Prominent voices about the Global Solutions Summit

Olaf Scholz, German Federal Chancellor
“[In these times, dialogue between governments and the civil society is more important than ever. The Global Solutions Summit is an important contribution to this end. It also facilitates that global civil society is heard. We should join forces to make progress towards an equitable world.”

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO
“Planetary health is the basis for human health. And human health is the basis for social, economic and political stability and security. The Global Solutions Summit is an important opportunity to discuss how together we can address multi-faceted challenges with multi-sectoral solutions.”

Nilgün Tas, Deputy Director United Nations Industrial Development Organization
“Energy transitions and energy efficiency is necessary but not sufficient to address the global climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution crises. A global and just transition to circular economies has the potential to address the missing half, while creating prosperity for all.”

Mafalda Duarte, CEO of the Climate Investment Fund
“Investing in climate action in developing countries is the only way to safeguard our common future. There will be no solution to our climate crisis without them.”

Angela Merkel, Former German Federal Chancellor
“Multilateralism needs to be filled with life, it needs suitable formats. And the Global Solution Summit is one of these formats. It is a well-established part of the G20 process.”

Jeffry Sachs, President Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN)
“The Global Solutions Summit meets this year at an extraordinary moment, when global solutions are more urgently needed than ever. The growing number of interconnected global crises - war, energy, food, climate, refugees, and geopolitical divisions - cry out for the knowledge-based and ethics-based dialogue that is the essence of the Global Solutions Summit.”

Arun Maira, Chairman, HelpAge International
“Policy makers and scientific experts must listen more to find solutions to systemic problems.”

Margo Thomas, Founder & CEO, WEI
“GSI plays a critical role in supporting the work of the Think 20 by facilitating high-level discussions and robust inputs for the G20 agenda, including the perspectives of the Global South. GSI must continue to advocate for inclusive global policy responses, reflecting the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged populations, to prevent the widening of existing inequalities.”

Colm Kelly, Global Leader, Corporate Sustainability, PwC
“In an increasingly complex world, our global problems are ever more severe, requiring ever more collaboration among stakeholders including policymakers, business leaders and civil society. Global Solutions is an essential forum to enable the necessary dialogue - and action - to take place.”
Markus Engels, Secretary General, Global Solutions Initiative
"I look forward to meet friends and colleagues at the Global Solutions Summit, who are all working for a world, which is more peaceful, just, and sustainable."

Lars-Hendrik Rölle, Professor at ESMT Berlin, Former German G7+G20 Sherpa
"The Global Solutions Summit is one of the worldwide best multilateral fora that directly feeds policy solutions into both the G7 and G20."

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Suzi Kerr, Chief Economist at Environmental Defense Fund
"Mitigation to climate change has to be done by everyone and everywhere. But some communities and countries are poor, it’s infeasible and unfair for them to bear all the costs."

Mathias Mogge, CEO Deutsche Welthungerhilfe e.V.
"Transformation to a pro poor food system is urgent. Three factors are key: Improving global food governance, building up on context specific analysis and boosting the economy of poor rural areas."

Fatoumata Bâ, Founder and Managing Partner at Jumango Capital
"For over 6 years, the Global Solutions Summit Meeting has been a one-of-a-kind event that allows frank and direct debate between key global thinkers, doers and policy makers coming together to find concrete solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges. From climate change to social inclusion, from gender equality to the technology revolution, its laboratory of ideas has become an unmissable gathering, a parenthesis of inspiration, contradiction or co-construction and it has been a real pleasure to contribute to its success."