

The Elders to visit Beijing for top-level discussions with Chinese leadership

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The Elders will visit China from 1-3 April to meet with key political leaders and discuss global challenges from climate change and nuclear disarmament to regional security and extremism.

The delegation will be led by [Mary Robinson](#), Chair and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; [Ban Ki-moon](#), Deputy Chair and former UN Secretary-General; [Lakhdar Brahimi](#), former Foreign Minister of Algeria and UN diplomat; [Ricardo Lagos](#), former President of Chile; and [Ernesto Zedillo](#), former President of Mexico.

The Elders hope to use the occasion to discuss a range of topics, including: China's role in promoting responsible multilateralism; human rights and the challenges of combating extremism; and climate change, nuclear non-proliferation and international security.

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The Elders are [Ban Ki-moon](#) (Deputy Chair), [Lakhdar Brahimi](#), [Gro Harlem Brundtland](#), [Zeid Raad Al Hussein](#), [Hina Jilani](#), [Ellen Johnson Sirleaf](#), [Ricardo Lagos](#), [Graça Machel](#) (Deputy Chair), [Juan Manuel Santos](#), [Mary Robinson](#) (Chair) and [Ernesto Zedillo](#).

[Martti Ahtisaari](#), [Ela Bhatt](#), [Fernando Henrique Cardoso](#), [Jimmy Carter](#) and [Desmond Tutu](#) are Elders Emeritus.

[Kofi Annan](#) (1938-2018) was a founding member of The Elders and served as Chair from 2013 to 2018.

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