

Agenda

Friday, December 13

08:30 – 09:45

Opening session

Noura Al Kaabi, Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates

Tiémoko Meyliet Koné, Vice President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

HH Bartholomew Ist, Archbishop of Constantinople - New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

Thierry de Montbrial, Founder and Executive Chairman of Ifri and the WPC

09:45 – 11:00

Plenary session 1: Global Economic Governance in a Fragmented World

Chair:

Jean-Claude Trichet, former President of the European Central Bank, Honorary Governor of the Banque de France

Speakers:

Gabriel Felbermayr, Director of the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO), former President of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW)

Vincent Koen, Deputy Director of Country Studies at the OECD

John Lipsky, Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Institute at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, former First Deputy Managing Director of the IMF

Jean-Marie Paugam, Deputy Director General of the WTO

Qiao Yide, Vice Chairman and Secretary General of Shanghai Development Research Foundation

11:00 – 12:00

Plenary session 2: Multi-vector Foreign Policies?

Chair:

Thierry de Montbrial, Founder and Executive Chairman of Ifri and the WPC

Speakers:

Ana Brnabić, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

Lasha Darsalia, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Roman Vassilenko, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

13:15 – 14:30

Plenary session 3: De-globalization or Re-globalization?

Chair:

Bertrand Badré, Managing Partner and Founder of Blue like an Orange Sustainable Capital, former Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer of the World Bank Group

Speakers:

Sébastien Jean, Professor of Economics at CNAM University, Associate Director of Ifri's Geoeconomics and Geofinance initiative

Bark Tae-ho, President of Lee&Ko Global Commerce Institute, former Minister for Trade of Korea

Kazuto Suzuki, Director of the Institute of Geoeconomics at International House of Japan, Professor at the Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Tokyo

Pierre Jacquet, Professor of Economics at the École nationale des ponts et chaussées (ENPC), member of the Cercle des Économistes

Vladislav Inozemtsev, Director of the Center for Post-Industrial Studies in Moscow, Special Advisor to Middle East Media Research Institute's Russia Media Studies Project in Washington, DC.

14:30 – 15:00

Plenary session 4: Conversation with **Kevin McCarthy**, 55th Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

15:00 – 15:45

Plenary Session 5: The Role of G7 in a Changing Landscape

Chair:

Thierry de Montbrial, Founder and Executive Chairman of Ifri and the WPC

Speakers:

Philippe Etienne, *Ambassadeur de France*, professor of public and international affairs at Columbia University, former diplomatic advisor to President Macron, also acting as G7 and G20 sherpa

Lee Hye-min, former G20 Sherpa of Korea, former Ambassador for International Economic Affairs of the Republic of Korea, Senior Advisor of KIM & CHANG

Gary Litman, Senior Vice President for Global Initiatives at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

15:45 – 16:45

Plenary session 6: Geopolitics of Climate Change

Chair:

Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegga, Director of the Center for Energy & Climate of Ifri

Speakers:

Nawal Al-Hosany, Permanent Representative of the UAE to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Stéphane Michel, President Gas, Renewables & Power (GRP) and Executive Committee member of TotalEnergies

Mikaa Blugeon-Mered, Special Advisor at Hy24, Adjunct lecturer on Hydrogen geopolitics at Sciences Po and Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P)

Frank Wouters, Chairman MENA Hydrogen Alliance

16:45 – 17:30

Plenary session 7: The IMEC Economic Corridor: A New Era of Global Cooperation and Growth

Chair:

Gérard Mestrallet, Special Envoy of the French President for IMEC

Speakers:

Anurag Varma, Senior Vice President of the Adani Group

Gidon Bromberg, Cofounder of EcoPeace Middle East

17:30 – 18:45

Plenary session 8: Economic Growth and Geopolitical Challenges in Asia

Chair:

John Andrews, Author, journalist and contributing editor to *The Economist*

Speakers:

Douglas Paal, Distinguished Fellow at the Asia Program Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Jean-Pierre Cabestan, Senior Researcher Emeritus at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Professor Emeritus at Hong Kong Baptist University

M.K. Narayanan, Former Senior Advisor and National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of India (Manmohan Singh), former Governor of West Bengal

Hur Kyung-wook, Chairman of Seoul Financial Forum, Chairman of the Board of the Korea Center for International Finance, former Vice Minister for the Ministry of Strategy and Finance

Yuichi Hosoya, Professor of International Politics at Keio University in Tokyo, Director of Research at the Asia-Pacific Initiative

19:15

Dinner with Kevin Rudd, Ambassador of Australia to the United States, former Prime Minister of Australia

Saturday, December 14

08:30 – 09:45

Plenary session 9: The Future of Europe After the Ukraine War and Trump's Election

Chair:

Terry Martin, Journalist, TV news anchor

Speakers:

Yann Coatanlem, Co-founder of GlassView, President of Club Praxis

Zaki Laïdi, former Personal Advisor to the High Representative and Vice President of the Commission EEAS

Hubert Védrine, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of France, Founder of Hubert Védrine Conseil

Vuk Jeremić, President of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia

Norbert Röttgen, Member of the Deutscher Bundestag and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee

09:45 – 10:15

Plenary session 10: Conversation with **Aiman Ezzat**, CEO of Capgemini

10:15 – 11:15

Plenary session 11: The AI Revolution and Beyond

Chair:

Daniel Andler, Professor Emeritus at Sorbonne University, member of the Académie des sciences morales et politiques, Philosopher

Speakers:

François Barrault, Founder and Chairman of FDB Partners, Chairman of IDATE DigiWorld

Omran Sharaf, Assistant Foreign Minister for Advanced Science and Technology of the United Arab Emirates

Lee Tiedrich, Distinguished Faculty Fellow in Law & Responsible Technology at Duke University, member of the OECD and Global Partnership on AI (GPAI), Senior AI Advisor for the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

11:15 – 12:15

Plenary session 12: Innovative Leaders: Transforming Business with Generative AI

Chair:

Lucia Sinapi-Thomas, Executive Director of Capgemini Ventures

Speakers:

Lucia Russo, Artificial Intelligence Policy Analyst at the OECD

Eiso Kant, CTO & Co-founder of poolside.AI

Rotem Alaluf, CEO of Wand.ai

Felix Naser, COO of Liquid.AI

12:30 – 14:30

Lunch / Business Community Lunch

14:45 – 15:45

Plenary session 13: Brics Expansion: Implications for the Future of Global Order

Chair:

Nikolaus Lang, Managing Director and Senior Partner in BCG's Munich office

Speakers:

Étienne Berchtold, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to the United Arab Emirates, former Foreign and European policy spokesperson for three Austrian Chancellors

Trudi Makhaya, Board Member, Spar Group & Former Economic Advisor to the President of South Africa

Constanza Negri Biasutti, Brazil B20 Sherpa and former Trade & International Integration Head at CNI (National Confederation of Industry) in Brazil

Qiao Yide, Vice Chairman and Secretary General of Shanghai Development Research Foundation

15:45 – 16:15

Plenary session 14: Conversation with **Anwar Gargash**, Diplomatic Advisor to President of the United Arab Emirates

16:30 – 19:00

Parallel workshops

Workshop 1: Economy and Finance

Chair:

Jean-Claude Trichet, former President of the European Central Bank, Honorary Governor of the Banque de France

Speakers:

Sébastien Jean, Associate Director of Ifri's Geoeconomics and Geofinance initiative, Professor of Economics at CNAM University

Hur Kyung-wook, Chairman of Seoul Financial Forum, Chairman of the Board of the Korea Center for International Finance, former Vice Minister for the Ministry of Strategy and Finance

Pierre Jacquet, Professor of Economics at the École nationale des ponts et chaussées (ENPC), member of the Cercle des Économistes

André Lévy-Lang, Founder and Chairman of the Louis Bachelier Institute, former CEO of Banque Parisbas

John Lipsky, Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Institute at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, former First Deputy Managing Director of the IMF

Gary Litman, Senior Vice President for Global Initiatives at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Jean-Claude Meyer, Vice Chairman International of Rothschild & Cie

Workshop 2: Energy and Environment

Chair:

Valérie Ducrot, Executive Director of Global Gas Centre

Speakers:

Majdi Abed, Vice President International Public Affairs at TotalEnergies

Jean Abiteboul, President of GIIGNL (International Group of Liquefied Natural Gas Importers), Non-Executive Board member of Tellurian, Inc. (AMEX: TELL), Founder and Chairman of JA Energy Consulting

Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegga, Director of the Center for Energy & Climate of Ifri

Tomás Lanardonne, energy regulatory and transactional expert, Founding Partner of MHR Abogados (Argentina & Uruguay)

Jeffrey Lewis, Partner and member of the Executive Committee of the international law firm of Cleary Gottlieb

Nicolas Piau, Co-Founder & CEO of Tilt Capital

Igor Yurgens, Chairman of the Management board of the Institute of Contemporary Development of Moscow

Workshop 3: Economic and Social Issues in the Middle East

Chair:

Adil Alzarooni, CEO of Al Zarooni Emirates Investments and Al Bidayer Holding, Founder of Citizens School

Speakers:

Kamel Abdallah, Managing Director and CEO of Canal Sugar, Egypt

Raed Charafeddine, Central and Commercial Banker, former First Vice Governor of the Central Bank of Lebanon

Ernesto Damiani, Professor at Khalifa University for the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Director of the Center for Cyber-Physical Systems (C2PS) **François Gouyette**, Chairman of Pro Oriente Conseil, Vice-Chairman for Public Diplomacy of The Global Diwan, Advisor to the Chairman of Diot-Siaci

Monica Malik, Chief Economist at Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank

Dorothee Schmid, Head of the Turkey/Middle East program at Ifri

Fareed Yasseen, Secretary General of the Iraq Pugwash Association, former Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the United States

19:15

Cocktail

19:30

Gala dinner with His Excellency Sheikh Salem bin Khalid Al Qassimi, Minister of Culture, United Arab Emirates

Sunday, December 15

09:00 – 10:30

Plenary session 15: Global Health Challenges

Chair:

Michel Kazatchkine, Special Advisor to the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

Speakers:

Antoine Flahault, Director of the Institute of Global Health at the University of Geneva, Director of the Swiss School of Public Health

Maha Barakat, Assistant Minister for Health and Life Sciences at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the UAE

Jean-François Etter, Professor at the Institute of Global Health (ISG) of the University of Geneva

Juliette Tuakli, Mercy Ships International Diplomatic Ambassador for Africa, former clinical professor in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, Founder and former medical Director of CHILDA Accra in Ghana

Yoshiyuki Sagara, Senior Research Fellow at the Asia Pacific Initiative (API) specialized in health security policy

10:30 – 11:45

Plenary session 16: Geopolitics, Food, World Hunger: A Forgotten and Explosive Subject

Chair:

Jean-Michel Severino, President of Investisseurs & Partenaires, former Vice President of the World Bank for Asia, former CEO of France's International Development Agency (AFD)

Speakers:

Máximo Torero Cullen, Chief Economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Assistant Director General for the Economic and Social Development Department of the FAO

Philippe Chalmin, Founder of Cercle Cyclope, Professor Emeritus at Paris-Dauphine University

Bayu Krisnamurthi, Professor at the Bogor Agricultural University, former Vice Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia

Kamel Abdallah, Managing Director and CEO of Canal Sugar, Egypt

Jean-Marc Astorg, Strategy Director at *Centre national d'études spatiales* (CNES)

11:45 – 12:30

Plenary session 17: Politics and Religion in the Middle East

Chair:

Thierry de Montbrial, Founder and Executive Chairman of Ifri and the WPC

Speakers:

Olivier Roy, Research Director at CNRS (French National Centre for Scientific Research)

Haïm Korsia, Chief Rabbi of France

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 14:15

Plenary session 18: What Perspectives for a Sustainable Arab-Israeli Peace?

Chair:

Steven Erlanger, Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, Europe, for *The New York Times*

Speakers:

Nabil Fahmy, Dean Emeritus at the American University in Cairo, former Foreign Minister of Egypt

Itamar Rabinovitch, Vice Chairman of the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv, Distinguished Fellow at the Brookings Institution

14:15 – 15:15

Plenary session 19: War and Peace in the Middle East: What Role for the Europeans?

Chair:

Renaud Girard, Senior Reporter and International Columnist at *Le Figaro*

Speakers:

Mohammed Baharoon, Director General of the Dubai Public Policy Research Center (b'huth)

Volker Perthes, Non-Resident Senior Fellow and Senior Advisor to the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

Marc Hecker, Deputy Director of Ifri, Editor-in-Chief of *Politique étrangère*, and Research Fellow at the Security Studies Center, Ifri

15:15 – 16:15

Plenary session 20: Building a Sustainable Future in Africa

Chair:

Seán Cleary, Chairman of Strategic Concepts (Pty) Ltd., Founder and Executive Vice Chair of the FutureWorld Foundation

Speakers:

Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO of the African Union Development Agency/NEPAD, former United Nations Resident Coordinator in South Africa

Vincent Biruta, Minister of Interior of Rwanda, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Rwanda

Nialé Kaba, Minister of Economy, Planning, and Development of Côte d'Ivoire

Jean-Michel Severino, President of Investisseurs & Partenaires, former Vice President of the World Bank for Asia, former CEO of France's International Development Agency (AFD)

16:15 – 17:30

Plenary session 21: President Trump: What Economy and Foreign Policy?

Chair:

Virginie Robert, Foreign Desk Editor at Les Échos, Vice President of the European-American Press Club in Paris

Speakers:

Hiroyuki Akita, Commentator of Nikkei, Japan

Peter Beyer, Member of the German Bundestag, former Coordinator of Transatlantic Cooperation of the Federal Government

Fareed Yasseen, Secretary General of the Iraq Pugwash Association, former Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to the United States

Jay Truesdale, CEO of TD International, former Special Assistant to then-Deputy Secretaries of State William Burns and Antony Blinken

Jean-Claude Gruffat, Member of United Way Leadership Council, Board member Atlas Network, Managing Director of Weild and Co LLC New York

17:30 – 18:30

Final Debate

Chair:

Thierry de Montbrial, Founder and Executive Chairman of Ifri and the WPC

Speakers:

General Francis A. Béhanzin, Co-Founder and Chairman of the *Réseau mondial des professionnels de sécurité et de défense pour la prévention et la lutte contre le terrorisme*, former Commissioner Political Affairs, Peace and Security of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Michel Foucher, Member of the Center for Higher European Studies (former ENA) and senior counsel on studies at MEDEF

Christophe Poinssot, Deputy CEO and Scientific Director of the *Bureau de recherches géologiques et minières* (BRGM)

18:30

Envoi