

Davos 2013 to focus on health issues

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The World Economic Forum will focus on global health issues when it holds its annual winter meeting in Davos, Switzerland from January 23-27, Forum organisers said on Thursday.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon and World Bank president Jim Yong Kim are to be joined by several <u>health</u> ministers and more than 25 heads of healthcare companies under the theme of "Resilient Dynamism," a <u>Forum</u> statement said.

"The health community will focus on the future of sustainable national health systems, workplace wellness and individual health," it added.

According to the Forum's organisers, global consideration of health-care issues often is held back by short-term thinking and entrenched positions, and they urged countries to "break from the status quo to embark on courageous transformation to sustainably deliver access to high-quality health services."

The Forum plans to launch a report on sustainable health systems and health in the workplace as the meeting gets under way.

The report is based on a study of more than two million workers in 125 countries.

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