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LEADING IN A WORLD OF CONVERGING CRISES

CLUB DE MADRID'S ANNUAL POLICY DIALOGUE 2022

Co-organised with the Liz Mohn Center, an initiative of the Bertelsmann Stiftung
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Deeply aware of the current megacrisis, **Club de Madrid** (CdM) is organising its 2022 Annual Policy Dialogue in partnership with the **Liz Mohn Center**, an initiative of the **Bertelsmann Stiftung**, bringing key stakeholders to Berlin for a timely discussion focused on solutions to address the food, energy and financial crises afflicting the world in 2022.

The Dialogue offers a unique platform for urgently required action-oriented conversations, gathering a carefully curated list of 40 participants, including democratic former Heads of State and Government, thought leaders, policy experts and representatives of governments, multilateral organisations, business and academia with the experience, acumen and access necessary to inform and inspire change.

THE CHALLENGE WE FACE

The world is facing a confluence of emergencies, unlike anything we have seen in decades. Just as we were beginning to focus on recovery from the significant social and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2022 unleashed the rage and

dangers of the war in Ukraine and its swift and profound impact on food security, energy prices and the global economy, leading to mounting social and political unrest and to rising geopolitical tensions.

Mounting food and energy prices, as well as increasing debt, are worrying developments on their own. When they interact with each other, they create vicious cycles of poverty, hunger and inequalities. This is not a new phenomenon, but the war in Ukraine has exacerbated the risks for many countries.

According to the United Nations Task Team for Global Crisis Response, 1.7 billion people worldwide will be severely affected by at least one of the three global transmission channels of this Megacrisis – food and energy prices and financial conditions. Given the high levels of social and economic stress in the wake of COVID-19 and the increasing impacts of climate change, just one of these channels is enough to trigger collapse – debt defaults, food shortages, or blackouts.

This situation will create social unrest and increase the pressure on democratic institutions and values, especially in low and middle-income

countries. It will also widen the gap between citizens and governments and creating political space for populism and authoritarianism in a general context of democracy deterioration.

NEED FOR A COHERENT AND COORDINATED RESPONSE

The G20's Leaders Summit in mid-November will be critically important. Club de Madrid is committed to contributing to the global effort to find solutions to this bleak scenario. Club de Madrid seeks to leverage the very unique value added of its Members' voice and agency, their acumen and gravitas, to generate a conversation that will produce concrete proposals to help governments, international organizations and civil society respond to the converging crises – the megacrisis of 2022 – in a coherent, coordinated and effective manner.

OBJECTIVE

The Policy Dialogue aims to facilitate, promote and support a set of policy recommendations that will prove effective for governments and multilateral organisations to address the Megacrisis of 2022 and effectively respond to these multiple needs in a coordinated manner.

MAIN TOPICS

1 ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

CdM Policy Dialogue will assess the impact the energy crisis is having at a global level, identify coping strategies to avoid jeopardising international efforts and commitments toward a Net Zero economy and propose sustainable long-term recommendations to help the international community prevent future crises.

2 FOOD SECURITY

CdM Policy Dialogue will contribute to the understanding of the causes and dimensions of the unprecedented hunger that the world is set to face, identify policy recommendations for short-term international response, and develop proposals for sustainable and long-term international food policies able to prevent future food crises.

3 DEBT CRISIS

CdM will reflect on the causes, characteristics and consequences of the current debt crisis and identify ways to facilitate immediate relief to highly-indebted developing countries, as well as long-term measures to guarantee resilience and debt sustainability, including the reform of the international financial architecture.

Watch here our institutional video



ACTIVITIES

1. Policy Dialogue in Berlin with Club de Madrid Members and international experts
2. Policy recommendations brief as a basis for dissemination and advocacy work
3. International public information campaign for dissemination and raising awareness purposes
4. Advocacy at highest decision-making levels

IMPACT

Through this initiative, CdM, in cooperation with the Liz Mohn Centre, an initiative of the Bertelsmann Stiftung, and partner institutions, will:

- » Support the efforts of the UN system, G20 and regional organisations to address the converging crises of 2022.
- » Encourage new thinking and analysis related to the challenges of multilateralism in the current international context that can inspire national governments and civil society in articulating their own strategies.
- » Raise awareness and foster analysis on the global economic landscape, as impacted by the energy and food challenges, and the financial crisis.
- » Support the international community in its analysis and decision-making processes in the framework of a confluence of crises that threaten our shared future.

WHY CLUB DE MADRID?

Club de Madrid is the world's largest forum of democratic former presidents and prime ministers who leverage their individual and collective leadership experience and global reach to strengthen inclusive democratic practice and improve the well-being of people around the world.

Thanks to Club de Madrid's convening power and network, our annual Policy Dialogues provide a unique platform to inspire democratic policies with global reach. This is done through the sharing of lessons learnt in a dynamic pursuit of practical policy recommendations. Club de Madrid Members from around the world bring their individual and collective leadership experience to this singular meeting point where, together with experts, leaders from the private sector and civil society, they actively engage as agents of change.

Follow the links below to view the videos of our latest Policy Dialogues and get a flavor of what they entail:



[Annual Policy Dialogue 2021 "Rethinking Democracy"](#)



[Annual Policy Dialogue 2020 "Multilateralism that Delivers"](#)



[Annual Policy Dialogue 2019 "Digital Transformation and the Future of Democracy"](#)



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As a non-partisan and international non-profit organisation, it counts on the hands-on governance experience of more than 100 Members from over 70 countries, along with a global network of advisers and partners across all sectors of society.

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