



Fact Sheet: The Global Solutions Initiative and its annual Summit

The [Global Solutions Initiative](#) (GSI) provides a unique international network in which decision makers from politics, academia and think tanks, business and civil society come together to work on concrete policy recommendations for the G20. The GSI is a global collaborative enterprise to support each respective G20 presidency and envision, propose and evaluate policy responses to major global problems. The GSI brings together leaders and scientists who contribute researched based policy recommendations and implementers from policy, economy, international organizations and civil society.

The GSI has successfully worked together with the following G20 presidencies: Germany 2017, Argentina 2018, Japan 2019, Saudi Arabia, 2020 and Italy 2021.

Global Solutions Summit

The GSI hosts an annual [Summit](#) in Berlin which serves as a steppingstone within the G20 calendar. The Summit gives each respective Presidency the floor to communicate and discuss first results of its Presidency and brings together working groups and task forces before the official T20 Summit. All priorities of each respective Presidency are covered at the Summit with high ranking speakers and panelists. The Summit is scheduled in the middle of each Presidency (usually May).

Global Solutions Summit 2021

The [Global Solutions Summit](#) will take place on May 27 and 28, 2021 online. Over [100 high-level representatives](#) from international organizations, politics, academia and research, civil society and multinational companies from more than 30 countries will participate in [various session formats](#) covering key topics from the T20 task forces.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel will join Mario Draghi, Italian Prime Minister and President of the G20, to open the second conference day of the Global Solutions Summit on May 28.

Central Concept in 2021: The Great Realignment

The COVID-19 pandemic has put a spotlight on how interdependent the world has become: the virus has spread across the world in no time, has brought economies down and global debt levels up. It has shown how fragile many achievements are: inequalities were exposed and trust in government was eroded as individual freedom was constrained. And existing global challenges—climate change, biodiversity loss, migration pressure—remain. In some respects, the world has reacted with old habits: major fiscal spending packages that preserve current jobs but not necessarily future jobs or the environment, women taking on most of the chores as people retreat to the home, demands that self-sustained production is better than international trade. There has also been plenty example of change, such as new green deals, in pursuit of the ambition to ‘build back better’. But we are not moving fast enough to address the systemic issues that existed before the pandemic and that continue to exist today. We would do better by fostering a great realignment.

Realignment must take place in five areas. *Economic realignment* requires a systemic transformation to ensure that economic activity serves the needs of all stakeholders, contributes to societal wellbeing, and operates within planetary boundaries. *Ecological realignment* demands that we offer the next generation a world at least as good as the current one. This requires a bold transition that we must all be willing to accept and support. *Governance realignment* requires the mindset of polycentric governance in which multiple actors cooperate across levels to spark collective



action. *Technological realignment* demands mechanisms, regulation and principles to ensure that technological innovations contribute to human wellbeing and societal progress. *Social realignment* requires a focus on social prosperity and entails discussions about a new social contract ensuring social cohesion.

Speakers

216 confirmed speakers from 40 different countries including German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi and UN Secretary-General, António Guterres
[Full speaker list](#)

Participants

5500+ registered participants from over 160 countries

Program

50+ panels, discussion rounds, keynotes and closed door session's
[Full program list](#)

Platform and Registration

The Summit will be hosted on a virtual platform.
[Register here](#) for access

Video Streaming and Video on Demand

All sessions will be streamed via Vimeo and Youtube. As well, we will provide video recordings for download 90 minutes after the end of each session. To get access, please send a message to press@global-solutions-initiative.org

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Journal

The GSI publishes the GSI [Journal](#) on a regular basis as a forum for the G20 Community to exchange on global solutions. The most recent journal was published on May 25th 2021.

The Council for Global Problem Solving

The GSI is based on a truly global network of research institutions, connecting national and international expertise in the service of global citizenship. At the heart of this research network is the Council for Global Problem Solving (CGP) – containing world-class research institutions with excellent contacts to policy makers in their respective countries and to a set of about 500 think tanks in most countries worldwide. The CGP is led by Dr. Dennis Görlich and Dr. Katarina Lima de Miranda.

G-20 Insights

Policy Recommendations: The GSI offers assistance in compiling priorities for the Presidency as well as setting up the working groups and task forces. On its web-based [“G20 Insights” Platform](#) the GSI connects the working groups with each other and brings the policy briefs to public attention.

About the GSI

The Secretariat is located in Berlin. It coordinates all activities of the GSI and is led by the President Prof. Dennis Snower, Secretary General Dr. Markus Engels and Managing Director Susanne Stauffer.

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