

# Key issues on Davos agenda 2008

## WEDNESDAY, JAN 23

■ **If America sneezes, does the world still catch a cold?** As uncertainty looms over U.S. economy, will China and India drive global growth?

■ **World economic brainstorming.** What is greatest threat to global economic growth in 2008? How should it be addressed?

■ **Pipeline politics.** How will Russia and Central Asia play role in creating stable supply of energy resources for European continent?

## THURSDAY, JAN 24

■ **Myths and realities of Sovereign Wealth Funds.** What is impact of SWFs – expected to reach \$12 trillion in 2015 – on global economy?

■ **Rebuilding brand America.** How should next U.S. president reverse declining global confidence in U.S.?

■ **Systemic financial risk.** As world reels from subprime crisis, what risk issues and financial innovations require greater attention?

■ **Arctic: less ice, more oil.** What should world do to address geopolitical and environmental interests in Arctic?

## FRIDAY, JAN 25

■ **Evaluating financial risk.** As global credit market continues to unravel, what should role of rating agencies be?

■ **Nationalism and natural resources.** How should importing markets and multilateral institutions manage expectations of energy-rich countries which are demanding greater voice in international affairs?

■ **Future of mobile technology.** How will convergence of communication, GPS technology and payment systems in one device – the mobile phone – reshape consumer landscape?

## SATURDAY, JAN 26

■ **Role of central banks.** Have banks distorted calculation of risk by going beyond supplying short-term money and lowering interest rates to sustain economic growth?

■ **Threats to global trading system**  
How should industry and governments work together to build broader public support for greater global trade and investment?

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