

About the organiser

Trusted globally for 20+ years, Globethics — Geneva-based, with regional centres in Asia, Africa, and the Americas — empowers individuals and institutions towards ethical leadership and excellence in responsible governance.



What is the Global Ethics Forum (GEF)?

The Global Ethics Forum (GEF), organized by Globethics, is a global, solution-focused, multisectoral and multistakeholder platform for dialogue, networking, and engagement. It convenes institutions, policymakers, senior experts, and practitioners from the private sector, higher education, governments, multilateral, nongovernmental, and faith-based organisations to address pressing ethical challenges and advance responsible leadership worldwide. Distinct from many ethics forums that focus primarily on conceptual debate, GEF places particular emphasis on applied ethics, fostering cross-sector dialogue that leads to practical outcomes such as pathways for action, policy recommendations, and collaborative initiatives.

Established in 2009 and relaunched in 2024, the Forum serves as an open framework for values-driven inspiration, exchange, reflection, and action. Through policy dialogue, case studies, and collaborative engagement, the Forum generates practical solutions and partnerships that place ethical leadership at the center of governance, innovation, and development.

Why the Forum matters

In a time of rapid technological transformation, geopolitical uncertainty, and declining institutional trust, ethical leadership is critical to ensuring that innovation and governance serve human dignity and the common good. The Global Ethics Forum provides a trusted global platform where leaders across sectors can collaboratively address these challenges and develop actionable responses.

Why partner with the Global Ethics Forum?

Partnering with GEF positions institutions at the forefront of global dialogue on responsible governance, ethical leadership, and human-centered innovation.



Strategic visibility
among global
decision-makers and
institutions



Contribution to policy
dialogue and applied
ethics initiatives



Engagement in
cross-sector, cross-
regional
collaboration



Alignment with
global priorities on
sustainability,
governance, and
human flourishing

Global Ethics Forum Highlights

GEF 2024 — Ethical Leadership for a Re-envisioned Future

GEF 2024 marked the relaunch of the Global Ethics Forum as a renewed platform for global engagement, partnership, and applied ethics. Bringing together leaders across sectors and regions, the Forum focused on rebuilding trust in governance and strengthening ethical leadership to address complex global challenges through inclusive dialogue and collaborative action.

	In-person participants:	250
	Online participants:	250
	Speakers:	78
	Institutional partners:	37
	Countries represented:	34
	Continents represented:	6



"Ethical leadership must address the issue of trust. Our global community is facing a breach of trust. There is a disconnect between governors and the governed, because governors are not seen as addressing the concerns of the people. Multilateral institutions are losing trust — despite their existence, wars are still raging. We must step up our game."

Martin Chungong, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

GEF 2025 — Reinventing Responsible Governance: Navigating Dilemmas, Power, and Purpose

GEF 2025 convened global leaders, policymakers, scholars, and practitioners to examine how governance can respond to growing complexity, power dynamics, and ethical uncertainty across sectors. The Forum emphasized practical pathways for responsible leadership, fostering cross-sector collaboration and strengthening Globethics' role as a platform for applied ethics in action.

	In-person participants:	180
	Online participants:	329
	Speakers:	68
	Institutional partners:	34
	Countries represented:	37
	Continents represented:	6

"The Global Ethics Forum does what few others can: it shines a light on human dignity and flourishing. By bringing diverse stakeholders together on equal footing, Globethics creates a space where dialogue leads to understanding and understanding leads to action. It is a platform where ethical reflection becomes a force for meaningful change."

Paul Martens, Baylor University and Strategic Partner



About GEF 2026 host

Yayasan Dharma Etika Madani (YADEMA) is an Indonesian foundation affiliated with Globethics. Established in 2023, YADEMA focuses on strengthening ethical leadership through research, educational resources, and inclusive dialogue.

Responsible Governance in a Fragmented World:

Ethical Pathways to Human Flourishing in Business, Technology, and Policy

Location: Bali, Indonesia

Date: 21-22 October 2026

Responsible Governance in a Fragmented World

The global landscape is becoming increasingly complex. Political polarization, economic uncertainty, technological disruption, and declining institutional trust are reshaping how societies function.

In contrast, emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence and advanced digital systems, are transforming economies, labor markets, and governance systems at unprecedented speed. These developments create new opportunities for innovation and growth, but they also raise difficult questions about responsibility, accountability, and long-term societal impact.

In many areas, governance frameworks have struggled to keep pace with these changes. Business leaders face growing expectations to manage environmental and social impacts. Governments are grappling with regulating rapidly evolving technologies. International cooperation is under strain as geopolitical tensions rise.

As a result, governance today cannot be understood simply as the technical management of institutions or regulations. It is fundamentally about **how power is exercised, how decisions are made, and how accountability is maintained across sectors.**

The choices made by business leaders, technologists, policymakers, and civil society actors increasingly shape not only markets or regulations, but the long-term wellbeing of societies. This context raises an urgent question: **How can governance systems ensure that innovation, economic growth, and political power contribute to human wellbeing rather than undermine it?**

2026 Theme: Human Flourishing

This theme reflects a growing recognition that societal progress cannot be measured by economic output or technological advancement alone. A flourishing society is one in which people are able to live meaningful, secure, and connected lives within stable institutions and trusted communities.



Human dignity and wellbeing



Trust in institutions and governance systems



Engagement in cross-sector, cross-regional collaboration



Alignment with global priorities on sustainability, governance, and human flourishing

Why Indonesia?

Holding GEF 2026 in Bali provides both regional relevance and global resonance. The Forum is organized in collaboration with Yayasan Dharma Etika Madani (Yadema), a Globethics-affiliated organization in Indonesia that strengthens local partnerships and regional engagement on ethics, governance, and sustainable development.

Indonesia offers a particularly meaningful context for discussing human flourishing. According to the Global Flourishing Study conducted by Harvard University and Baylor University, Indonesia ranks highly on measures of social connection, community engagement, and meaning in life. These findings suggest that **wellbeing is shaped not only by economic conditions, but also by cultural, social, and spiritual factors.**

At the same time, **Indonesia is one of the world's largest emerging economies and a rapidly growing digital society.** The country is navigating many of the same governance challenges faced globally: balancing economic growth, technological transformation, social cohesion, and democratic governance.

Focus Areas of the Forum

Throughout the forum, high-level plenary conversations and curated working groups will drive deep reflection, sectoral collaboration, and actionable outcomes for the two thematic tracks, covering business and technology, policy and peacebuilding:



**Responsible Innovation:
Business, Technology, and
Ethical Governance**



**Multistakeholder
engagement in a
Fragmented Global Order:
An Alliance for Peace**

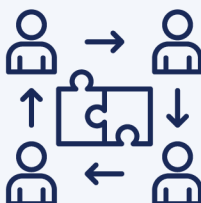
Objectives

The Forum aims to achieve three primary objectives:



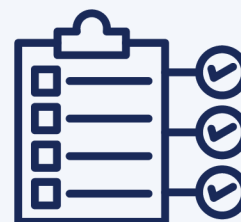
Cross-sector dialogue

Bring together leaders from business, technology, government, academia, and civil society to examine ethical challenges shaping global governance.



Practical collaboration

Develop concrete ideas, partnerships, and initiatives that translate ethical principles into practical governance solutions.



Action-oriented outcomes

Produce a set of recommendations and collaborative initiatives that can guide ethical leadership and partnership through 2027 and beyond

Program Structure

The Forum will take place over **two days** and will follow a structured format designed to move from dialogue to action.

Plenary Sessions	High-level discussions framing ethical challenges across business and technology, policy, and peacebuilding.
Track Dialogues / Working Groups	Working groups across the two thematic tracks will develop practical and actionable recommendations.
Interactive Ethics Lab	Hands-on engagement with real case studies, tools, and governance frameworks.

Side events include:

- Exhibition Booths
- Youth ethical leadership program
- Parliamentary and regional policy dialogue
- Partnership and resource mobilization session
- Bali activity visit

Partner with Global Ethics Forum 2026

Benefits	Strategic Partner	Sponsor	Knowledge Partner
Contribution	Rp50,000,000	Rp25,000,000	Rp10,000,000
Speaking role in Opening Session	X		
Recognised in Opening Speech	X		
Consultative role in Program creation	X		X
Speaking role in a relevant panel	X	X	X
Co-organisation of relevant panel or working group and/or speaking role in a relevant panel	X	X	X
Free General Pass ticket to GEF2026	3	2	1
Mandala Tour: Bali local wisdom exploration	X		
Recognition in external media communications	X		
Logo prominently displayed on all event materials	X	X	
Logo on the Globethics website and print event materials (e.g. banners)	X	X	X
Logo in Globethics newsletters and on social media*	X	X	X
Recognition in the Outcome report	X	X	X
"Ethics in Practice" Exhibition Booth	X	X	

*YADEMA and Globethics has more than 150,000 newsletter subscribers and more than 55,000 social media followers

Please contact us to discuss the best way to work together. Enquire about potential collaboration opportunities, including partnerships, sponsorships, and other forms of collaboration – please contact:

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