

Our Next World – Rethinking Demography

WDA Forum in collaboration with the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA)

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This session will share insights into what the future will bring while also crucially asking what we can do about it. All over the world population dynamics and ageing will map the future of our lives, of the societies we live in, and of the way in which our societies – from Asia to America, from Africa to Europe – live with each other. The session's title looks simple but the reality behind it is complex and challenging: What will define our "Next World" - with all its growing interdependencies and its risks, surrounding our lengthening and changing lives?

Input Statements

Demography in the 21st Century: Dynamics by Continent

Hans Groth, President of the World Demographic & Ageing Forum, St. Gallen, Switzerland

John F. May, Visiting Scholar, Population Reference Bureau, Washington, DC, USA

Geopolitical Issues Arising from Demography

Prince Michael of Liechtenstein, Chairman, Geopolitical Information Service AG, Vaduz, Liechtenstein

Panel Discussion

Continuous changes and unprecedented innovations will significantly impact societies, economies and governance all over the globe. Therefore, demographic shifts will fundamentally impact our living standards and potential to prosper. During this session, leading experts from across the globe will be debating pressing topics for future competitiveness of nations. The areas of focus will be: work life, financial markets, retirement systems, health and ageing, and digital revolution.

What are the points of agreement and certainty? What could potentially surprise us? What can and must be done?

Moderator:

Thomas B. Cueni, Director General,
International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA)

Panellists:

Ewa Björling, Minister of Trade of Sweden (2007-2014), Stockholm

Nicholas Eberstadt, Henry Wendt Chair in Political Economy,
American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC

Wang Feng, Professor of Sociology, Fudan University, Shanghai

Jotham Musinguzi, Director General, National Population Council, Kampala

Thomas Zeltner, Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences, Berne, Switzerland

Assembling the Jigsaw

Wolfgang Lutz, Founder of Wittgenstein Centre for Demography & Global Human Capital, Vienna,

