

Designing Global Governance for Global Problems

Simply put, the Evian Group believes the world economy cannot function on autopilot.

The issue of resource constraints and future global governance was also an issue on the table at the Evian Plenary.

“I trust nobody will leave with the impression that draconian measures are not needed,” said Chandran Nair, Founder and CEO of the Global Institute for Tomorrow. “The fundamental problem is being aware of our limits. The greatest innovation we can bring is that of defining and working within those limits.”

It is understood that future perspectives on our ecological footprint and natural resource depletion are so alarming that the issue goes well beyond that of the design of our international organizations.

“We’re organized in territorial states and politicians’ campaigns in these territorial states with domestic priorities,” stated Jean-François Rischard, author of *High Noon: 20 Global Problems, 20 Years to Solve Them*. “The burning global problems are the opposite. The lethal clash is to get nation states to think non-territorially and in the long-term. Encouraging young people to think as global citizens is paramount to success.”

Michael Garrett, Co-Chair of the Evian Group and Former Executive Vice-President Nestlé SA, Asia and Africa, emphasized that “reward systems further imply the business community has become as short term as politicians.”

The Evian Group realizes that technical and political solutions exist and it is not possible to wait a generation for proposals to be put in place. The Evian Group has repeatedly warned that we cannot assume that globalization is here to stay.
