# Imperial Springs International Forum (ISIF) 2024

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# **WHAT IS ISIF 2024?**

Since 2014, the Imperial Springs International Forum (ISIF) has been one of the few spaces for open and constructive dialogue between China and the international community, dedicated to strengthening multilateralism and promoting international cooperation. In its 2024 edition, under the theme "Collective Action for a Shared Future," ISIF will bring together over 130 political leaders, dignitaries, and experts from more than 40 countries, including former Heads of State and Government, scholars, and representatives of international organizations. A high-level Chinese governmental delegation will also participate, highlighting the importance this country places on the event.

The celebration of ISIF 2024, taking place from December 11 to 12 in Madrid, marks a milestone in the forum's history as it will be the first time it is held outside of China. Bringing ISIF to a European city underscores its ambition to bring multilateral dialogue closer to a more diverse range of international actors and to advance towards a more inclusive and cooperative global order.

ISIF 2024 will address a variety of key themes that respond to current and future challenges of multilateralism. These include global strategic stability, financing for development, security, green technology and artificial intelligence, sustainable development, the Second World Social Summit, and people-to-people exchanges for mutual understanding.

The forum will culminate in a joint declaration representing a shared vision to advance the debates initiated during the summit. Additionally, ISIF will include bilateral meetings and audiences between government representatives, including those from Spain and China, to explore new avenues for collaboration and dialogue.





# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The Imperial Springs International Forum (ISIF) has established itself as a platform for "1.5-track diplomacy", combining formal and informal dialogue to facilitate an open exchange of perspectives among leaders from different sectors and to foster trust-building and the pursuit of shared global objectives.

ISIF takes a practical approach to addressing overarching challenges such as peace, security, the global economy, sustainable development, and climate change. The forum's significance lies in the space for dialogue and trust that has been cultivated over years of consistent conversations and collaboration between international leaders and Chinese experts.

The forum promotes the pursuit of **mutual understanding and cooperation** as the most effective way to address shared challenges in a globalized world. It underscores that only through a **more inclusive and cooperative approach** among different regions of the world can we project a **future of well-being for all**.



# **ISIF 2024 Program**

# Thursday, 12 December

All day	Registration is open
09:00 - 09:30	Group Photo (by invitation only)
	VENUE:
	Meeting Room Barcelona IV (-2 Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

# 9:30 – 10:20 **Opening Ceremony**

#### VENUE:

Meeting Room Barcelona II-III (-2 Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

# Masters of Ceremonies: Li Qiuyuan and Fernando Tiberini

# **Keynote Speeches:**

- ► **Hu Chunhua**, Vice-chairperson of the 14th CPPCC National Committee, Member of the 20th CPC Central Committee
- ▶ **Diego Martínez Belío**, Secretary of State for Foreign and Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain
- ▶ Danilo Türk, President of Slovenia (2007-2012) and President of Club de Madrid
- ➤ **Yan Wanming**, President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
- ▶ **Wang Xi**, Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, President of Guangdong Overseas Friendship Association
- ▶ **Dr. Chau Chak Wing,** President of the Australia-China Friendship and Exchange Association, Chair of the Asia-Pacific Region of World Leadership Alliance Club de Madrid President's Circle, Co-chair of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center Global Circle

#### FORMAT:

MoC and speakers from the lectern/podium



# 10:30 – 11:30 Plenary Discussion I: Enhancing Global Cooperation: Shaping a Shared Future for Humankind

#### VENUE:

Meeting Room Barcelona II-III (-2 Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

Facilitator: Ed Williams, President, Edelman International

#### DISCUSSANTS:

- Michelle Bachelet, President of Chile (2006-2010, 2014-2018) and Vice President of Club de Madrid
- ▶ **Aminata Touré**, Prime Minister of Senegal (2013-2014)
- ▶ **Li Cheng**, Professor of Department of Politics and Public Administration of the University of Hong Kong, Founding Director of the Centre on Contemporary China and the World (CCCW)
- ► **Ismail Serageldin**, Vice President of the World Bank (1992-2000) and Co-Chair of Nizami Ganjavi International Center
- ▶ **Siddharth Chatterjee**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in China
- ➤ **Zhu Feng**, Chair Professor and Dean of School of International Studies, Nanjing University, Executive Director of the Collaborative, Innovation Center of South China Sea Studies, Nanjing University

### FORMATO:

Plenary on stage 6+1

# 11:30 – 12:00 Coffee and Tea Break

### VENUE:

Hall Barcelona (-2 Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

# **12:00 – 13:15 Thematic Sessions**

# A) Traditional and Non-Traditional Challenges to Global Security

#### VENUE:

Meeting Room Amsterdam (3rd Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

**Facilitator: Sean Cleary**, Executive Vice Chair of the FutureWorld Foundation and Club de Madrid Advisor

#### DISCUSSANTS:

- ▶ **Olusegun Obasanjo**, President of Nigeria (1999-2007)
- ▶ **Boris Tadic**, President of Serbia (2004-2012)



- ► Aleksander Kwaniewski, President of Poland (1995-2005)
- ▶ **Li Cheng**, Professor of Department of Politics and Public Administration of the University of Hong Kong, Founding Director of the Centre on Contemporary China and the World (CCCW)
- ▶ **Dalia Grybauskait**, President of Lithuania (2009-2019)
- ► **Zheng Yu**, Professor, Head of Department of International Politics, School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA), Fudan University
- ▶ **Yves Letermei**, Prime Minister of Belgium (2008, 2009-2011)
- Rafael Dezcallar, Ambassador of Spain to China (2018-2024), Career Diplomat, Club de Madrid Advisor
- ► Francisco Sagasti, President of Peru (2020-2021)
- ▶ Valdis Zatlers, President of Latvia (2007-2011)
- ▶ **Wang Wen**, Dean of Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies (RDCY)
- ► **Eka Tkeshelashvili**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia (2008) and Deputy Prime Minister of Georgia (2010-2012)
- ▶ **Manuel Muñiz**, Provost, IE University, and Club de Madrid Advisor

#### FORMAT:

Round table discussion

# B) Tackling Challenges Facing the World Economy

#### VENUE:

Meeting Room Peking (6th Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

**Facilitator: Xiang Songzuo**, Former Chief Economist of Agricultural Bank of China, Director of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area Finance Institute in Shenzhen

#### DISCUSSANTS:

- ▶ Jenny Shipley, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1997-1999)
- ▶ Mehdi Jomaa, Prime Minister of Tunisia (2014-2015)
- Wolfgang Schüssel, Chancellor of Austria (2000-2007)
- ➤ **Xue Lan**, Distinguished Professor of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Tsinghua University, Dean, Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University
- ► **Ángel Gurría**, Secretary General of OCDE (2006-2021)
- ▶ **Tse Kwok Leung**, Senior Research Fellow (Honorary) of Lau Chor Tak Institute of Global Economics and Finance (IGEF), The Chinese University of Hong Kong



- ▶ **Zlatko Lagumdzija**, Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2001-2002)
- Luz María de la Mora, Director of the Division of International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
- ► **Karen Tramontano**, CEO and Founder of Blue Star Strategies, and Former Deputy Chief of Staff to the President of the USA.
- ➤ Yao Yao, Professor of the Center for International Communication Studies at the Communication, University of China, Director of the Center for National Soft Power Research

#### FORMAT:

Round table discussion

### **15:00 – 16:15 Thematic Sessions**

# C) United Nations Summit of the Future, the Future of Global Governance

Facilitator: Ed Williams, President, Edelman International

#### **DISCUSSANTS:**

- ▶ Danilo Türk, President of Slovenia (2007-2012) and President of Club de Madrid
- ▶ **Kim Campbell**, Prime Minister of Canada (1993)
- ▶ **Siddharth Chatterjee**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in China
- ▶ Moussa Mara, Prime Minister of Mali (2014-2015)
- ➤ **Zhu Feng**, Chair Professor and Dean of School of International Studies, Nanjing University, Executive Director of the Collaborative, Innovation Center of South China Sea Studies, Nanjing University
- ► Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle, President of Chile (1994-2000)
- ▶ **Csaba Korösi**, 77th President of the United Nations General Assembly (2022-2023)
- ▶ **Wang Wen**, Dean of Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies (RDCY)
- ► Andrés Allamand, Secretary General of the Ibero-American General Secretariat

#### FORMAT:

Round table discussion



# D) AI & Green Technology for Progress and Development

#### VENUE:

Meeting Room Peking (6th Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

**Facilitator: Xue Lan,** Distinguished Professor of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Tsinghua University, Dean, Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University

#### **DISCUSSANTS:**

- ▶ **Petre Roman**, Prime Minister of Romania (1989-1991)
- **Esko Aho**, Prime Minister of Finland (1991-1995)
- ▶ Rosen Plevneliev, President of Bulgaria (2012-2017)
- ▶ Leonel Fernández, President of the Dominican Republic (1996-2000, 2004-2012)
- ► Elbegdorj Tsakhia, Prime Minister of Mongolia (1998, 2004-2006) and President of Mongolia (2009-2017)
- ▶ **Mladen Ivanic**, President of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2014-2018)
- ▶ **Pilar Manchón**, Senior Director of Engineering, AI Research Strategy, Google
- ➤ **Xiang Songzuo**, Former Chief Economist of Agricultural Bank of China, Director of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area Finance Institute in Shenzhen
- ► **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for the Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO
- ▶ Sanjay Puri, Founder and President of Regulating AI

# FORMAT:

Round table discussion

# 16:15 - 16:45 Coffee and Tea Break

#### VENUE:

Meeting Rooms Sydney (6th Floor) and Amsterdam (3rd Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

### **16:45 - 18:00 Thematic Sessions**

# E) Sustainable Development and the Second World Social Summit

#### VENUE:

Meeting Room Amsterdam (3rd Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

**Facilitator: Cristina Manzano,** Director of External Relations of Ibero-American General Secretariat, Club de Madrid and Representative of Constituent Foundation FRIDE

# DISCUSSANTS:

▶ **Carlos Alvarado**, President of Costa Rica (2018-2022)



- ► Cassam Uteem, President of Mauritius (1992-2002)
- ▶ James Michel, President of Seychelles (2004-2016)
- ➤ Yao Yao, Professor of the Center for International Communication Studies at the Communication, University of China, Director of the Center for National Soft Power Research
- ► **Han Seung-soo**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea (2008-2009) and Vice President of Club de Madrid
- ► Chiril Gaburici, Prime Minister of Moldova (2015)
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- ► Filip Vujanovic, President of Montenegro (2003-2018)
- Maria João Rodrigues, President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies
- ▶ **Zheng Yu**, Professor, Head of Department of International Politics, School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA), Fudan University

#### FORMAT:

Round table discussion

# F) People-to-people Exchanges for Mutual Understanding

#### **VENUE:**

Meeting Room Peking (6th Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

**Facilitator: Li Cheng,** Professor of Department of Politics and Public Administration of the University of Hong Kong, Founding Director of the Centre on Contemporary China and the World (CCCW)

#### **DISCUSSANTS:**

- ▶ Valdis Birkavs, Prime Minister of Latvia (1993-1994)
- ▶ **Kjell Magne Bondevik**, Prime Minister of Norway (1997-2000, 2001-2005)
- ▶ **Rexhep Meidani**, President of Albania (1997-2002)
- ▶ **Jigmi Yoser Thinley**, Prime Minister of Bhutan (2008-2013)
- ▶ **Petar Stoyanov**, President of Bulgaria (1997-2002)
- ▶ **Tse Kwok Leung**, Senior Research Fellow (Honorary) of Lau Chor Tak Institute of Global Economics and Finance (IGEF), The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- ▶ **Qi Liling**, President of Puente China Holding S.L, President of Shenzhen Industry and Commerce Association in Spain

#### FORMAT:

Round table discussion



# 18:15 - 18:45 Wrap up Plenary and Closing Ceremony

#### VENUE:

Meeting Room Barcelona II-III (-2 Floor) Eurostars Madrid Tower Hotel

# **Concluding Remarks:**

- ▶ Danilo Türk, President of Slovenia (2007-2012) and President of Club de Madrid
- ➤ Carlos Moreno Blanco, Director-General for North America, Eastern Europe, and Asia-Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain
- ➤ **Yang Wanming**, President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
- ▶ **Dr. Chau Chak Wing**, President of the Australia China Friendship and Exchange Association, Chair of the Asia-Pacific Region of World Leadership Alliance Club de Madrid President's Circle, Co-chair of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center Global Circle

# Friday, 13 December

# 13:00 Audience with His Majesty King of Spain Felipe VI

#### VENUE:

Royal Palace of Madrid

#### **ASSISTANTS:**

#### Former Heads of State and Government

- ▶ 1. Carlos Alvarado, President of Costa Rica (2018-2022)
- ▶ **2. Michelle Bachelet**, President of Chile (2006-2010, 2014-2018) and Vice President of Club de Madrid
- ▶ 3. Valdis Birkavs, Prime Minister of Latvia (1993-1994)
- ▶ 4. Kim Campbell, Prime Minister of Canada (1993)
- ▶ **5. Leonel Fernández,** President of the Dominican Republic (1996-2000, 2004-2012)
- ▶ **6. Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle**, President of Chile (1994-2000)
- ▶ **7. Chiril Gaburici**, Prime Minister of Moldova (2015)
- ▶ 8. Mladen Ivanic, President of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2014-2018)
- ▶ 9. Mehdi Jomaa, Prime Minister of Tunisia (2014-2015)
- ▶ 10. Yves Leterme, Prime Minister of Belgium (2008, 2009-2011)
- ▶ 11. Moussa Mara, Prime Minister of Mali (2014-2015)



- ▶ 12. Rexhep Meidani, President of Albania (1997-2002)
- ▶ 13. James Michel, President of Seychelles (2004-2016)
- ▶ 14. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria (1999-2007)
- ▶ 15. Rosen Plevneliev, President of Bulgaria (2012-2017)
- ▶ 16. Petre Roman, Prime Minister of Romania (1989-1991)
- ▶ **17. Han Seung-soo**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea (2008-2009) and Vice President of Club de Madrid)
- ▶ 18. Petar Stoyanov, President of Bulgaria (1997-2002
- ▶ 19. Boris Tadic, President of Serbia (2004-2012)
- ▶ **20. Jigmi Yoser Thinley,** Prime Minister of Bhutan (2008-2013)
- ▶ **21.Aminata Touré**, Prime Minister of Senegal (2013-2014)
- ▶ **22. Danilo Türk**, President of Slovenia (2007-2012) and President of Club de Madrid
- ▶ **23. Elbegdorj Tsakhia**, Prime Minister of Mongolia (1998, 2004-2006) and President of Mongolia (2009-2017)
- **24. Cassam Uteem**, President of Mauritius (1992-1997, 1997-2002)

#### **Members of Constituent Foundations**

➤ **25. Cristina Manzano,** Director of External Relations of Ibero-American General Secretariat, Club de Madrid and Representative of Constituent Foundation FRIDE

# Honorary Members of Club de Madrid

▶ **26. Ángel Gurría,** Secretary General OCDE (2006-2021)

#### **Board Members of Club de Madrid**

▶ 27. Maria Elena Agüero, Secretary General, Club de Madrid

## Presidents of the General Assembly of the United Nations

▶ **28. Csaba Korösi,** 77th President of the United Nations General Assembly 2022-2023)



#### Advisors of Club de Madrid

- ▶ **29. Sean Cleary,** Executive Vice Chair of the FutureWorld Foundation
- ▶ 30. Rafael Dezcallar, Ambassador of Spain to China (2018-2024), Career Diplomat
- ➤ 31. Susana Malcorra, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Argentina (2015-2017), President and Co-Founder of GWL Voices
- ▶ **32. Manuel Muñiz,** Provost of IE University

#### Leader of the Chinese Delegation and Chinese Co-organisers

- ▶ 33. Eric Tse To Chow, CEO of Kingold Group
- ▶ **34. Kenneth Chu,** Board Director of Kingold Group
- ➤ **35. Hu Chunhua,** Vice-chairperson of the 14th CPPCC National Committee, Member of the 20th CPC Central Committee
- ▶ **36. Hu Hao,** Vice Mayor of Guangzhou Municipality
- ▶ **37. Yao Jing,** Ambassador of China to Spain
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- ▶ **40. Wang Xi,** Member of the Standing Committee of CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee & President of Guangdong Overseas Friendship Association

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- ▶ 42. Noemi Becerra, Senior Programme Officer, Club de Madrid
- ▶ **43. Agustina Briano**, Development and Outreach Coordinator, Club de Madrid
- ▶ **44. Marina Dianova,** Spouse of Prime Minister Birkavs
- ▶ **45.Alejandro Hita,** Communications Manager, Club de Madrid
- ▶ 46. María Romero, Events Manager, Club de Madrid
- 47. Jim Wong, Director of the General Office of Kingold, Interpreter of Dr. Chau Chak Wing



# **Speakers ISIF 2024**

# **Andrés Allamand**

Secretary General of the Ibero-American General Secretariat

#### Esko Aho

Prime Minister of Finland (1991-1995), Member of Club de Madrid

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President of Lithuania (2009-2019) and Member of Club de Madrid

### **Chiril Gaburici**

Prime Minister of Moldova (2015), Member of Nizami Ganjavi International Center

# Nathalie de Gaulle

Vice-Chair of Teneo

# **Ángel Gurría**

Secretary General of OCDE (2006-2021), Honorary Member of Club de Madrid

### **Mladen Ivanic**

President of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2014-2018), Member of Nizami Ganjavi International Center

# **Ivo Josipovic**

President of Croatia (2010-2015) Member of Club de Madrid and Member of Nizami Ganjavi International Center

# Mehdi Jomaa

Prime Minister of Tunisia (2014-2015) and Member of Club de Madrid

# Csaba Korösi

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President of Poland (1995-2005), Member of Club de Madrid and Member of Nizami Ganjavi International Center

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### **Iavier Torá**

Founder and President of ES Grupo

# **Aminata Touré**

Prime Minister of Senegal (2013-2014), Member of Club de Madrid and Member of Nizami Ganjavi International Center

#### **Karen Tramontano**

CEO and Founder of Blue Star Strategies, and Former Deputy Chief of Staff to the President of the USA

### Elbegdorj Tsakhia

Prime Minister of Mongolia (1998, 2004-2006) and President of Mongolia (2009-2017), Member of Club de Madrid

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# **ORGANIZERS**

**ISIF 2024** is organized by the following entities:



# The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)

The CPAFFC is a national people's organisation engaged in people-to-people diplomacy of the People's Republic of China. Founded in 1954, it aims to enhance international friendship, promote cooperation, foster world peace and promote common development. On behalf of the Chinese people, it makes friends and deepens friendship in the international community and various countries around the world, lays and expands the social basis of friendly relations between China and other countries, and works for the cause of human progress and solidarity. The CPAFFC plays a significant role in managing China's sister city relationships and coordinates various influence operations abroad. It has established relationships with nearly 413 non-government organizations in 157 countries.



# The Australia and China Friendship Association (ACFEA)

The ACFEA was registered in September 2005 in New South Wales, Australia, as a non-profit organisation. The president of the association is Dr Chau Chak Wing, a prestigious leader in the Chinese community of Australia. Its Advisory Board consists of members interested in promoting people-to-people contact between Australia and China. The ACFEA's mission is to foster friendly exchanges and people-to-people connections between Australia and China in areas such as trade, economy, culture, education, arts, and science, while also organising high-profile bilateral dialogues or events. The ACFEA headquarters is in Sydney, Australia, with representative offices located in Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong. The organisation continues to play an important role in facilitating cultural and economic ties between Australia and China, reflecting the ongoing significance of the bilateral relationship.

广东省人民政府 People's Government of Guangdong Province

# **People's Government of Guangdong Province**

The People's Government of Guangdong Province governs China's southernmost mainland province, adjacent to the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions. As of 2023, Guangdong's GDP reached an impressive 13.57 trillion yuan, maintaining its status as the country's economic leader for 35 consecutive years. The province boasts a diverse industrial structure, with the manufacturing sector contributes 32.7% to the regional GDP, while modern services account for 65% of the service sector. Innovation is a cornerstone of Guangdong's growth, with R&D spending hitting approximately 460 billion yuan, or 3.39% of its GDP, positioning it at the forefront of China's innovation rankings. The business landscape is robust, featuring over 18 million registered entities, including 7.8 million enterprises. Additionally, the ongoing development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area initiative remains a key priority, aiming to further integrate the region and enhance its global competitiveness, solidifying Guangdong's role as a key player in China's economic development.



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#### Club de Madrid

Club de Madrid is the world's largest forum of democratic former Presidents and Prime Ministers, who leverage heir unique leadership experience and global reach to strengthen inclusive democratic practice and improve the well-being of people around the world. As a non-partisan and international non-profit organisation, Club de Madrid 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. This unique alliance stimulates dialogue, builds bridges and engages in advocacy efforts to strengthen public policies and effective leadership through recommendations that tackle challenges such as inclusion, sustainable development and peace, at the national and international levels.



# **Press Room**

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