**Global Communication Leaders united in aProgram Board for WCFDavos’2017**

Today, 15 April, the new **WCF Committee** was officially announced – the **Program Board** in charge of the preparations for the next, **8th edition** of the annual **World Communication Forum in Davos**.



Announcement of the Board is the first step towards the organization of the next WCF forum. The event will take place on 9-10 March, 2017, in Switzerland, again at the Davos Congress Centre, a traditional meeting place for an annual survey and marking the trends of the global communication industry worldwide. The goal of the forum is to strengthen the **impact of communications** both as a business branch and as a professional community that fosters the global development of the world.

The high-level expertise of the **36 Committee members** includes public affairs, country reputation, intra-governmental and global corporate communication, social and digital media insight, crisis management, cross-cultural interaction, branding, design, integrated marketing, and more. They represent the national communication industries and professional communities of **24 countries** on 4 continents. Among the Committee members of **WCF’s Program Board for 2017** are:

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**Yanina Dubeykovskaya**, member of the Committee in her capacity as WCFDavos Founder & Content Director as well as President of the WCFA association, shared: “**WCFDavos**, both as a forum and as a global community, is developing only through the human beings it unites. For 7 years, we have been able to involve representatives of about 60 countries and transform the event into the most influential and most appreciated diversity-of-expertise platform in the world. The WCF Committee acting as the **Program Board in 2017** includes leaders of the global professional community who, as key drivers of the Forum, provide a unique agenda content and intensify its impact worldwide.”

The function of the WCF Committee as a Program Board is to outline strategic key points for the conceptual format of WCF’s 8 edition, announce a draft agenda, steer the preparation phases, make resolutions on due partnerships, suggest or approve topics and applications by speakers, and monitor all the marketing and implementation throughout the year, taking also into account the schedule for due upcoming regional forum sessions till the end of 2016. The WCF Committee’s first action as a Program Board will be to **approve the draft agenda** for the World Communication Forum in 2017 and announce it on the official website.

**WCF Committee & Program Board for 2017:** <http://www.forumdavos.com/committee>



*WCF is an annual global event held at the Davos Congress Centre in Switzerland. Initiated by an International Coordinating Committee in 2010, it has united a great number of acknowledged professionals from 58 countries worldwide. Since its third annual edition in Davos, WCF has started expanding its global professional community with regional sessions held in some of the largest cultural centers and business capitals across Europe and Asia. The two-day conference covers the latest trendy areas and issues and outlines future tendencies in the global communications industry.*

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