

## **Keynote Session 4-Age of Uncertainty; Have We Become Wiser?**

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Our world has become 'Hot, Flat and Crowded'. Digital technology brought rapid and dynamic changes in the status of the world affairs. The world has become One, inter-dependent, and multiple political and economic growth centers. Think of iPad, Google, FaceBook, WikiLeaks; digital technology empowers individuals whose impacts spread to the world fast and wide, thus pressing those who have powers for Change.

Our competition for survival demands more energy, space to live, foods and water, a variety resources, impacting our human and non-human domains such as climate crisis, rapid deterioration of our environs, loss of biodiversity. Yet, diverse interests, among complex multi-stakeholders, prevent our progress toward our common goals, vital for our own survival.

Time left for us to adapt to Big Change, may not be that long. Preparing our youths will be critical for our future, ie, 'education'. Innovative 'open' education tools and systems will continue to emerge, but a key factor may well be the principle of and exchange programs and 'brain circulation'; youths be exposed to different environs which promote real sense of diversity, different values. Such experiences will embed common core values or wisdoms of human life acquired over many centuries of civilizations. Wisdom can be learned only through real experiences of one's life. Certainly, we live in knowledge-based interconnected one world, but our question remains 'Have we become wiser?'