

GES: Restructuring Economies, Transforming Societies

“**Restructuring Economies, Transforming Societies**” is the topic of the Global Economic Symposium 2014 to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 6 to 8 September. About 600 decision-makers from political and business circles, the scientific community and society are expected to attend the GES 2014.

“Over the past half century, developing and developed countries have been on a course that is unsustainable in terms of the environment, natural resources, intergenerational transfers and more, inequitable in terms of the distribution of income and wealth and inadequate in terms of governance,” said Prof. Dennis J. Snower, President of the Institute for the World Economy (IfW). The GES 2014 is intended to make a contribution to finding proposed solutions for problems of this kind. *“Setting these problems right requires a complementary restructuring of economies in order to promote fair and sustainable growth as well as transformation of societies proceeding along diverse paths but adhering to some basic common norms and values,”* said Snower.

In over 40 sessions on the three major topic ranges of the GES 2014 – *Towards Sustainable Economies, Towards Equitable Societies* und *Towards Adequate Governance* – solutions are sought to global problems.

The GES 2014 will be organised by the IfW in cooperation with the Deutsche Zentralbibliothek für Wirtschaftswissenschaften – Leibniz-Informationszentrum Wirtschaft (ZBW). This year’s host is the Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), one of Malaysia’s leading universities.

A large number of renowned international experts will give impetus towards resolving global issues. These persons include the following:

Economic circles

- Hans Paul Bürkner, Boston Consulting Group, Chairman
- Victor Chu, First Eastern Investment Group, Chairman and CEO
- Thomas Mirow, HSH Nordbank, Chairperson of the Supervisory Board
- Geoff Riddell, Zurich Insurance Group, Member of the Group Executive Committee,

Policymakers and NGOs

- Laszlo Andor, European Commission, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- Prince Turki AlFaisal, King Faisal Foundation, Founder and Trustee
- Mehmet Şimşek, Minister of Finance, Turkey
- Jörg Dräger, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Member of the Board
- Pascal Lamy, Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute, Honorary President

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Scientific community

- Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University, Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Nobel Laureate
- Edward Lazear, Stanford University, Professor of Human Resources Management and Economics
- Robert Johnson, The Institute for New Economic Thinking, President

The preliminary programme is available for download at:

<http://www.global-economic-symposium.org/symposium-2014/download/ges-program-2014>

Please note the following additional sources of information available:

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