

COVID-19: The Change of Face Through
Resilience, Sustainability and
Interdependency

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Like the plague of yore, COVID-19, the pandemic, has come, a virtual shock challenging human existence. The entire world is in the midst of overcoming the consequent uncertainties, and taking on the upcoming challenges. Leaders all over the world are working towards decisions which might change the face of the world in the coming years. This series is an inspiration, from a collection of essays written by experts of the Global Risk Initiatives Advisory Board, World Economic Forum. It takes us beyond the current scenario, into the future challenges and opportunities of the post COVID world.

Global Governance

Global Governance is struggling to speedily control the pandemic, trying to make an attempt at fighting the virus together. Unfortunately, cross border lockdowns continue to exist, with seamless control guidelines getting bogged down through political one-upmanship, despite the seemingly visible clarity about what they are doing and why. This discrimination and political apathy genuinely hamper the fight against the virus. The financial crisis is likely to deepen more. To overcome this, leaders of the world have to unite, by working toward an understanding of the virus, how then to beat it, maintain essential global supplies, and warning of future outbreaks. Going by experience, this is not to be an easy task. However, communities across political and social boundaries are coming together even in this era of social distancing. Add-ons have already been provisioned for by our forward thinkers by providing the necessary platforms to work on. Organizations like the WHO, though mired in controversies, need to be sufficiently supported, funded and empowered to do everything possible at this point, enabling a virtuous cycle of mutual trust.

Economic reconstruction is another pandemic challenge. Discussions across forums all over the world have floated big ideas like –Sustainable

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