

Global Ethics Forum

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Global Ethics Forum 2013, 27-28 June Working Session & Public Forum: Equal in an Unequal World Ecumenical Centre, 150 route de Ferney, Geneva, Switzerland



The Global Ethics Forum 2013 Working Session and Public Forum is taking place at the Ecumenical Centre, 150 route de Ferney in Geneva, Switzerland, on 27 and 28 June 2013. It builds on the success of the first (2009), second (2011) and third (2012) Global Ethics Forums and will play a key role in the preparation for the Global Ethics Forum 2014 in Bangalore, India on 3 and 4 January. The Global Ethics Forum 2013 meeting is smaller in size and organised around specific working sessions that provide an opportunity for the Workgroup moderators and key members to meet face-to-face and discuss their progress, present deliverables (articles, guides, tools) and together with the Globethics.net Regional Directors and contacts to plan the participation and roles of each respective Workgroup and Globethics.net programme at the Global Ethics Forum 2014.

The two-day Global Ethics Forum 2013 event includes two Working Sessions combined with a Public Forum on the theme “Equal in Unequal World”. In addition a two-day meeting of the Globethics.net regional programme directors will take place on 29 and 30 June, thus allowing the Globethics.net Regional Directors to take part in the Global Ethics Forum 2013 sessions.

The Global Ethics Forum (GEF) project organised by Globethics.net aims at providing an open platform for access to information and knowledge, dialogue, leadership and training as well as for action to the private sector and to all stakeholders on issues related to business ethics, corporate social responsibility and sustainable development in all sectors worldwide. The ultimate goal of the Forum is to bridge the knowledge gap in the field of business ethics between diverse cultures, sectors and members of the society, and between the West and the emerging economies and the Global South. Its unique process, comprised of the largest global digital library on ethics, interactive internet-based tools and work-group platforms, combined with face-to-face meetings and events, allows ethics and corporate social responsibility practitioners from disadvantaged parts of the World to share their knowledge, learning and good practices as part of an open global dialogue on applied business ethics, and together with the experts from industrialised countries to identify and work jointly on identifying the key challenges and business ethics dilemmas and finding practical solutions.

Note that the Global Ethics Forum 2013 Working Sessions and Public Forum are taking place in English, with the exception of the Workgroup on Francophone Africa.

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Programme

Thursday 27 June 2013 - Day 1

Morning: working sessions (not open to the general public)

08:30 - 09:30 Plenary Session: Globethics.net, Globethics.net Regional Programmes and Workgroups Status Report

09:30 - 11:45 Parallel Workgroup Meetings

The Workgroup moderators and selected members will discuss deliverables and progress, and agree on action plan for involvement of the Workgroups and their roles in the Global Ethics Forum 2014 in India.

Workgroup members and Regional Directors invited - people pre-assigned in five workgroups:

- Media
- Corruption
- Education
- Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- Francophone Africa

10:45 - 11:00 Break

11:45 - 12:00 Parallel Workgroup Meetings (continuation)

12:00 - 13:00 Workgroup Moderators report to the plenary on Workgroup plans for the Global Ethics Forum 2014

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

Afternoon: Public Forum

14:30 - 17:30 Public Forum - Equal in an Unequal World

(See Public Forum Agenda available separately)

- Keynote speaker
- High Level Panel: **Equal in an Unequal World** - What are the current and future dimensions of inequality on national and global levels, and how are they interrelated with the various aspects of sustainable development
- Panel including Workgroup moderators and business ethics experts
- Announcement of the Global Ethics Forum 2014 Conference in Bangalore, India and of the Social Media Campaign “People’s Choice for Equality”

18:00 Refreshments

Friday 28 June 2013 - Day 2

Working sessions (not open to the general public)

08:30 - 09:30 **Plenary Session: Global Ethics Forum 2014 Update**

09.30 - 11:00 **Global Ethics Forum 2014 Continental Workshop (in two groups)**

Workgroup moderators and members, the Globethics.net Regional Programme Directors and representatives and the Global Ethics Forum 2014 organisers and supporters identify synergies and linkages between their activities and with the Global Ethics Forum 2014, discuss and agree on their roles, and engagement in the conference based on individual and collaborative action plans (People are pre-assigned into Asia and Africa multi-stakeholder groups, including representation from each WG and relevant regional representatives; in each of the two groups - 20 min identify goals and priority areas for each region re GEF 2014 + 40 min small group discussion re vision, needs and potential areas for collaboration in each of the selected priority area in preparation for GEF)

11:00 - 11:30 **Break**

11:30 - 12:00 **Global Ethics Forum 2014 Continental Workshop (continuation in two groups)**

In Asia and Africa groups - each summarise on flipcharts their priority areas, needs and potential areas for collaboration re GEF 2014 - moderator asks after each presentation people around the table to make specific commitments how to contribute and collaborate within each of the two regions. Commitments are written on flipcharts Asia and Africa.

12:00-12:30 **Book launches:** four new Globethics.net books from East Africa, DR Congo, Indonesia

12:30 -13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 -14:30 **Globethics.net Parallel Workgroup Meetings: finalize future work programmes**

Based on the discussion of the five workgroups on Thursday and the inputs from the continental workshops on Friday morning, the five work groups develop their work programme for the next twelve months.

14:30-15:00 **Working break**

The workgroup moderators/rapporteurs present on flipchart commitments for collaboration and action in preparation for GEF 2014 and the broader Globethics.net work.

15:00 -16:30 **Plenary Session: Global Ethics Forum 2014 - the Way Forward**

Globethics.net Regional Directors present their plans for regional participation at GEF 2014 (5-10 min each). In addition, to the 5 Workgroup moderators is given the opportunity to present highlights of their revised Workgroup plan and commitments to the Global Ethics Forum 2014 (5 min each). Final open discussion highlights and finalizes linkages and synergies between the Workgroups and Globethics.net Regional Programs and ways for collaboration.

The Global Ethics Forum

The **Global Ethics Forum (GEF) international conference** is an important element of the Global Ethics Forum project and a flagship event of the Globethics.net that brings together companies and their stakeholders from the developed economies in the North and the emerging economies and the less developed countries in the Global South. The GEF is not just an ordinary event - it is a sequence of annual conferences combined with customized exchanges during the year, joint practical projects and specific access to documentation and publications for partners. The 2009, 2011 and 2012 editions of the GEF have been successful in setting up a platform for development of a global network of experts, institutions and individuals which are exchanging expertise and working on innovative practical solutions to ethical challenges in the business practice. Thus the 2011 and 2012 GEF resulted in development of GEF Workgroups organized around “seed” projects and engaging the Globethics.net membership in practical research, exchange of information and documentation and development of tools and giving advice on specific issues related to ethics and corporate responsibility. The GEF 2012 conference agreed that the next Global Ethics Forum Conference should take place in 2014, and it was decided an interim smaller event - GEF Working Session and Public Forum, to take place in Geneva in 2013.

The **Global Ethics Forum 2014 Conference** will be held on 3 and 4 January 2014 in Bangalore/India, organised by Globethics.net in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB), India and the Centre for International Business Ethics (CIBE), China. The theme is **Equal in an Unequal World: The Value of Values in Responsible Business**. The Global Ethics Forum 2014 is organised under the leadership of three International Chairs: **Mr Walter Fust**, Ambassador, President, Globethics.net and Co-Chair of The Global Ethics Forum (GEF); **Judge Mervyn King**, Chairman of the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC); **Mr S.D. Shibulal**, CEO and Co-Founder, Infosys, India.

The main focus of the conference will be on showcasing best practices in ethical business and corporate responsibility showing the value of values in business with renewed accent on the humanistic multicultural ethical values of responsible leadership and their role in addressing inequality as part of the transformation of business and society towards sustainability. Key-note speakers from companies, politics and academic sector will challenge the conference participants.

The long-term goal of the GEF conference is, by providing a platform for open dialogue and knowledge sharing between diverse stakeholders with different ethical and cultural background, to build trust and create synergies for global dialogue and collaboration on the practical application of business ethics and corporate responsibility.

Globethics.net

Globethics.net is a multi-lingual, multicultural global online network on applied ethics with over 70'000 registered individuals and 175 institutions from all continents and sectors of society. It has a special focus on business ethics, responsible leadership, environmental ethics, interreligious ethics and ethics of science and technology. It offers an online library with over 1 million full text documents, a Directory of 500 business ethics experts and a Directory of 1500 institutions on ethics and responsibility. Globethics.net strengthens ethical dialogue, reflection and action on a global level and with a special focus on emerging and developing countries by: (a) knowledge sharing through access to ethics information and know-how through its flagship global digital library on ethics; (b) networking to combine contextual and global ethical perspectives; (c) empowering people and institutions in their efforts to promote ethical behaviour and structures; (d) stimulating international collaborative research on ethics; and (e) training people for responsible leadership.

Globethics.net was founded in 2004 as a non-profit association and has been a Swiss Foundation since 2009. It has regional programmes on all continents and participants from over 200 countries. Its international head office is based in Geneva/Switzerland.

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