

GLOBAL SOLUTIONS INITIATIVE

Bringing together leading policy thinkers and leading policy makers to recouple the world.



A Profile

Global Solutions Initiative for the G20 and Other International Associations

The Global Solutions Initiative (GSI) is a global collaborative enterprise to envision, propose and evaluate policy responses to major global problems, addressed by the G20. It supports the T20 process for think tanks and aims to be a stepping stone to the T20 and G20 Summits. The policy recommendations and strategic visions are generated through a dis-

ciplined research program by leading research organizations, elaborated in policy dialogues between researchers, policy makers, business leaders and civil society representatives.

The Global Solutions Initiative Foundation (GSIF) is the organizational body that conducts the affairs of the GSI.



Contributions of the GSI

The GSI builds on the following four interlocking innovations:

- **Global research contribution:** 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. It drives the research agenda and is a catalyst for research-based policy advice.

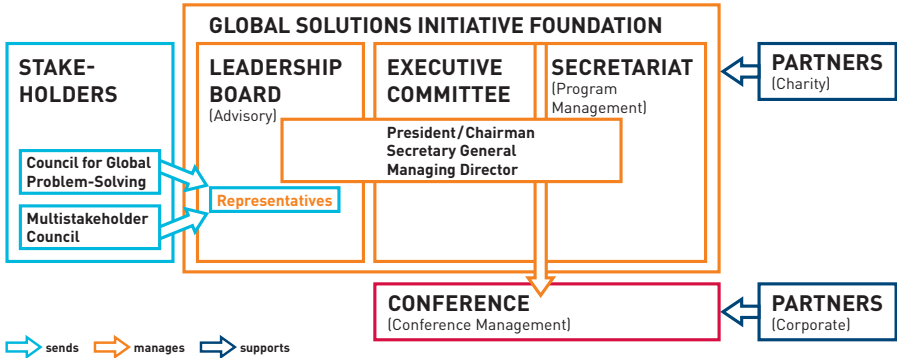
- **Implementation-oriented contribution:** The Global Solutions Initiative is inherently solution-driven. It generates cutting edge Policy Briefs for the policy leaders of the G20, G7 and other international associations. The **Multistakeholder Council (MSC)** – leading individuals from business, policy making and civil society – contributes to the formulation of relevant policy proposals and provides a crucial bridge between the recommendations generated by the research institutions and their implementation.

- **Organizational continuity:** Many global problem-solving processes suffer from discontinuities across time (rota-

ting presidencies of the G20 and G7), across countries (national contributions to global targets) and across organizations (proposals from the G20, G7, UN, OECD, ILO, etc.). The GSI strives to provide a permanent, trans-national, trans-organizational structure that is adjusted year by year on a stable platform to provide continuity and policy coherence. The work of the GSI is structured in **Task Forces**, producing **Policy Briefs** presented on the **G20 Insights Platform**.

- **Narrative contribution:** All consensual change is based on a joint understanding of the issues and a joint narrative motivating the solutions. The GSI puts strong emphasis on the co-creation of a joint narrative by stakeholders from research, policy making, business and civil society. The narrative frame focuses on the **"recoupling" theme**, which was so successful in the G20 process 2017: (a) Social prosperity can become decoupled from economic prosperity. (b) The G20 should focus on social prosperity and (c) seek to recouple social and economic prosperity through the appropriate policies.

Organizational Structure



For specific purposes additional committees and working groups can be established.

Core Communities, Outputs and Activities

Core Communities of the GSI

The Council for Global Problem-Solving (CGP)

The CGP is the intellectual core of the Global Solutions Initiative. It is a circle of world-class think tanks and research institutions committed to providing policy advice to the G20 and associated international organizations. The CGP is an accessible, permeable organization, open to all think tanks and research institutions that fulfill its terms of membership.

In particular, CGP members fulfill the following membership requirements: (1) They are highly reputed in their countries for excellent research relevant to G20

problems. (2) They provide policy advice to the G20 and other multilateral fora on a long-term basis. (3) They have access to relevant policy makers in their own countries, as well as at the international level. (4) They have a strong voice in the public debate on policy issues and can mobilize support for the implementation of policy proposals. (5) They have strong contacts to other think tanks, enabling them to draw on research and policy expertise in diverse areas of specialization. Taken together, these features enable the CGP to support coherent, research-based policy advice from one G20 Presidency to the next, influence the relevant

policy making processes, and draw on wide networks of other leading researchers and decision makers. Thereby the CGP becomes a potentially valuable source of policy ideas to the G20 and other international fora.

CGP members serve in their personal capacity. CGP members are chosen to serve for a 3-year terms, renewable. The ongoing selection process to the CGP is open and flexible. Decisions on entry to and exit from the CGP will be taken on the basis of majority votes by existing CGP members. Council members may volunteer to host workshops or to organize sessions at the annual Global Solutions Summit. Joining the Council implies no financial commitment.

The current CGP members are affiliated with the following institutions:

- Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI), Argentina
- Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Japan
- Bertelsmann Foundation, Germany
- Brookings Institution, Global Economy and Development, USA
- Bruegel, EU
- Centre for Economic and Financial Research (CEFIR), New Economic School (NES), Russia
- Central Bank of Turkey (TCMB), Turkey
- Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University (RDCY), China
- Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Canada

- Centre for the Implementation of Public Policy Promoting Equity and Growth (CIPPEC), Argentina
- Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia
- Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Brazil
- Gateway House, India
- Hertie School of Governance, Germany
- Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), France
- International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria
- International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP), USA
- Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Italy
- Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW), Germany
- Mercator Foundation, Germany
- G20 Research Group, Canada
- Observer Research Foundation (ORF), India
- OECD, Policy Studies Branch, EU
- University of Oxford - Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford Martin School and Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), United Kingdom
- South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), South Africa

CGP members have their own website (see further information at the end of the document) to float new ideas, debate underlying issues, and publicize their policy work in progress. The resulting Policy Briefs are disseminated through the G20 Insights Platform.

The Multistakeholder Council (MSC)

The MSC comprises senior leaders from business, politics and civil society, focused on bridging the gap between ideas and action. Its members are engaged in the implementation of forward-looking global visions aimed at ensuring that economies, businesses and civil organizations deliver fulfilling lives in thriving societies. MSC members take an action-oriented approach to G20 policy recommendations and visions, in order to contribute to a paradigm shift in realigning economic, political and environmental processes with social goals. MSC members do not represent organizational, sectoral or national interests, serving in the spirit of global citizenship.

MSC members are expected to (1) contribute to the implementation of projects and initiatives that illustrate how economic, environmental and social prosperity can be recoupled, (2) co-create policy approaches to support such recoupling, (3) assist in the implementation of policy recommendations generated through the GSI, (4) leverage institutional and industry frameworks to drive social progress, (5) interact with CGP members and other thought leaders to connect visions with concrete practices, (6) peer review select policy recommendations with regard to design and feasibility, (7) disseminate insights that promote best social practices and (8) help to promote the adoption of these practices.



The Young Global Changers (YGC) and GSI Summer School

The YGC are representing the future generation. Every summit the GSI welcomes future leaders to take part and contribute in all discussion. In many panels the YGC have the right for the first question.

Because the GSI is encouraging a paradigm change in science, politics and business, the YGC are taught in a summer school before and after the GSI Summit. This makes the exchange within the YGC much more deeper and tightens also the bonds to the GSI. The GSI Summer School lecturers are amongst the most profound academics from around

the world and during their summer school the YGC are also meeting with highly experienced people from business, politics, and civil society, to learn how concepts can be implemented.

The GSI Summer School is open for students with first class results in their academic discipline who are engaged in society, be it social or political activities. Students of the summer school may apply for grant if needed.

The YGC strives for diversity – in its first year it already welcomed 100 participants from 100 different countries. In the future the YGC will become a permanent worldwide network which is part of the GSI.

Main GSI Outputs

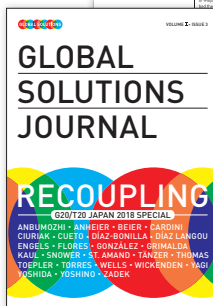
- **Policy Briefs**, disseminated through the **G20 Insights Platform**, which can take one of two forms: (i) *Recommendations* are significant, implementable policy proposals for specified G20 decision makers or related international fora and (ii) *Visions* are conceptual frameworks to help policymakers develop promising approaches policy formation and communicate these approaches to the public.
- **Global Solutions Journal**, providing a bridge between visions, recommendations and action: The Journal is always released at the Global Solutions Summit and on official T20 events. You can find articles from academics of the CGP community as

well as from authors, who are working on implementing ideas, be it in the political, economic, business or civil society sector. The Journal exists in a hard copy version as well as in an e-paper format.

- **Global Solutions Newsletter** (as of 2019) with reports on the G20 initiatives and related events.
- Academic publications, including **Global Solutions Papers**, comprising academic policy articles underlying Policy Briefs, and **Special Issues** of the open-access, open-assessment e-journal *Economics*, containing academic research underlying Policy Briefs.



The G20 Insights Platform offers policy proposals to the G20.



A glimpse inside the journal – bursting with ideas, solutions and policy recommendations from leading thinkers to tackle global challenges.

GSI Activities

- **Global Solutions Summit**, an annual event in Berlin, providing an opportunity to present and discuss policy recommendations and visions in advance of the T20 and G20 summits: Over 1000 high-ranking representatives from think tanks and other research organizations, governments, business, international organizations, and civil society work on concrete solutions for international challenges.
- **Global Solutions Summer School**, taking place the weekend before and the day after the summit: It gathers fu-

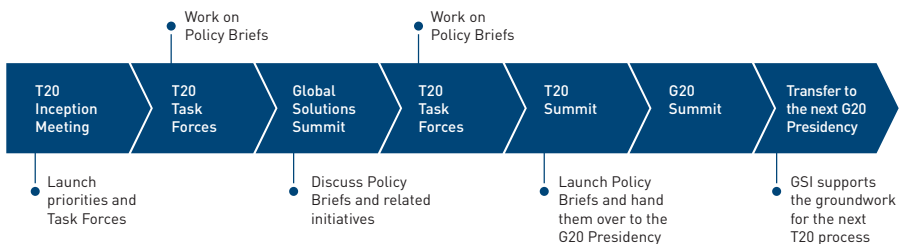
ture leaders from around the world and brings them into contact with current leaders. The Young Global Changers are involved in all summit activities.

- **Global Solutions Workshops and Conferences**, comprising “deep dives” into particular policy areas: They are organized with partner institutions from the CGP and take place around the world.

- **Global Solutions Dialogues** with policy makers and business leaders, based on the Policy Briefs.

Timeline of Events

G20/T20-Timeline & the Involvement of the Global Solutions Initiative



Further Information

Global Solutions Initiative:

www.global-solutions.international

Global Solutions Journal:

de.research.net/r/2DY97RP

Council for Global Problem - Solving:

www.cgp-council.org

Young Global Changers:

www.global-solutions.international/scholarship

Global Solutions Papers:

www.economics-ejournal.org/special-areas/global-solutions-papers

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