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## **G20 implementing proposals from the T20, supported by the Global Solutions Initiative and the Global Solutions Summit**

*A new report finds that think tanks active in the T20 process are successfully influencing the G20.*

The Group of 20 (G20) leaders are realizing recommendations made by think tanks involved in Think20 (T20), according to a recent study published by the G20 Research Group at the University of Toronto in Canada.

Twenty-four percent of the 135 recommendations made by the T20 in 2018 were fully or partially realized in the politically-binding G20 commitments made at the Buenos Aires Summit, wrote Brittaney Warren and John Kirton, the authors of the Think 20 (T20) Recommendations Realized Report.

“It is a privilege for the Global Solutions Initiative to support the T20 process year after year, helping to generate recommendations and promote interactions with G20 policymakers, and thereby contribute toward making the T20 an intellectual backbone for the G20,” said **Professor Dennis J. Snower**, President of the Global Solutions Initiative.

The authors’ findings also suggest that proposals from the T20 process under the German G20 presidency in 2017 resulted in the highest compliance from the G20, compared to commitments that came without a T20 recommendation. The weighted average compliance of these four commitments on financial regulation (tax), the digital economy, development and gender was 91% compared to 86% without.

Furthermore, think tanks can increase their influence by increasing their involvement in the T20, along with the Global Solutions Initiative, which supports these recommendations via the Global Solutions Summit and its policy briefs for the T20. Organizations not yet involved should participate to take full advantage of the G20 forum as it is a way to impact change at the center of global governance, the report argues.

The G20 Research Group assessed recommendations from across the T20’s 12 task force themes. The highest recommendation-commitment match from the Buenos Aires Summit was on the newer digital economy (66%), followed by financial stability (60%) match, tax and gender (50% each), cooperation with Africa (43%), the future of work (33%), food security (18%) and trade (15%). There were no matches on climate change, sustainable development, governance or migration.

### **About the Global Solutions Initiative**

The Global Solutions Initiative hosts the **Global Solutions Summit**, on March 18 and 19 in Berlin, associated with the [T20 Japan](#), which brings together renowned researches, leading

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policymakers, business leaders, and international policy experts ahead of the G20 Japan presidency. It is here that they pool their experience and know-how to craft proposals for the T20, addressing the world's urgent political, environmental and societal problems.

Speakers at this year's Global Solutions Summit include German Chancellor **Angela Merkel**, Finance Minister **Olaf Scholz**, Justice Minister **Katarina Barley**, and other high-ranking, German government officials. Moreover, EU Commission Vice Presidents **Frans Timmermans and Valdis Dombrovskis**, **Naoyuki Yoshino**, Chair of T20 Japan 2019 and Dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute, **Pascal Lamy**, former Director-General of the World Trade Organization, **Fatoumata Ba**, Founder & CEO of Janngo, and **Gunter Pauli**, Founder and Director of Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives, will also be in attendance.

### **Information for media**

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NOTE: Not all panels will be accessible for all media representatives. Pooling will be arranged for restricted-access events.

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