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# 2026: Times of political uncertainty - What will be the new normal?

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## Context

The world lives through a period of profound uncertainty. Geopolitical rivalry is intensifying, global rules are weakening, and new powers are reshaping the balance of influence. From technological competition and rising military spending to shifting alliances and domestic political pressures, the international system is becoming more fragmented and unpredictable.

As we move through 2026, understanding these forces is key to anticipating the challenges and opportunities in the future. This webinar explores the key issues likely to define the international agenda and wants to shed light into the new normal as well as into strategic implications for policy makers and councils.

## Agenda

- 13:30** Opening remarks by WG co-chair - **Jürgen Janssen** (German Council for Sustainable Development)
- 13:35** **The world in 2026: Ten issues that will shape the international agenda - Carme Colomina Saló** (CIDOB, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
- 13:50** **A new normal and strategic implications for policy makers - Achim Steiner** (German Council for Sustainable Development, Oxford Martin School/University of Oxford)
- 14:05** Questions and discussion with participants
- 14:25** Closing remarks by WG co-chair **Jürgen Janssen**

