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## World Economic Forum announces Young Global Leaders 2010

- Young leaders from 72 countries are honoured for their outstanding leadership, professional accomplishments and commitment to society
- Of the selected young leaders, 21 hail from South Asia
- Young Global Leaders are selected from a variety of sectors such as business, government, academia, media, non-profit organizations and arts & culture, and from all regions of the world
- Young Global Leaders engage in task forces that address specific challenges of public interest with the objective of shaping a better future

**Geneva, Switzerland, 3 March 2010** – The World Economic Forum has announced its Young Global Leaders (YGLs) for 2010. The honour, bestowed each year by the Forum, recognizes and acknowledges up to 200 outstanding young leaders from around the world for their professional accomplishments, commitment to society and potential to contribute to shaping the future of the world.

For 2010, the Forum has selected [197 Young Global Leaders](#) (PDF, 7 pages, 160 KB) from 72 countries and all stakeholders of society (business, civil society, social entrepreneurs, politics & government, arts & culture, and opinion & media). The new class represents all regions: East Asia (43), South Asia (21), Europe (46), Middle East and North Africa (14), sub-Saharan Africa (17), North America (38) and Latin America (18). This year's selection has more gender parity than ever, with 38% women.

“The World Economic Forum is a true multistakeholder community of global decision-makers in which the Young Global Leaders represent the voice for the future and the hopes of the next generation. The diversity of the YGL community and its commitment to shaping a better future through action-oriented initiatives of public interest is even more important at a time when the world is in need of new energy to solve intractable challenges,” said Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum.

Drawn from a pool of almost 5,000 candidates, the Young Global Leaders 2010 were chosen by a [selection committee](#) (PDF, 1 page, 135 KB), chaired by H.M. Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and comprised of eminent international media leaders.

The Young Global Leaders 2010 reflect regional and stakeholder diversity. The ones from South Asia include among others, **Farida Nekzad**, Managing Editor and Deputy Director, Pajhwok Afghan News (from Afghanistan); **Tamara Abed**, Director, BRAC (from Bangladesh); **Tashi Wangmo**, Member of Parliament, Bhutan National Council (from Bhutan); **Nadita Das**, Actress (from India); **Ashok Giri Durgesh**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Vindhya e-Infomedia Private Limited (from India); **Manisha Girotra**, Managing Director and Chairperson, UBS Securities India (from India); **Agatha K. Sangma**, Minister of State for Rural Development of India (from India); **Tejpreet Singh Chopra**, Government Relations and Strategy Development, General Electric (from India); **Syed Mustafa Kamal**, Mayor of Karachi (from Pakistan); **Umar Saif**, Founder, Saif Center for Innovation (from Pakistan); **Muhammad Ali Tabba**, Chief Executive Officer,


Lucky Cement (from Pakistan); and **Nandasiri Wanninayaka**, Founder, Horizon Lanka (from Sri Lanka).

Upon being notified about his selection as a YGL this year Sriram Raghavan, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Comat Technologies, shared, “Confronting the world’s toughest issues requires a collaboration of the world’s brightest minds. The Forum of Young Global Leaders constitutes the best talent pool working on such issues and I am extremely honoured to be counted as one among them. I look forward to engaging with this community to share ideas and develop new insights on tackling deep-seated social problems in India.”

The 2010 honourees will become part of the broader Forum of Young Global Leaders community that currently comprises 660 outstanding individuals. The YGLs convene at an annual summit – this year it will be in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 2-7 May 2010, the first time in Africa and the largest ever gathering of YGLs – as well as at Forum events and meetings throughout the year. These events enable YGLs to build a strong and diverse community, to engender a better understanding of the global and regional agendas and to engage in initiatives to address specific challenges of public interest (read more about [YGL task forces](#) (PDF, 6 pages, 84 KB) Or visit [www.redesignourworld.com](http://www.redesignourworld.com)).

Reflecting on his experience as a YGL honoured in 2005, Malvinder Singh, Group Chairman, Religare Enterprises & Fortis Healthcare, said, “Being a YGL has been a very enriching and rewarding experience for me. The YGL community has multicultural leaders from different walks of life around the world. The level of energy, enthusiasm, team work and commitment to make a difference continues to inspire me.”

## Notes to Editors

- More information about the Forum of Young Global Leaders at <http://www.younggloballeaders.org>
- List of [YGLs honoured in 2010](#) (PDF, 7 pages, 160 KB)
- List of the [YGL community](#) (PDF, 20 pages, 222 KB)
- List of the [YGL Selection Committee](#) (PDF, 1 page, 135 KB)
- List of the [YGL task forces](#) (PDF, 6 pages, 84 KB) Or visit <http://www.redesignourworld.com>
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