World Economic Forum Founder and President Professor Klaus Schwab and Mrs Schwab welcome participants with Managing Director Claude Smadja.

A session of the information technologies governors’ meeting.
Michael Dell, Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer of Dell
Computer Corporation

Bill Gates, Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer of Microsoft
Corporation, and Michael
Dertouzos, Director of MIT's
Laboratory for Computer
Science
Twenty-first century trends: Walter Isaacson, Managing Editor of Time Magazine, with John Naisbitt, Chairman of Megatrends Ltd.
Emerging economies as the driving force in the 21st century global economy: ABB Chairman Percy Barnevik, H.D. Deve Gowdi, Prime Minister of India, session chairman and Co-Chairman of the Annual Meeting John Gray, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and World Bank President James Wolfensohn

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Tarun Das, Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) – the World Economic Forum’s partner in India

Anatoly Chubais, First Deputy Prime Minister of Russia

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Mrs Mubarak with participants in the Saturday evening dinner with political figures from the Middle East and North Africa
A role for Russia at least in the near future is also debatable, especially since the country is currently beset with a host of domestic problems, both economical and political.

With scheduled visits to China by senior US officials including Vice-President Al Gore and Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, there are signs that US-Sino relations are on the mend. This can only augur well for Asia security.
Nabil Sha’ath, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat, President (Pais) of the Palestinian Authority, and Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel
Viktor Chernomyrdin arrives with his wife for the opening session.

Nobel Laureate Arno Penzias

Using the power of science: the challenges ahead: Astronomer Royal Sir Martin Rees, Nobel laureate John Polanyi, session chairman Jöel de Rosnay, Director for Development and International Relations, Cité des Sciences et de l’Industrie, Samuel Hellman, Professor at the University of Chicago, Ludwig Faddeev, Member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Nobel laureate Werner Arber.