

2019 Imperial Springs International Forum

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1-2 December 2019
Imperial Springs International Convention Center
Nº 1 Imperial Springs Avenue, Conghua, 510970
Guangzhou, China



1. Key Information

- **What is happening?**

Prominent leaders from all over the globe are gathering to lead the 2019 Imperial Springs International Forum, this year focused on “Multilateralism and Sustainable Development”.

- **Who is involved?**

More than 25 global leaders, including over 15 Members of World Leadership Alliance - Club de Madrid, various policy experts and diplomats from around the world, and an important number of Chinese authorities.

- **Where is it taking place?**

Imperial Springs International Convention Center. Nº 1 Imperial Springs Avenue, Conghua, 510970. Guangzhou, China. The Convention Center is located in the vicinity of the Liuxi River in the foothills of Phoenix Mountain in Guangzhou.

- **When is it taking place?**

1-2 December, 2019.

- **Why is this happening?**

The ISIF 2019 will be addressing global governance, this time with special emphasis on the UN Agenda 2030 implementation challenges. Given China’s success in achieving the UN Millennium Goals (2000-2015) and introducing policies aimed at galvanizing sustainable economic modernization, there is potential for China’s own model of development to become an example for other countries.

2. Press Note

IMPERIAL SPRINGS INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON MULTILATERALISM AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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This year's ISIF will be held on December 1-2 and will look into how multilateralism and increased state cooperation can contribute to achieving Agenda 2030

More than 25 prominent leaders from all over the globe are gathering in Guangzhou to lead the 2019 Imperial Springs International Forum (ISIF), which will take place on 1-2 December. The event will count with over 15 Members of World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid (WLA-CdM), all democratic former Heads of State and Government; representatives from the Chinese government; members of International Organizations; and various policy experts.

The Forum, organized jointly with the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the People's Government of Guangdong Province, and the Australia China Friendship Association (ACFEA) will formulate policy proposals on *Multilateralism and Sustainable Development*, in order to build more sustainable and inclusive economies for the 21st century.

Agenda 2030, the sustainable development agenda approved in 2015, demands unprecedented scope and commitment from all nations. Addressing people, planet, prosperity, and peace, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) cover all dimensions of sustainable development. Achieving Agenda 2030 does not come without its challenges. On top of these, the international community is facing many other tests in adjusting to the global policy needs that result from greater openness and policy interdependence among states, particularly when addressing sustainability for the long term. In consequence, implementation of Agenda 2030 -our most ambitious effort in sustainable development yet- is slowing down.

"If we project the different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the evolution since the beginning until now to 2030, we will be more or less at midway of what the international community has determined when the Agenda 2030 was approved", said Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General and Member of WLA-CdM last June.

SDGs are addressing the world as a whole instead of only addressing specific groups of countries. China occupies an important position not only as a driver of sustainable development but also as a bridge between the low/middle and high-income countries. Given China's success in achieving the UN Millennium Goals (2000-2015) and the progress at home introducing policies aimed at galvanizing sustainable economic modernization, there is potential for China's own model of economic development to become an example for other countries.

Since its founding in 2014, ISIF has gained increasing influence and provided a new window for the world to understand China. It has become an important platform for dialogue between China and the world, where leaders and experts openly discuss and exchange their opinions, bringing results to other countries and regions. Its gathering place, the Imperial Springs International Convention Center, is located in the vicinity of the picturesque Liuxi River in the foothills of Phoenix Mountain in Conghua, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, China.

As the world seeks to integrate the potential of China's growing economic power and its stronger presence in international affairs, ISIF 2019 positions itself as a timely and increasingly fruitful forum, contributing not with words alone, but with concrete proposals. Last year, on occasion of the watershed 40th anniversary of China's opening up and reform process, ISIF 2018 gathered 40 prominent leaders from all over the globe in Guangzhou to lead the event under the title *Advancing Reform and Opening Up, Promoting Win-Win Cooperation*.

3. Confirmed WLA-CdM attending Members

1. Carl Bildt	Prime Minister of Sweden (1991-1994)
2. Valdis Birkavs	Prime Minister of Latvia (1993-1994)
3. Laura Chinchilla	President of Costa Rica (2010-2014)
4. Massimo D'Alema	Prime Minister of Italy (1998-2000)
5. Hamadi Jebali	Prime Minister of Tunisia (2011-2013)
6. Mehdi Jomaa	Prime Minister of Tunisia (2014-2015)
7. Ivo Josipovic	President of Croatia (2010-2015)
8. Zlatko Lagumdžija	Prime Minister of Bosnia & Herzegovina (2001-2002)
9. Yves Leterme	Prime Minister of Belgium (2009-2011)
10. Benjamin Mkapa	President of Tanzania (1995-2005)
11. Festus Mogae	President of Botswana (1998-2008)
12. Olusegun Obasanjo	President of Nigeria (1976-1979; 1999-2007)
13. Punsalmaa Ochirbat	President of Mongolia (1990-1997)
14. Petre Roman	Prime Minister of Romania (1989-1991)
15. Jennifer Mary Shipley	Prime Minister of New Zealand (1997-1999)
16. Han Seung-soo	Prime Minister of Korea (2008-2009)
17. Danilo Turk	President Slovenia (2007-2012)
18. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga	President Latvia (1999-2007)

4. About

CPAFFC Invitees

Bruce Golding	Prime Minister of Jamaica (2007-2011)
Yukio Hatoyama	Prime Minister of Japan (2009-2010)
Hamid Karzai	President of Afghanistan (2004-2014)

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Rosen Plevneliev	President of Bulgaria (2012-2017)
Valdis Zatlers	President of Latvia (2007-2011)
Mladen Ivanic	President of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2014-2018)
Djoomart Otorbaev	Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan (2014-2015)
Jadranka Kosor	Prime Minister of Croatia (2009-2011)

Experts

Niclas Ahlstrom	Founder, Made by Choice
Jamil Ahmad	Director Intergovernmental Affairs UNEP, NY
Sean Cleary	Strategic Concepts LTD, Chairman and WLA-CdM Advisor
Rafael Dezcallar	Ambassador of Spain to the People's Republic of China and Mongolia, Ministry Foreign Affairs of Spain
Noeleen Heyzer	Former Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Georgina Higuera	Vice-president of Cátedra China and Director of Foro Asia in Foro de Foros Foundation
Fabrizio Hochschild	Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations
Lasse-Marcus Laine	Made by Choice
Manuel Muñiz	Dean IE School of International Relations and Rafael del Pino Professor of Practice of Global Leadership
Montek Singh Ahluwalia	Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Government of India
Marc Uzan	Executive Director, Reinventing Bretton Woods Committee

5. About



World Leadership Alliance-Club de Madrid is the largest worldwide assembly of political leaders working to strengthen democratic values, good governance and the well-being of citizens across the globe. As a non-profit, non-partisan, international organization, its network is composed of more than 100 democratic former Presidents and Prime Ministers from over 60 countries, together with a global body of advisors and experts practitioners, who offer their voice and agency on a pro bono basis, to today's political, civil society leaders and policymakers. WLA-CdM responds to a growing demand for trusted advice in addressing the challenges involved in achieving 'democracy that delivers', building bridges, bringing down silos and promoting dialogue for the design of better policies for all. This alliance represents an independent effort towards sustainable development, inclusion and peace, not bound by the interest or pressures of institutions and governments, by providing the experience, access and convening power of its Members.

6. Media Channels/Platforms

Club de Madrid Social media channels

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- [Twitter](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)

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Website, hashtag, handle and slogan

- www.clubmadrid.org
- #clubdemadrid
- @ClubdeMadrid
- *Democracy That Delivers*

7. Resources

- [WLA-CdM logos](#) (Bitmap and vector format)
- [WLA-CdM Brand Identity Guidelines](#)



- [Social media resources](#) (below)



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