



## Young Global Changers

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### The Young Global Changers Program

Since 2017 the Global Solutions Initiative has invited young people from across the globe to participate in the Global Solutions Summit and to attend the Global Solutions Summer School.

This year, 90 of these **Young Global Changers** from 60 different countries will be present at the summit. They will engage with global thought leaders and will present their solutions to the challenges of the future.

### Who are the Young Global Changers?

The Young Global Changers are students or young professionals from around the world with excellent academic achievements who are developing or implementing **a project idea to bring about positive change**, whether at the global, regional or local level.

Their change project can be scientific in nature, it can be a research project, a social project, a local neighborhood initiative or a global advocacy campaign, a business idea or more. All change projects are connected to one of the overarching T20/G20 topics.

### The Young Global Changers of 2019

This year, we have invited **90 Young Global Changers** from around the world – from Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia and the Americas – to come to Berlin to attend the Global Solutions Summit and to participate in the Global Solutions Summer School, **on a full scholarship**.

More than 60% of participants are female and more than 50% come from countries of the global south. The participants have been **selected from 3,500 applicants**. People **from 155 different countries** applied. Their ages range from 18 to 38.

Among this year's participants are...

- PADMANBAN (25) from India, who has mobilized a vast network of volunteers to recover and redistribute leftover food from large scale events. His project, each month, helps to supply 6000 people with food.
- DALIA (24) Palestinian from Gaza. Who is creating and distributing low cost water filters to help the most underprivileged gain access to clean drinking water.
- MINERVA (21) from Mexico. She co-founded a bioplastic company, that produces biodegradable material from plastic bottles. This material is used in building solar bio-panels that generate energy, absorb CO2 and release oxygen.
- DEEPAK (32) from India, who distributes smokeless cooking stoves to rural households in Bhutan to reduce air pollution and eliminate health risks from open fire cooking.



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- ANNA (24) from Canada, who installed a restaurant grade dishwasher on a cargo bike to supply and wash reusable dishes at events such as farmers markets and community festivals to reduce plastic waste.
- NABEEL (25) from Pakistan, who developed a flat-packed housing solution which can be set up in as little as three hours to quickly relocate people in disaster areas.
- ... and many more.

### The 2019 Summer School Program

While in Berlin, the YGCs will attend the Global Solutions Summit and they will also participate in a three-day intensive summer school. The summer school begins on the weekend before the summit. During lectures, panel discussions and workshops the participants work with prominent individuals from academia and the economic sector, as well as world-renowned thought leaders. At the end of the program the attendees will produce reports on the summit and their experience, many of which will be published on a brand new YGC website.

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

Summer School on 'Global Paradigm Change' (Day 1)

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

Summer School on 'Global Paradigm Change' (Day 2)

**Monday, March 18, 2019**

Global Solutions Summit (Day 1)

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

Global Solutions Summit (Day 2)

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

Wrap Up – Reporting on the Summit – Generating output

### The Scholarship

The scholarships for the 2019 Young Global Changers include...

- Travel expenses to and from Berlin
- Accommodation for the time of the program
- Free admission to the Global Solutions Summit 2019
- Summer School workshops, lectures with global thought leaders from academia, exchange of work, thoughts, and ideas with great minds from think tanks, business, politics and civil society
- Membership of an exclusive network of like-minded Young Global Changers.