

stars Switzerland symposium 2026

4-7 September 2026

Wolfsberg, Ermatingen

Objectives:

- Broaden the mindset to better understand major global trends which will impact business and society over the next couple of years, like **Disruptive Technological Developments, AI-Innovation, Geopolitics and Geoeconomics, Circular Economy, Health and Leadership**
- Engage in interdisciplinary **dialogue across geographies, cultures and industries**
- Contribute to the **personal development to drive responsible and sustainable actions**

Background Information: Link

Friday, 4 September 2026 - Wolfsberg

12:00	Opening of Conference Check-in		Lobby
15:30	Welcome Coffee		Foyer
16:30	Welcome Address	Toni SCHOENENBERGER Founder and Executive Chairman, stars Foundation, Weinfelden, Switzerland	Auditorium
16:45	Complexity is Destiny - Orientation in Times of No Direction	Peter MAURER President, Basel Institute on Governance; Former President, International Committee of the Red Cross ICRC; Member, stars Global Advisory Panel, Berne, Switzerland	
18:15	Cocktails hosted by the Canton of Thurgau		Foyer
19:00	Group Picture		
19:15	Dinner		Panoramasaal
	Dinner Speech		
	Night Cap		Remise Wolfsberg

Saturday, 5 September 2026 - Wolfsberg

07:00 Breakfast

Restaurant

LEADERSHIP: SUCCESS IN BUSINESS AND BEYOND

08:30 Individual Interviews

LIM Siong Guan Former Group President, GIC;
Former Head of Singapore Civil Service; Member,
stars International Board, Singapore
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Auditorium

10:00 Networking Coffee

Auditorium Foyer

10:30 Leadership Dialogues (in Breakout
Groups)

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Breakout Rooms

12:00 Buffet Lunch

Panoramasaal

CIRCULAR ECONOMY (CE) AS GAME-CHANGER

Moderator

Gordana KIERANS Circular Economy
Consultant, Managing Director MGT OPEN;
Supervisory Board Member, Circle Economy
Amsterdam; President, stars South-East Europe
Alumni Chapter, Grižane, Croatia

Auditorium

15:00 Networking Coffee

Auditorium Foyer

16:30 Time at your Disposal

17:00 Departure

Auditorium Foyer

18:00 Walk through the Mainau Island
(www.mainau.de)

Mainau Island

Welcome Address

Mainau Castle

Dinner Buffet

Palm House, Mainau

22:00 Night Cap

Remise Wolfsberg

Sunday, 6 September 2026 - Wolfsberg

07:00 Breakfast Restaurant

GEOPOLITICAL AND GEOECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE

08:30 Great Powers Today (Plenary Discussion) **N.N.**
N.N.
N.N. Auditorium

09:30 Emerging Powers (Plenary Discussion) **N.N.**
N.N.
N.N.

10:30 Networking Coffee Auditorium Foyer

11:00 Deep Dive Breakout Group 1: "Great Powers Today" **N.N.**
N.N.
N.N. Auditorium

Deep Dive Breakout Group 2: "Emerging Powers" **N.N.**
N.N.
N.N. Breakout Room

12:30 Buffet Lunch Panoramasaal

THINK THE UNTHINKABLE: GLOBAL HEALTH MATTERS

15:30 Networking Coffee Auditorium Foyer

PEERS-EXCHANGE

16:00 Session 1 in Breakout Groups Breakout Rooms

17:00 Networking Coffee Auditorium Foyer

17:30 Session 2 in Breakout Groups Breakout Rooms

18:30 Time at your Disposal

19:30 Cocktails Restaurant

20:00 Dinner Restaurant

Night Cap Remise Wolfsberg

Monday, 7 September 2026 - Wolfsberg

07:00	Breakfast (Check-out till 8.15)		Restaurant
08:30	AI - Driven Change Management		Auditorium
09:00	What the Future of Robots might do to Humanity		
09:30	Internet or Inter-Threat: Cybersecurity and the Next Generation of the Internet		
10:00	Networking Coffee		Auditorium Foyer
10:30	Agentic AI and the Future of Work		Auditorium
11:00	Plenary Discussion	N.N. N.N. N.N. N.N.	
12:00	Concluding Remarks	Toni SCHOENENBERGER Founder and Executive Chairman, stars Foundation, Weinfelden, Switzerland	
12:15	Buffet Lunch		Restaurant
13:00	Shuttle to the Airport or to the Railway Station		Meeting Point: Lobby

Moderation:

Mark DITTLI, Co-Founder and Financial Journalist, The Market, Zurich, Switzerland

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