trilateral Europe, member of the Board of Trustees of Friends of Europe
Hedva Ser	Goodwill Ambassador and Special Envoy for Cultural Diplomacy, UNESCO
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Natko Vlahovic	Founder and CEO, Vlahovic Group
Benedetto Zacchioli	President of the European Coalition of Cities against Racism
Antonio Zanardi Landi	Former Diplomatic Adviser to the Italian President; Ambassador of the Military Order of Malta to Vatican
Yoram Weiss	Director General of the Hadassah Medical Center

## Sustainable Development Solutions Network

Nikolaos Theodosiou	Chair of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network Black Sea; Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Marina Stefanova	Faculty of Economy and Business Administration, Sofia University
Andjelka Mihajlov	former Minister for the Protection of Natural Resources and Environment, Serbia
Sergiy Byelikov	Rector of Zaporizhzhya National Technical University
Eden Mamut	Secretary-General of Black Sea Universities Network; Ovidius University of Constanta
Michael Christides	Former Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
Laszlo Borbely	State Counsellor to the Prime Minister of Romania
Grigoris Zarotiadis	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

## Young Leaders & Alumni

Natalija Knipse	Young Leader, Latvia
Rudolfs Krumins	Young Leader, Latvia
Markuss Zabello	Young Leader, Latvia
Martins Steins	Young Leader, Latvia
Kinsu Kumar	Young Leader, India
Lalita Duhariya	Young Leader, India
Heela Yoon	founder of Afghan Youth Ambassadors for Peace Organization, Afghanistan/USA
Shahrukh Khan	Young Leader, USA
Imaan Fakim	Young Leader, Mauritius

Maryna Domushkina	Young Leader, Ukraine
Lesia Ogryzko	Young Leader, Ukraine
Marko Babic	Young Leader, Croatia
Andreas Nef	Young Leader, Switzerland
Chong Ing Kai	Young Leader, Singapore
Chante Harris	Young Leader, USA
MD Talebur Islam	Young Leader, Bangladesh
Sveto Muhammad Ishaq	Young Leader, Afghanistan
Emiliya Bayramova	Young Leader, Azerbaijan
Rafael Hajibayli	Young Leader, Azerbaijan
Kevin Khadavi	Alumnus, USA
Vahid Aliyev	Alumnus, Azerbaijan
Assen Plevneliev	Alumnus, Bulgaria