



## Davos Summit 2023: WEF

**Prelims:** Chief Economists Outlook, Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate, Giving to Amplify Earth Action.

**Mains:** Davos Summit 2023, World Economic Forum.

### Why in News?

The 53<sup>rd</sup> edition of the annual [World Economic Forum summit](#) was held in Davos, Switzerland.

- **Theme:** Cooperation in a Fragmented World.

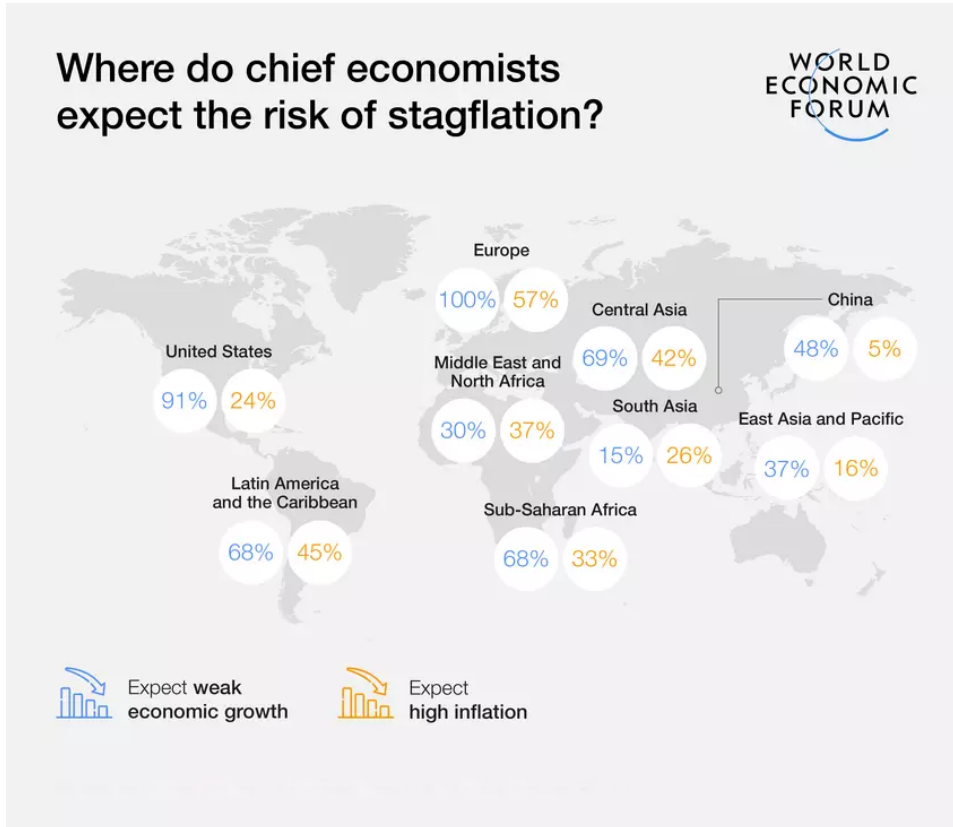


### What are the Key Points of Davos Summit 2023?

- **Coalition of Trade Ministers on Climate:**
  - A new Coalition of **Trade Ministers on Climate launched**, bringing together over 50 countries to boost international cooperation on climate, trade and sustainable development.
  - Stakeholders across the **world stressed the value of free trade**. Even in the current global economic landscape marked by fragmentation, the free trade system, which has contributed to global economic growth and enhanced humanity's freedom remains a global public good that can never be forsaken.
- **Chief Economists Outlook:**
  - The Chief Economist's Outlook was launched, which struck a cautious tone, with two-thirds of those surveyed **expecting a global recession this year 2023**.
  - It explores the key trends in the economic environment, **including the prospects for**

## **growth, inflation and monetary and fiscal policy.**

- It calls for the importance of reskilling in order to prepare current and future workforces for the green transition, the digital transition and the jobs of the future.



#### ▪ **Giving to Amplify Earth Action:**

- A new initiative **Giving to Amplify Earth Action (GAEA)** was launched to **leverage philanthropic capital to unlock funding for the climate crisis.**
- It will leverage philanthropic capital to help generate the USD 3 trillion needed each year from public and private sources to tackle climate change and nature loss.
  - Philanthropic giving totalled USD 810 billion in 2021, but just 2% went towards reducing emissions
- GAEA is a ground-breaking initiative supported by more than 45 major philanthropic, public and private sector partners.

#### ▪ **Global Collaboration Village:**

- WEF has announced the rollout of its **own metaverse platform**, dubbed the Global Collaboration Village.
- The digital world, designed to look like the **actual town of Davos in which the organization meets once every year**, will supposedly allow for more efficient collaboration between world leaders.

## **What were the Indian Perspectives?**

#### ▪ **Indian Participation:**

- This year marks 36 years of the Forum's collaboration with India.
- At the summit, India is represented by a high-level delegation which includes **Union Ministers, Chief Ministers, Business leaders etc.**

#### ▪ **Focus Area:**

- India's focus areas at WEF remained **investment opportunities, infrastructural landscape and its inclusive & sustainable growth story.**

#### ▪ **India's Resilience and Economic Trajectory:**

- India has crossed many barriers after the Covid-19 crisis and repositioned itself as the fastest-growing economy.
- Some prominent indicators for India to see robust economic growth include World Bank's

latest India development update, which said India's real GDP growth is expected to be at **6.9 % in FY22-23 in comparison to 8.7 % in FY21-22.**

- **India@100: Realising the potential of a USD 26 trillion economy:**
  - The report, 'India@100: Realising the potential of a USD 26 trillion economy', was launched by India, on the sidelines of the summit.
  - As per this report, India's economy will reach USD 26 trillion by 2047, the 100th year of the country's independence.
  - It underscores the **growth trajectory of the Indian economy**, which is projected to be the highest for any large economy over the coming decades.

**Note:** Situated on the Landwasser River, in the Rhaetian Alps, eastern Switzerland, Davos is a resort town consisting of two villages, Davos-Platz and Davos-Dorf.

## What is World Economic Forum?

- **About:**
  - The World Economic Forum (WEF) is a **Swiss nonprofit foundation established in 1971, based in Geneva, Switzerland.**
  - Recognized by the Swiss authorities as the international institution for public-private cooperation.
- **Mission:**
  - Committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic, and other leaders of society to shape global, regional, and industry agendas.
- **Founder and Executive Chairman:** Klaus Schwab.
- **Some major reports published by WEF are:**
  - [Energy Transition Index.](#)
  - [Global Competitiveness Report.](#)
  - Global IT Report
    - WEF along with INSEAD, and Cornell University publishes this report.
  - [Global Gender Gap Report.](#)
  - Global Risk Report.
  - Global Travel and Tourism Report.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

**Q1. Which of the following gives 'Global Gender Gap Index' ranking to the countries of the world? (2017)**

- (a) World Economic Forum
- (b) UN Human Rights Council
- (c) UN Women
- (d) World Health Organization

**Ans: (a)**

**Q2. Who among the following is the founder of World Economic Forum? (2009)**

- (a) Klaus Schwab
- (b) John Kenneth Galbraith
- (c) Hobert Zoellick
- (d) Paul Krugman

**Ans (a)**

**Q3. The Global Competitiveness Report is published by the (2019)**

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) World Bank

**Ans: (c)**

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