

INTRODUCING THE **GLOBAL SOLUTIONS INITIATIVE**

Review:

**GLOBAL SOLUTIONS
SUMMIT 2023**

**POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS**
FOR THE G7, G20
AND BEYOND



THE WORLD POLICY FORUM

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WELCOME TO THE GLOBAL SOLUTIONS INITIATIVE

Dear colleagues and supporters,

On behalf of the entire team, it is our pleasure to introduce the Global Solutions Initiative. Over the next few pages, you will learn about our mission and approach, find a review of our annual Global Solutions Summit, and discover the next generation of changemakers.

Spanning the globe, our multistakeholder network brings together researchers, policymakers, business leaders, civil society representatives and prominent thought leaders. All are united in their goal of seeking solutions to global problems, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, human-centered digital governance, measurement of prosperity, and socioeconomic inequities. This goal has become particularly important in recent years due to geopolitical tensions dominating the global agenda.

Founded in 2017, the Global Solutions Initiative strives to recouple economic progress with social and environmental prosperity. Since its inception, the organization has taken on a unique role in global policy, providing continuity and support for the G7 and G20 presidencies. Together with our network of international experts and practitioners, we hope to develop strategies fit for the complex, interdependent demands of the problems we now face.

Our work has only just begun. We invite you to join our community and take part in activities such as the Global Solutions Summit, Global Solutions Journal, the G20 Insights Platform and the many events and workshops held throughout the year and on our social media platforms.

With hope and confidence,

**The Executive Team
of the Global Solutions Initiative**

Dr. Markus Engels
Prof. Christian Kastrop
Agnes Michalik
Prof. Dennis J. Snower
Susanne Staufer



ABOUT THE GLOBAL SOLUTIONS INITIATIVE

The Global Solutions Initiative (GSI) is an independent, non-profit organization. Founded in 2017, GSI established itself as a guiding force in global policy through its advice for international fora like the G20 and G7.

With a comprehensive program of research, outreach, and advisory activities, the GSI brings together policy, academia, civil society, and the private sector. The annual

agenda culminates in the Global Solutions Summit, a high-level gathering of leaders, pioneers, and thinkers.

The Berlin-based GSI is guided by the vision of its leaders Dennis J. Snower, Markus Engels, and Christian Kastrop. It strives to recouple economic progress with social and environmental prosperity to improve global governance and the everyday lives of people around the world.

OUR MISSION

INSIGHTS

Provide research-based and expert policy advice that tackles major global challenges which need global cooperation and are addressed by the G20 and beyond

CONVENING

Bring stakeholders from business, civil society, politics and research together to develop solution-oriented policy proposals for the global common good

OUTREACH

Promoting awareness of systemic challenges and global problem-solving efforts

OUR APPROACH

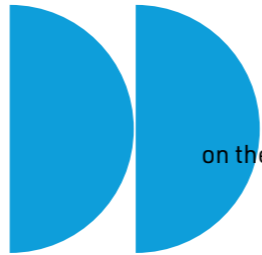
BRINGING STAKEHOLDERS

TOGETHER

POLICY	RESEARCH
CIVIL SOCIETY	PRIVATE SECTOR

Harnessing a multistakeholder network to tackle global challenges

OUR COMMUNITY: IN THEIR OWN WORDS



Our public debates are too often focused on the problems and not on the solutions. And even more often, we're looking at them from a very domestic perspective. In our interconnected, interdependent world, this is simply not enough. That's why a summit like yours, focusing on both – the solutions and their global nature – is so useful.

OLAF SCHOLZ, FEDERAL CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY



The Global Solutions Summit plays a critical role in supporting the work of the Think20 by facilitating high-level discussions and robust inputs for the G20 agenda, including the perspectives of the Global South.

MARGO THOMAS, WOMEN'S ECONOMIC IMPERATIVE



The Global Solutions Summit is an important opportunity to discuss how together we can address multifaceted challenges with multi-sectoral solutions.

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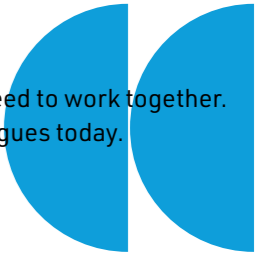
Amazing environment, reaching globally between practitioners, business leaders and think tanks.

JULIA POMARES, T20 CO-CHAIR 2018



There is an increased urgency for action. Business, government and communities need to work together. That is why it is important to have the dialogues today.

ROBERT E. MORITZ, PwC



HOW WE WORK

The Global Solutions Initiative's mission is to provide an intellectual backbone for the T20 and T7 processes and thereby for the G20 and G7, pursued in the spirit of global citizenship for the recoupling of economic, social, political and environmental prosperity. To this end, the Global Solutions Initiative has established a variety of workshops, networks and publications.

OUR IMPACT

KEY ACTIVITIES

POLICY ADVICE

Dialogues with policymakers and business leaders are based on policy briefs and disseminated through the **G20 Insights** platform. Contributors are distinguished experts from the T20 and T7 network and the Global Solutions Initiative's Council for Global Problem-Solving.

DISTINGUISHED THOUGHT-LEADERS

The **Global Solutions Initiative's Fellows** program encourages recognized researchers, policy advisors and thought-leaders to engage with scholars, implementers and civil society to develop research-based insights.

VISION, RECOMMENDATION AND ACTION

The **Global Solutions Journal** provides a bridge between visions, recommendations and action. Each edition contains articles from academics as well as from authors who are working on implementing ideas, be it in the political, economic, business or civil society sector.

NEXT GENERATION LEADERS

The **Young Global Changers** program identifies, connects and empowers young people from around the world who are active in academia, social entrepreneurship or non-profit organizations and are actively pushing for change in their communities.

WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH

The **Council for Global Problem-Solving (CGP)** is a network of world-class think tanks and research institutions committed to providing long-term policy advice to the G20 and associated international organizations. The CGP seeks to support the work of the T20 on a long-term basis.

WORKSHOPS

The Global Solutions Initiative conducts regular workshops and events, focussing on **Socio-Economic Transformation, Sustainability, Digital Governance and Multilateralism and Global Governance**. The aim is to further develop the recoupling narrative and translate it into concrete policy recommendations for the G20 and G7.

THINK20 AND THINK7 PROCESSES

In the groups of the **Think20** and **Think7**, leading think tanks from G20 and G7 countries work together with civil society and business to develop proposals for forward-looking agreements between the member states.

OUR IMPACT

STEERING GLOBAL POLICY



SUPPORT FOR THE G20 AND G7 SINCE 2017



ABOUT THE GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

Through the years

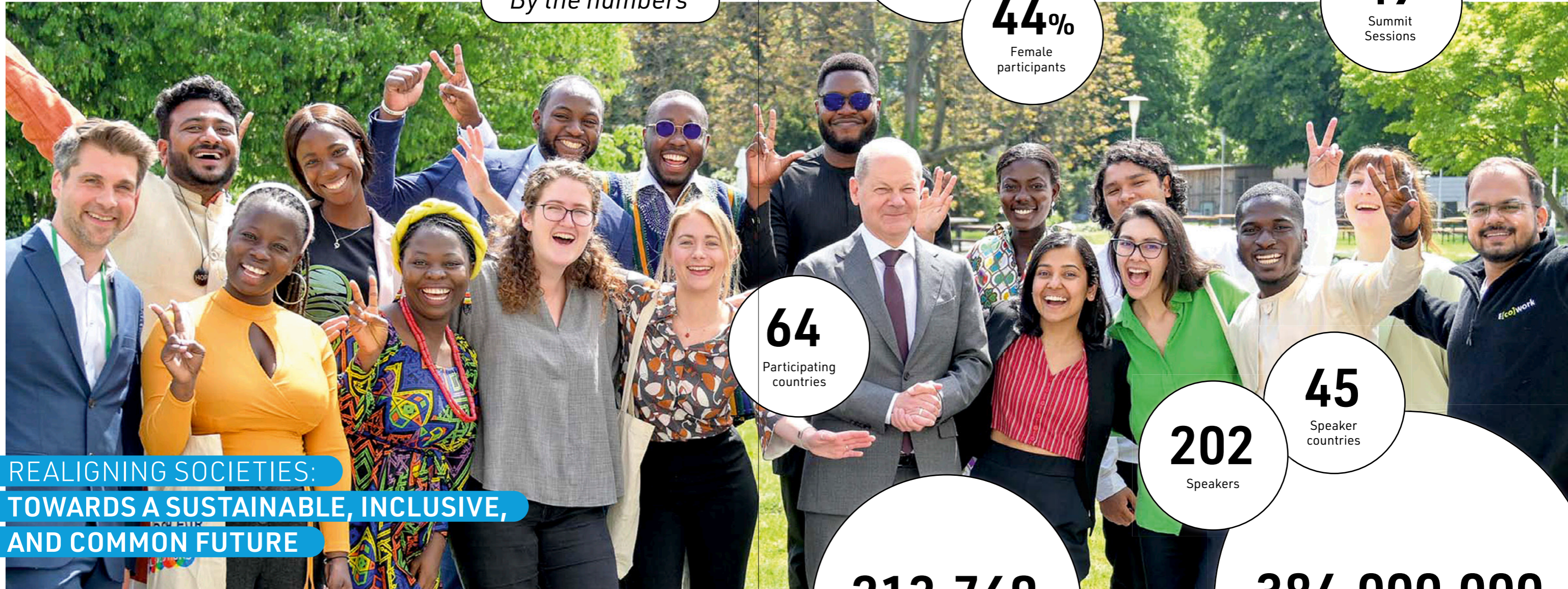
The annual Global Solutions Summit is the world's premier forum for transforming research into policy for the G7, G20 and beyond. It advances global economic, environmental, and social prosperity by connecting thought leaders and decision-makers, visionaries and pragmatists from policy, academia, civil society, and the private sector.

Since 2017, the Summit has provided an intense, two-day forum for the world's leading minds to propose and debate research-based policy recommendations for the G20, G7 and beyond. Every year we welcome heads of government, ministers, Nobel Prize winners, CEOs of global companies, and other pioneers. As an established stepping-stone in the G20 and G7 calendars, the Global Solutions Initiative works closely with the G20/G7 Presidencies and associated official engagement groups, in particular the Think20 and Think7 groups of think tanks.



GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SUMMIT 2023

By the numbers



**REALIGNING SOCIETIES:
TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE,
AND COMMON FUTURE**

over
1,000
Participants

44%
Female
participants

49
Summit
Sessions

64
Participating
countries

202
Speakers

45
Speaker
countries

213,769
Social media impressions

384,000,000
Potential news reach*
*Based on avg. circulation for 275 clippings

40,951
Total video views

The Global Solutions Summit 2023 was held on May 15-16 and saw spirited participation from over 1,000 policy experts, researchers, and practitioners at ESMT Berlin.

The event took a global view on today's systemic crises and looked at urgently-needed global solutions. With the title *"Realigning Societies: Towards a Sustainable, Inclusive, and Common Future,"* the 2023 edition presented over 202 speakers in 49 sessions.

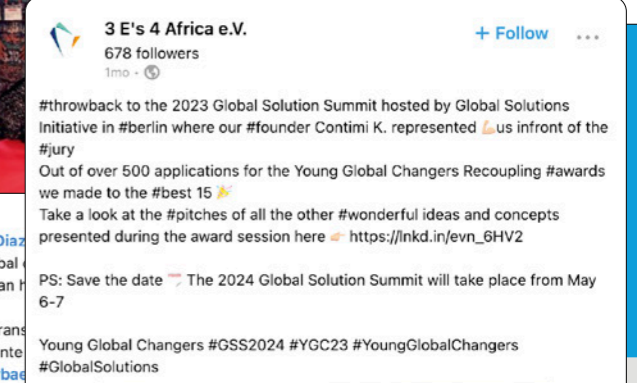
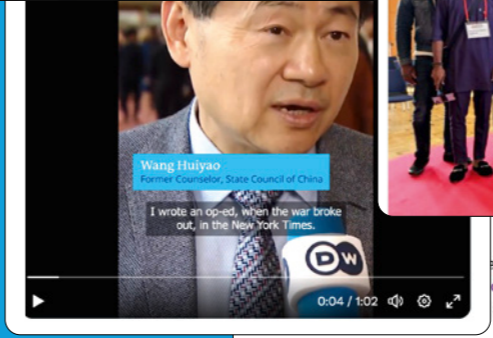
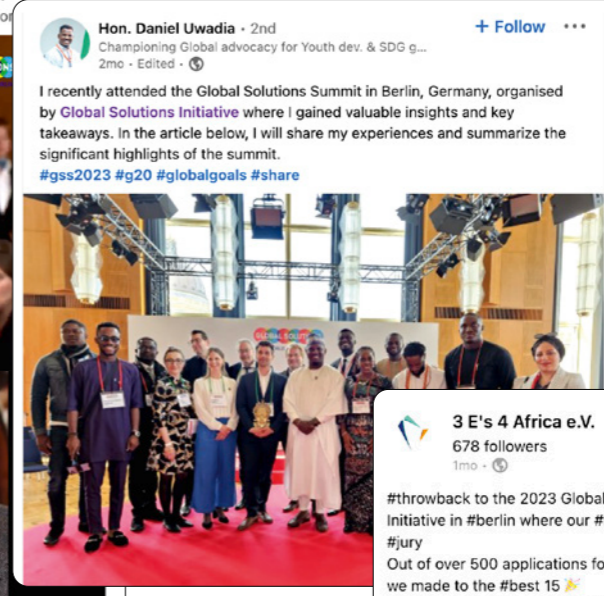
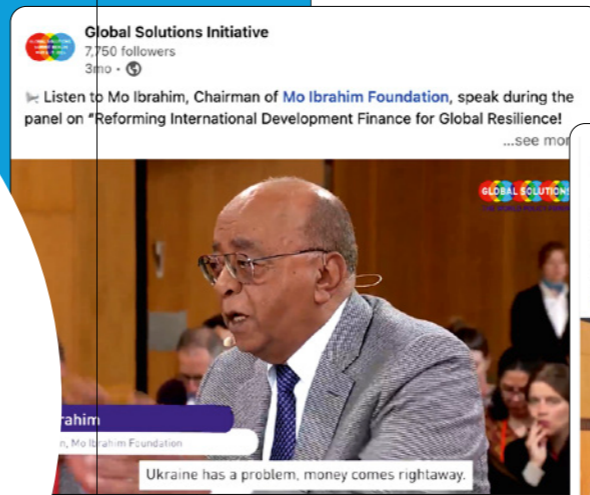
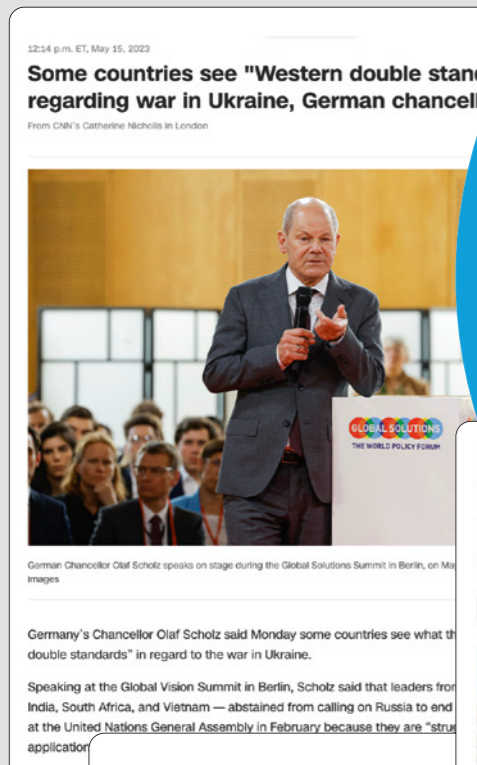
Discussions strived to tackle the most pressing questions of our times: What is the role of the G20 and G7 in promoting global action on salient issues? How can we make the climate agenda and action more inclusive and equitable? How can the Global South and North come together to achieve SDG targets? Are international institutions and forums like the G20 and G7 equipped to deal with a multi-crisis world?

GLOBAL REACH

RELEVANT CONTENT IN TOP TWEETS

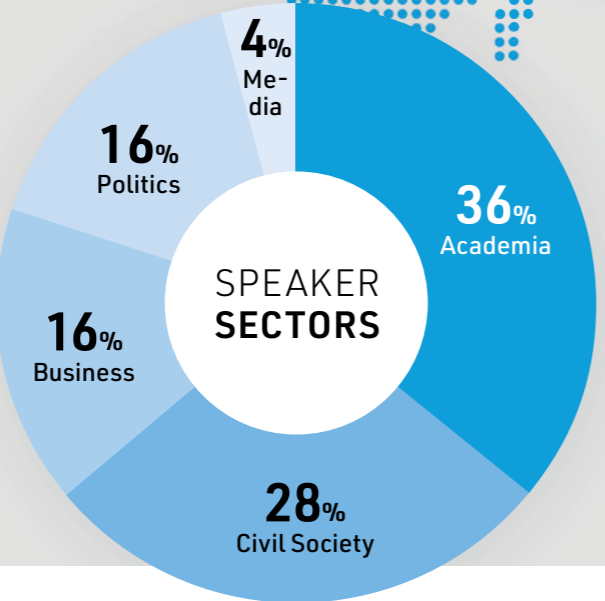
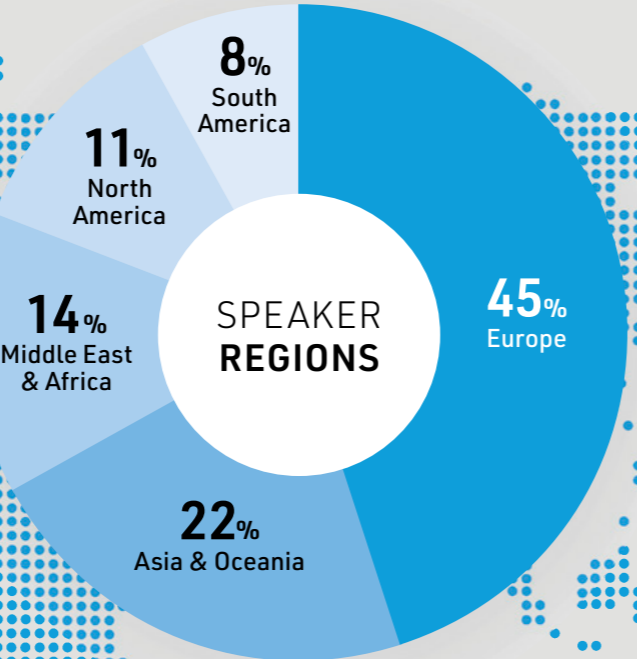
The Global Solutions Initiative was able to expand its outreach to relevant stakeholders worldwide. With almost 300 clippings in leading global media outlets, we reached a global audience. Social media impact nearly doubled in number of organic impressions compared to 2022.

WORLDWIDE MEDIA COVERAGE



SPEAKERS WITH A GLOBAL FOCUS

202 speakers
 45 countries
 6 continents
 17 of the G20 entities represented

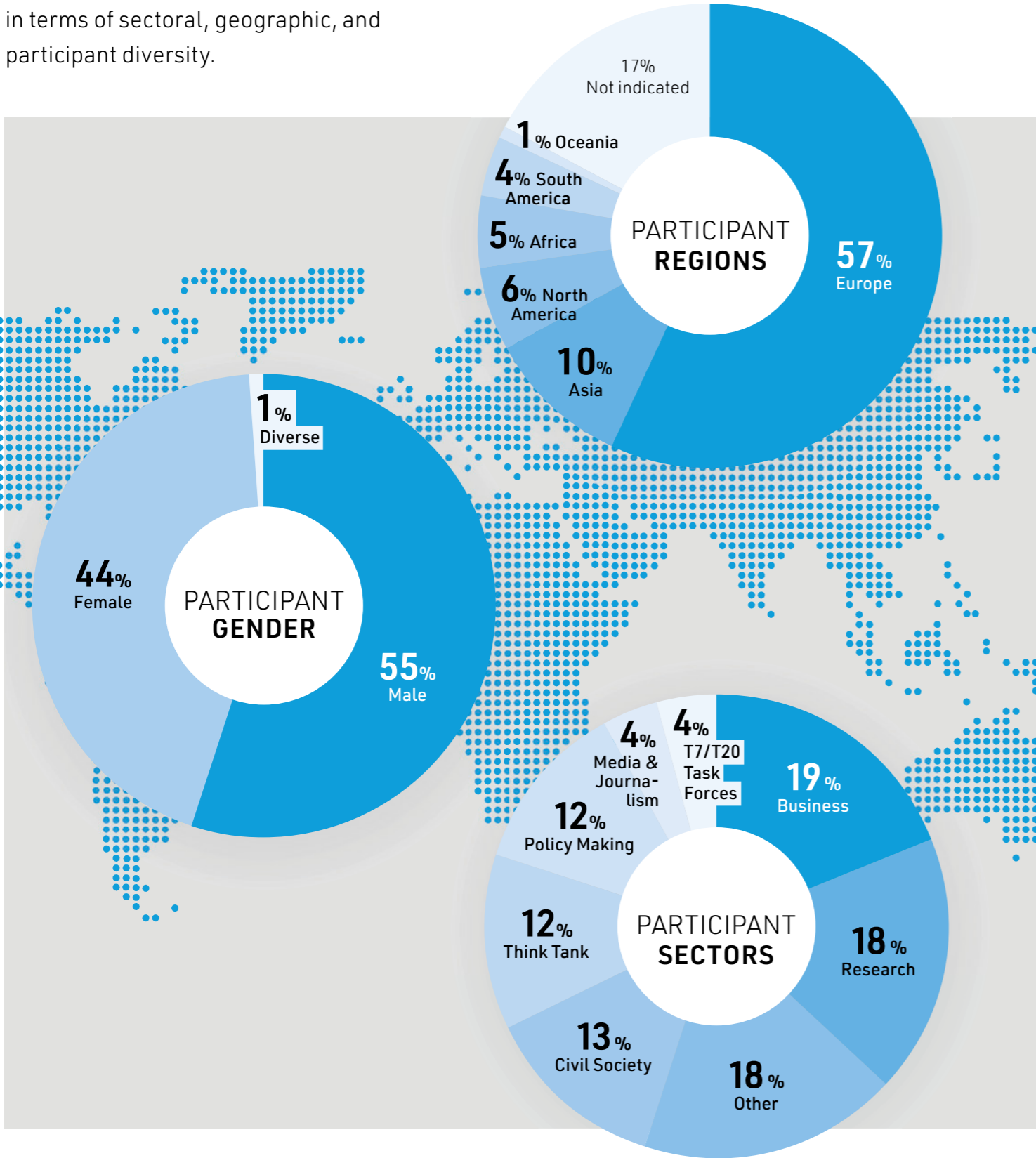


SELECTED SPEAKERS

RESEARCH	POLICY	BUSINESS	CIVIL SOCIETY
OLIVER HART Nobel Laureate for Economics	OLAF SCHOLZ Chancellor, Germany	PETER BAKKER WBCSD	TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBREYESUS WHO Director-General
MARIANA MAZZUCATO University College London	FRANS TIMMERMANS Executive Vice-President, EU Commission	MELANIE KREIS Deutsche Post DHL	GABRIELA RAMOS UNESCO
BAMBANG BRODJONEGORO Lead Co-Chair, T20 Indonesia	ANTÓNIO GUTERRES UN Secretary-General	M. ARTHUR Boeing International	DANIELA SCHWARZER Open Society Foundations
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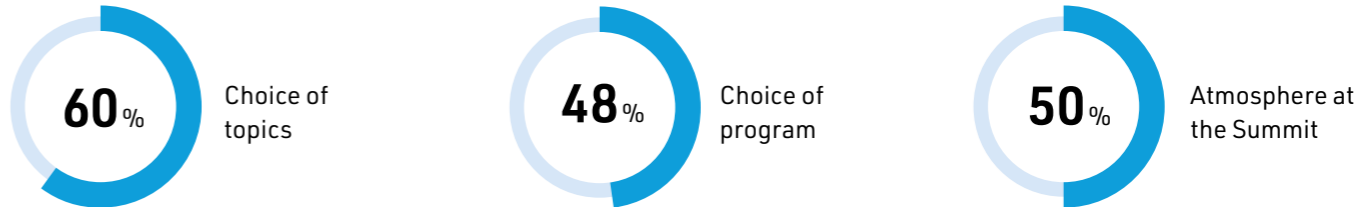
PARTICIPANT DIVERSITY

With over 1,000 participants, Summit guests represented six continents and almost all G20 nations. The Summit achieved an excellent balance in terms of sectoral, geographic, and participant diversity.

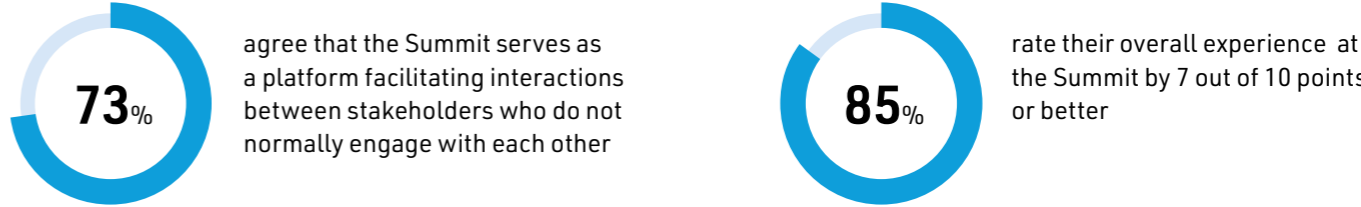
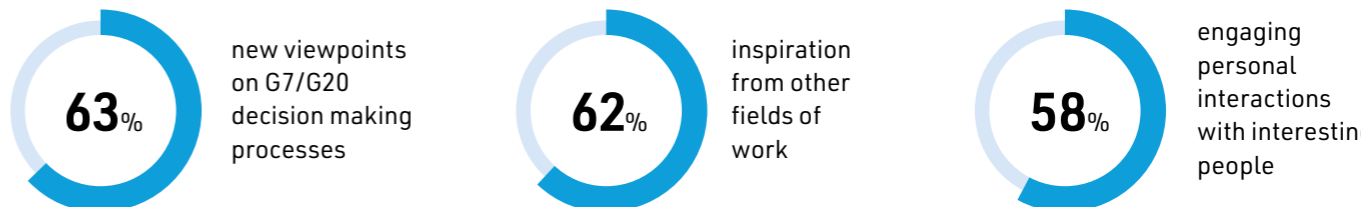


PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

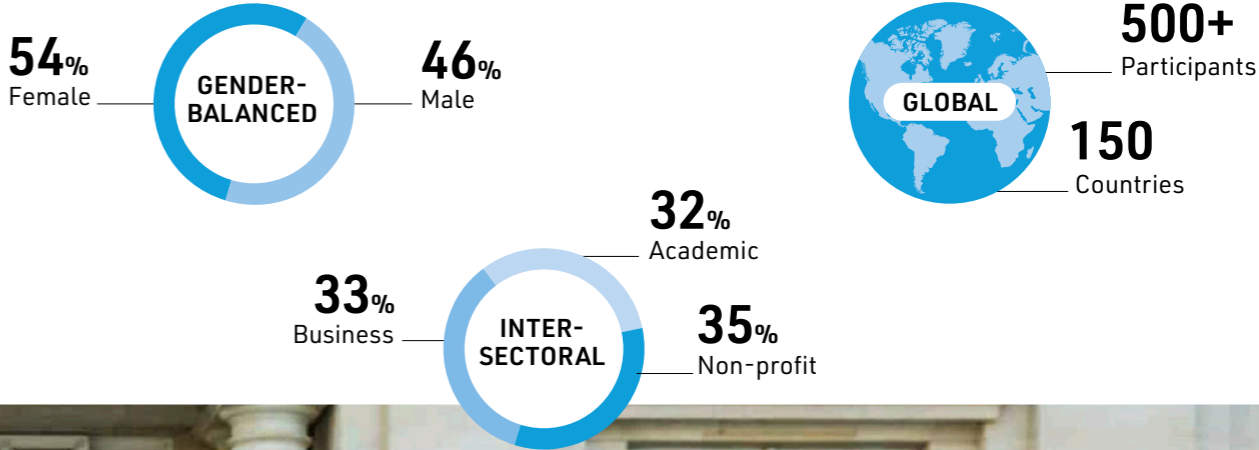
Responses to the question, "Which Summit features stood out the most?"



Responses to the question, "In what areas did you benefit from the Summit?"



THE NEXT GENERATION: YOUNG GLOBAL CHANGERS



Since 2017, the Young Global Changers program has attracted over 500 students, young professionals, social entrepreneurs, non-profit-leaders and activists from 150 different countries from around the world, dedicated to changing the world for the better.

The program identifies, connects, empowers and supports these young people from different areas of society who are already actively pushing for change in their communities, enabling them to build a global community and become part of an impactful multistakeholder network.



YOUNG GLOBAL CHANGERS RECOUPLING AWARDS

PROGRAM ELEMENTS



TANGIBLE YOUTH-LED SOLUTIONS ON THE SUMMIT STAGE

With the “Young Global Changers Recoupling Awards” the Global Solutions Initiative aims to identify, recognize and reward young changemakers from all over the world who contribute actively towards a better alignment – a “recoupling” – of economic prosperity with environmental sustainability and the needs and demands of societies, communities and individuals.

The award recognizes concrete practices and impactful youth-led projects and initiatives that drive change on the ground, while also serving as examples and inspiration beyond their immediate impact. Projects can be social enterprises as well as youth-led non-profit initiatives.



GLOBAL

Several hundred young changemakers from around the world apply each year to become members of the YGC global network. Between 50 and 60 new members are selected each year for their contributions towards the recoupling of our economies with societies and the environment. All new members become part of a global community of dedicated changemakers with members in all regions of the world.



YOUTH-LED

The Young Global Changers represent a new generation of changemakers. The YGC provide new perspectives and offer tangible, praxis-based input into global policy debates. The activities of the YGC network aim to facilitate solution-driven collaboration across generations. They are designed to integrate young people, enabling them to learn and grow as leaders and future facilitators of change.



COLLABORATIVE

The Young Global Changers connect regularly with their fellow community members from around the world. They meet in online community sessions and are invited to organize in-person events in their regions and communities. Each region of the world has its own YGC Ambassador. Community members learn from one another and engage in joint activities to advance and implement the recoupling vision.



IMPACTFUL

The YGC program selects and showcases the most inspiring and impactful youth-led initiatives from around the world. Projects are selected based on their impact towards the recoupling of our economies with societies and the environment. The most inspiring initiatives will take center stage at the annual Global Solutions Summit in Berlin. They become an integral part of the Global Solutions efforts towards recoupling.



Join the Young Global Changers!
Each fall, we open the call for applications. Check global-solutions-initiative.org/young-global-changers for updates and for application information.

IN COOPERATION WITH
THE COUNCIL FOR GLOBAL PROBLEM-SOLVING (CGP)

The Council for Global Problem-Solving (CGP) is the intellectual core of the Global Solutions Initiative.

Its members are world-class think tanks and research institutions committed to providing policy advice to the G20 and associated international organizations.

CGP Member Institutions



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SAVE THE DATE!

GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SUMMIT 2024

MAY 6-7

Location: ESMT Berlin

Stay tuned for details
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