

Four days to the Zermatt Summit

International figures confirm strong commitment for the Common Good

From June 21 – 23, the Zermatt Summit will welcome international figures from the worlds of economics, politics, religion and civil society. Special guests include Patrick Dixon, world-renowned futurologist and Chairman of Global Change Ltd; and Chandran Nair, Founder and CEO of the Pan-Asian think-tank GIFT (Global Institute For Tomorrow). Each will voice his support for the Common Good.

Patrick Dixon, Chairman of Global Change and Futurist

Patrick Dixon advises many of the world's largest multinationals on a wide range of strategic issues and has been ranked one of the 20 most influential business thinkers alive today. During the Zermatt Summit, he will chair a debate entitled, "Is there a Common Good?". This moment of reflection will be an occasion to better understand the factors that unite individuals into an international community. It will also help participants explore how a shared vision of the Common Good can transform empathy into solidarity with fraternity in social cohesion and equity in political justice.

"Most of us agree that our world can't continue in a sustainable and stable way without major changes. In order to make these changes, it's necessary that all types of organizations - political, financial, economic and religious - work together to create new models," says Patrick Dixon.

Chandran Nair, Founder and Chairman of GIFT (Global Institute For Tomorrow)

A frequent commentator on the implications of the rise of Asia and the realities of the modern world, Chandran Nair argues that Asia must develop a new model of capitalism, based on the "deconstruction" and rejection of the consumption led growth model of the West which was embraced by Asia and underdeveloped countries in order to ape lifestyles in Western capitalist countries. He will speak from this point of view during the "Global governance for the universal Common Good" roundtable. For Chandran Nair, *"It's very important to promote initiatives such as the Zermatt Summit because it creates a favorable environment where stakeholders can honestly exchange ideas on the creation of a more equitable and durable future. It's essential to have the space and time to step back, be intellectually honest and look to the direction to which we are all going as a global community and to inspire each other mutually, to give birth to ideas that will lead to actions."*

For Christopher Wasserman, President of the Zermatt Foundation, *"Within the Zermatt Summit Foundation, we share the conviction of believing in individual and committed action for the Common Good. We strive to serve rather than be served and to adopt everyday practices which demonstrate that another path is possible. This year's Summit guests are emblematic of this commitment and we are honored by their presence and support for the Zermatt Summit."*

About the Zermatt Summit

From June 21-23, 2012, this international summit will gather, for the third consecutive year, over 200 entrepreneurs, economists, politicians and representatives from NGOs from across the globe who share a common vision of globalization. Present to debate possibilities for a more human globalization, they affirm the necessity of restoring the central position of the human and the promotion of individual responsibility. The Zermatt Summit 2012 will therefore have "Towards the Common Good" as its theme.

For more information about the Summit (Program, speakers...) visit www.zermattsummit.org

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