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## **The future of international cooperation and collaboration – Global Solutions Initiative convening policy experts at the Global Solutions Summit**

*The Global Solutions Summit connects the coming and going G20 Presidencies, providing the missing link for coordinated change on the most pressing problems all nations face.*

On **March 18 and 19**, G20 leaders, renowned researchers, implementers and international policy experts will meet at the Global Solutions Summit, a [T20 Japan associated event](#), in Berlin. Together, they pool their experience and know-how to craft proposals that address the world's urgent political, environmental and societal problems.

Speakers 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, **Masahisa Sato**, Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs, **Michael Møller**, Director-General of United Nations Office, **Fatoumata Ba**, Founder & CEO of Janngo, and **Gunter Pauli**, Founder and Director of Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives, will also attend.

The Global Solutions Summit leads up to Japan's G20 presidency. The event provides momentum and policy recommendations on wide-ranging G20 issues, including sustainable development, infrastructure finance, trade, climate change, social cohesion, the future of politics, cooperation with African nations, aging populations and much more.

Emphasis is on the recoupling of social and economic processes to ensure participants note the implications of an economically-linked world in which economic performance grows, but many communities feel ostracized and disregarded. "To realign the economic domain with the social domains, our thinking concerning economic activity – in both business and policy – will need to shift from selfish materialism to holism," says Dennis J. Snower, President of the GSIF. By setting this focus, the summit helps build a common sense of global purpose.

### **About the Global Solutions Summit**

The Global Solutions Summit is held annually by the **Global Solutions Initiative Foundation**, a global think tank network which contributes to greater continuity and impact within G20 policy arenas. The Global Solutions Initiative is chaired by **Professor Dennis J. Snower**, a world-renowned economist and former President of the Kiel Institute.

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