**WGS 2019: World Government Summit proves catalyst for serious global change**

* *Presidents, Prime Ministers, business leaders, philanthropists gather in Dubai to map-out sustainable future for citizens*
* *Rwanda President Paul Kagame: Africa can realize its full potential if it becomes a united continent*
* *Imran Khan, Harrison Ford, Christine Lagarde, Tony Robbins, Sheikh Hamdan among speakers*
* *Pope Francis makes historic video address*

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 12 February, 2019-(**[AETOSWire](http://aetoswire.com))**:** Global political and business decision makers, NGOs and philanthropists chose the seventh World Government Summit (WGS 2019) in Dubai to create a vision for a brighter, more sustainable future world this week.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan spoke of a new era for investment opportunities in the country as it seeks to unshackle itself from the corruption that has marred its reputation for many years.

Paul Kagame, President of a resurgent Rwanda, said Africa could realize its full potential by becoming one united continent. “Young Africans must be given a real stake in the future of their continent,” he said, as he addressed a brimming plenary hall at Madinat Jumeriah.

Earlier today, actor-turned-philanthropist Harrison Ford said climate change was the greatest moral crisis of our time.

At the start of the week, leadership expert and entrepreneur Tony Robbins announced he is collaborating with UAE leadership on a humanitarian project to feed one billion people.

In a world first on Monday, Dubai’s Crown Prince His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid said that cities of the future could become the world’s bread basket to meet soaring global population growth.

Talking to CNN’s Richard Quest, IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde candidly said artificial intelligence will drastically reshape the future of jobs and human intelligence, adding that even her own job will be “adjusted” in the future.

And just a week after the first ever Papal visit to the Arabian Peninsula, Pope Francis addressed the summit via a live video, where he said the UAE has started a new historical chapter in a modern, tolerant world.

The three-day World Government Summit 2019 runs until February 12 at Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai. The landmark event convened more than 4,000 participants from 140 countries, including heads of state and governments, and top-tier representatives of 30 international organizations.

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