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**“We must not allow some to avoid contributing their fair share.”
German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz opens 4th Global Solutions Summit with digital keynote**

Germany's Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Finance, Olaf Scholz, opened the 4th Global Solutions Summit 2020, which due to the Corona crisis is taking place online for the first time, with a speech on global minimum taxation.

“When so much depends on the ability of states to take effective action, we must work to ensure fiscal firepower and robust national budgets – in all countries,” Minister Scholz says. “We must not allow some to avoid contributing their fair share. That is why it remains important – also in this time of crisis – that we put an end to profit shifting and tax avoidance.” [Watch the keynote here.](#)

Minister Scholz' keynote is the first of many from high-ranking policymakers, implementers, civil society leaders and researchers from around the world that compliment online Global Table discussions. Speakers and panelists of the Digital Summit's Global Tables discuss and make policy contributions to the Think20 and G20 agenda and provide a stepping stone to the T20 and G20 Summits.

The following keynotes are already [available online](#):

[Peter Altmaier](#), German Minister for Economic Affairs
[Franco Bruni](#), ISPI Vice President and Co-Head, Centre on Europe and Global Governance
[Paul Collier](#), Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of Oxford
[James Heckman](#), Nobel Laureate, Economics Professor & Director, University of Chicago
[Paolo Magri](#), Executive VP and Director, Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)
[Andreas Schleicher](#), Director for Education and Skills, OECD
[Olaf Scholz](#), German Vice Chancellor and Finance Minister
[Mehmet Simsek](#), Former Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey
[Achim Steiner](#), United Nations Development Program
[Jean-Claude Trichet](#), former President of the European Central Bank
[Danilo Türk](#), President Club de Madrid, Former President of Slovenia

Confirmed speakers include Italy's G20 Sherpa **Pietro Benassi**, Saudi Arabian State Minister and G20 Sherpa **H.E. Fahad bin Abdullah Al Mubarak**, T20 Co-Chair Japan **Naoyuki Yoshino**, BASF Board Member **Saori Dubourg**, Germany's Environment Minister **Svenja Schulze** and the OECD's G20 Sherpa **Gabriela Ramos**. These and other contributions will be made available soon.

Register for the Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020

The Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020 is centered around Global Tables that contribute to the Think20 and G20 agenda. Global Tables consist of keynotes, panel discussions, interviews from international research organizations, thought leaders and decision-makers from political, business and civil society communities, aimed at providing solutions to major global problems. Global Tables cover topics such as the Future of Multilateralism, Fighting Climate Change, Infrastructure Investment and more. The Digital Global Solutions Summit will end with a Summit Roundup in June. Accredited participants can comment on the discussions. [Register now to participate.](#)





About the Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the 4th Global Solutions Summit will be held online. Keynotes, panel discussions and vision statements are available in over 25 Global Tables and tackle the urgent issues facing the T20 and G20, including policy responses to the Covid-19 crisis. The purpose of this year's summit remains the same – to support multilateralism and the G20 from a civil society and research-based perspective – and our partners are invited to join in the discussions with contributions of their own.

In the same spirit, the Young Global Changers Summer School has been adapted to afford the [Class of 2020](#) virtual opportunities through which they can connect and engage. The participants are divided into working groups that cover the T20 priorities and their input will help shape the Digital Global Solutions Summit's Global Tables.

About the Global Solutions Initiative

The Global Solutions Initiative is a global collaborative enterprise that proposes policy responses to major global problems, addressed by the G20, the G7 and other global governance fora. The policy recommendations and strategic visions are generated through a disciplined research program by leading research organizations, elaborated in policy dialogues between researchers, policymakers, business leaders and civil society representatives. Most recently, the GSI proposed an alternative to measuring prosperity through GDP, [the Recoupling Dashboard](#).

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Please feel free to use the following texts and materials on your website, in a newsletter, on social media or through other communication channels to inform your community and audience of your contribution(s) to the Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020.

The Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020

The Global Solutions Initiative's Global Solutions Summit is being held digitally this year. The crisis caused by the Coronavirus-pandemic is deeply affecting people and societies and is challenging our concept of how we live and work. At the same time, COVID-19 proves that we are one world, one people and that we can only overcome this crisis with a spirit of solidarity, international cooperation and global thinking. As a partner of the Global Solutions Initiative, please view our contribution to the [Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020 program](#) to generate recommendations for the Group of Twenty (G20). To take part in discussions, [register here](#).



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Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020 Program Overview

Global Tables shape the Digital Global Solutions Summit Program and are focused on the G20 and T20 agenda. Each Global Table consists of keynotes and panel discussions, supplemented by vision statements.

<https://www.global-solutions-initiative.org/summit/summit-2020-program/>

Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020 Themes

The Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020 will center around core sessions that contribute to the agenda of the G20 and T20 by addressing the T20 Task Force areas plus an additional area dealing with policy in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Underlying all topics is the Global Solutions Initiative's narrative on [recoupling](#).

<https://www.global-solutions-initiative.org/summit/summit-2020-themes/>

The Global Solutions Journal

The 2020 Edition of the Global Solutions Journal features articles from policymakers, implementers and civil society representatives, providing a bridge between visions, recommendations and action.

The complete publication is available to download online.

<https://www.global-solutions-initiative.org/publications/journal/>

Registration for the Digital Global Solutions Summit 2020

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