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90 young visionaries to enrich the Global Solutions Summit in Berlin

The Global Solutions Initiative will welcome the next generation of problem solvers at the Global Solutions Summit and a special Summer School.

Ninety talented and engaged individuals from around the world will travel to Berlin elevate the Global Solutions Initiative's **Young Global Changers (YGC) program** with their creativity and drive.

These young professionals, some of which are visiting Europe for the first time, were selected from over 3,400 applicants from 155 different countries based on their academic achievements and their social engagement. They receive full scholarships.

Chosen individuals demonstrated innovative ideas on how to make the world a better place and, what's more, presented one-of-a-kind projects to turn these ideas into actions. Each project is connected to one of the ten T20/G20 topics and aimed at bringing about positive change, either at the global, regional or local level.

The YGC 2019 cohort will attend the Global Solutions Summit on March 18-19, a [T20 Japan associated event](#), where speakers include German **Chancellor Angela Merkel** and Finance Minister **Olaf Scholz**. Moreover, **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 and **Gunter Pauli**, Founder and Director of Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives, will also be in attendance.

Prior to the Summit, the Young Global Changers will expand their horizons at GSIF's Summer School. Here these young leaders work closely with one another and with world-renowned thought leaders in workshops to further develop their global solutions, while also attending seminars that span academic and economic sectors. After their participation, each YGC becomes a part of a permanent worldwide network of committed changemakers.

About the Global Solutions Initiative Foundation

The **Global Solutions Initiative Foundation** is a global think tank network which contributes to greater continuity and impact within G20 policy arenas, by bringing together G20 leaders and recognized scientists to find solutions to the world's greatest challenges.

The foundation hosts the annual **Global Solutions Summit** to develop 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.

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Information for media

Increased security necessitates media request accreditation to attend the Summit. Please send an email to press@global-solutions.international, stating your name, title, media outlet, e-mail, phone number and date of birth. A copy of a national ID card or passport and a valid press card must be attached. The deadline to apply is **Monday, March 11, 2019**.

Pool cards for restricted-access events will be given to a small number of videographers and photographers drawn from among those who submit a timely accreditation request.

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