



## THE WORLD POLICY FORUM

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### **Global Solutions Summit opens with the G20 Japan's research and policy advice network**

*The third Global Solutions Summit kicks off in Berlin, Germany with calls for a paradigm change to recouple social, economic and political progress.*

The Global Solutions Summit, a [Think20 Japan](#) associated event, kicked off today with some 1,600 registered participants in Berlin, Germany. "We want to establish a global civil society to strengthen multilateralism against the 'my-country-first ideology,'" said **Markus Engels**, Secretary General of the Global Solutions Initiative.

This is the third summit supporting the T20 process, helping establish the international think-tank network as the intellectual backbone of the G20. The summit program is focused on priorities set by the Japanese G20 Presidency's 2019 Task Forces: sustainable development, infrastructure finance, financial architecture, trade and investment, climate change, future of work and education, social cohesion and the future of politics, SME policy, and policies for aging populations.

Together, the world's leading think tanks will guide policy innovations to help G20 leaders address pressing global challenges.

"This research community is connected to communities of business leaders and policy makers worldwide, cognizant that none can achieve their goals independently of the others," Global Solutions President **Dennis J. Snower** said.

At the Global Solutions Summit from March 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 221 speakers from 120 countries will give presentations in 60 sessions. The summit will welcome German Chancellor **Angela Merkel**, EU Commission Vice President **Frans Timmermans** and G20 Sherpas from Germany (2017), Argentina (2018) and Saudi Arabia, which holds the T20/G20 Presidency in 2020.

### **Further Information and Livestream**

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