



In a world grappling with unprecedented challenges, The MOST Forum emerges as a platform for thought leaders, policymakers, and innovators to converge, deliberate, and catalyse action. This annual gathering stands at the intersection of visionary thinking and pragmatic governance, bringing together thinkers who shape societal trends.

The 2024 edition of the Forum engages in a reflective dialogue on how governments navigate the complexities to implement effective change in governance for inclusion. The Forum's focus is to dissect these challenges, exploring the intricacies, bottlenecks and opportunities that arise in the wake of global disruptions.

With a commitment to unravelling the complexities of governance, The MOST Forum aspires to contribute to the ongoing dialogue on building a sustainable and inclusive future.

Annotated Programme

9:00-9:30: Welcome Coffee

9:30-9:50: Opening of the Forum

- *Gabriela Ramos*, Assistant Director General, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
- *Linton Mchunu*, President, Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of MOST, UNESCO

9:50-10:20: Keynote Lecture

- *Ibrahim Mayaki*, Special Envoy for Food Systems, African Union

10:20-11:25: High-Level Dialogue on Redefining Socio-Economic Models for an Inclusive Future

- *Eugène Aouélé Aka*, President, Economic, Social, Environmental and Cultural Council (CESEC) of Côte d'Ivoire
- *Mariana Mazzucato*, Professor and Founding Director, UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose (IIPP)
- *Gabriela Ramos*, Assistant Director General, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
- *Derek Walker*, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales

11:25-12:35: Crafting Narratives for Effective Governance: Mission-Driven and Innovative Frameworks

In today's rapidly evolving socio-political landscape, effective governance requires more than just policy implementation; it demands crafting compelling narratives that engage the full spectrum of stakeholders, inspires action, and catalyses meaningful change. This panel employs a multi-disciplinary lens, aiming to move away from dominant narratives, and instead critically assess what it takes to inspire public trust and enable good governance.

Our experts will engage in conversation on the capacities that governments must develop if they are to address the unprecedented challenges of the present, exploring ways to become mission-driven and embrace innovative frameworks that can aid efforts to build more inclusive futures.

Moderator: *Gustavo Merino*, Director of Social Policies, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Setting the scene: *Dennis Snower*, Professor and President, Global Solutions Initiative

- *Papa Amadou Sarr*, Executive Director, Mobilization, Partnership and Communication Department, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

- *Dennis Snower*, Professor and President, Global Solutions Initiative
- *Romina Boarini*, Director, Centre on Well-being, Inclusion, Sustainability and Equal Opportunity (WISE), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- *Marc Fleurbaey*, Professor, Paris School of Economics (PSE), and Member of the Coordination Council, International Panel on Social Progress

12:35-12:50: Q&A Session

12:50 - 14:20: Lunch

14:20-15:05: Fireside Chat on Reimagining Paradigms for Development

- *Mamphela Ramphela*, Co-founder of ReimagineSA & Honorary President of The Club of Rome

A conversation between *Gabriela Ramos*, Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, and Mamphela Ramphela, Co-founder of ReimagineSA & Honorary President of The Club of Rome, discusses how to refine the developed and developing world paradigm to foster genuine global equality and inclusivity.

15:05-16:15: Governance for Digital and Climate Transition: What Paradigm?

In an era marked by unprecedented digital advancements and urgent climate challenges, this panel brings together experts from diverse fields to ask, what next for governance? Critically assessing the intersection of the digital and climate transitions, our panelists will explore what this moment means for governance structures, policies, and practices. Identifying opportunities for transformation and envisioning alternative models, the panel aims to chart a course towards governance focusing specifically on these two transitions.

Moderator: *Mario Pezzini*, Special Advisor, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Setting the scene: *David McNair*, Executive Director Global Policy, The ONE Campaign

- *Piera Tortora*, Head of 4P Secretariat, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- *Amina Zakhnouf*, Co-Founder, Je m'engage pour l'Afrique (JMA)
- *María Ortiz Pérez*, Managing Director, Aspen Institute Energy and Environment Program
- *Constanza Gomez Mont*, Founder and Director, C Minds
- *Simon Reid-Henry*, Professor at the Peace Research Institute Oslo, and Co-Chair of the Global Public Investment Network

16:15-16:30: Q&A Session

16:30-16:50: Coffee Break

16:50-18:00: Envisioning Desirable Futures across Climate, Digital and Economic Landscapes

A beacon of hope for the future of economic, green and digital landscapes, this panel brings together visionary leaders, thinkers, and innovators to explore transformative ideas that enhance desirability across these interconnected domains. In a world occupied with the polycrisis of the present and fears about the climate and technologies of the future, our panelists will look to inspire cross-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration through forward-thinking dialogue, igniting visions for a future that are not only inclusive and sustainable, but filled with opportunities for generations to come.

Moderator: *Gilles Gressani*, Director, Le Grand Continent

Setting the scene: *Sachin Chaturvedi*, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

- *Brian Head*, President, Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of MOST, and Professor, School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland
- *Aram Kebedjan*, Author and Playwright
- *Heba Chehade*, Foresight Lead, Dubai Future Foundation
- *Amy Dahan*, Mathematician, Historian of Mathematics and Climate Change, and Director of Research

18:00-18:15: Q&A Session

18:15-18:35: Closing of the Forum

- *Gabriela Ramos*, Assistant Director General, Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
- *Linton Mchunu*, President, Intergovernmental Council (IGC) of MOST, UNESCO

19:00: Cocktail