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# Think7 Summit

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## FOSTERING GLOBAL COOPERATION IN A CONTESTED GEO-POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

23 - 24 May 2022 in Berlin

Preliminary as of 26 April

Co-Chaired by:



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# Programme overview

**Venue:** Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Hiroshimastrasse 17, 10785 Berlin

**Remote access:** Several sessions will be broadcasted via Zoom. They are marked by (hybrid).

**Registration:** Please contact Florian Gitt ([florian.gitt@die-gdi](mailto:florian.gitt@die-gdi)) to request participation.

## 23 May

### 9:00 **Welcome Address (hybrid)**

- Sabine Fandrych, Secretary General, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

### **Opening Addresses (hybrid)**

- Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Director, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Co-Chair Think7 Germany
- Dennis J. Snower, President of the Global Solutions Initiative (GSI), Co-Chair Think7 Germany

### 9:30 **Keynote: Prospects for the G7 Elmau Summit (hybrid)**

This session features a keynote by and subsequent discussion with the Head of the German Federal Chancellery Wolfgang Schmidt on the prospects for the G7 Summit taking place in Elmau, Germany, on 26 to 28 June 2022.

Speaker: Wolfgang Schmidt, Head of the Federal Chancellery

### 10:30 **Plenary Session: Promoting a cooperative world order in times of war (hybrid)**

Russia's war against Ukraine poses a significant threat to efforts to foster international cooperation to tackle pressing global challenges. The G7 in 2022 faces the challenge of how to effectively respond to Russia's aggression while at the same time working through the priority agenda as announced at the start of the German G7 presidency.

### 11:20 **Break to move to breakout rooms**

### 11:40 **Parallel Sessions: Key policy recommendations of the Think7 Task Forces**

- **Task Force: Climate and Environment**
- **Task Force: Global Health**

Task Force Co-Chairs will present their key policy recommendations based on the Task Force Issue Papers and discuss their implementation with G7 Officials and representatives of international organisations. It is also envisaged to involve the respective T20 Task Force Co-Chairs and other stakeholders, e.g. from other G7 Engagement Groups.

**12:55 Lunch Break**

**14:00 Parallel Sessions: Key policy recommendations of the Think7 Task Forces**

- **Task Force: International Cooperation for the Global Common Good**
- **Task Force: Sustainable Economic Recovery**
- **Task Force: Social Cohesion, Economic Transformation and Open Societies**

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**15:15 Break to move to plenary room**

**15:35 Plenary Session: What should the G7 do to foster cooperation with the G20? (hybrid)**

Multi-stakeholder panel discussing the different roles of the G7 and the G20 as promoters of international cooperation and ways to better utilise their respective strengths.

**16:25 Plenary Session: G7 Relations with Africa (hybrid)**

This session will discuss the G7's relations with non-G7 countries, especially Africa.

**17:15 Closing Day 1**

**18:30 Public Panel Discussion: The role of the G7 in a new Geopolitical Environment**

**Venue:** German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Rauchstraße 17, 10787 Berlin

The public panel discussion will focus on the main objectives of the German G7 Presidency in a new geopolitical environment. It will also discuss the role of the G7 during the Japanese presidency in 2023.

**Followed by a reception.**

## 24 May

### 9:00 **Opening Address (hybrid)**

- Stormy-Annika Mildner, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany

### 9:10 **Keynote (hybrid)**

- High-level speaker from an international organisation

### 9:40 **Plenary Session: The future of development cooperation (hybrid)**

For many decades, the OECD approach was the dominant normative framework. However, current understandings of development cooperation have become more complex and diverse. The rise of South-South cooperation is one prominent example for a distinct additional concept of development cooperation. Further examples in current debates that reframe development cooperation relate to discourses on global public goods and the global common good.

### 10:30 **Coffee Break**

### 10:50 **Plenary Session: Thinking ahead - The T7 Road from Germany to Japan (hybrid)**

The roles of and expectations towards think tanks are subject to significant changes in light of an increasingly contested geo-political system and domestic settings. This panel will reflect on the future role of think tanks, with a particular focus on the future role and structure of the T7.

### 11:40 **Break to move to breakout rooms**

### 12:00 **Parallel Sessions:**

- **Supporting democracy**
- **Feminist external policy**
- **International trade cooperation**
- **Measurement of prosperity**

The parallel sessions will involve G7 stakeholders, in particular the G7 Engagement Groups but also implementers from business, politics and civil society.

### 12:50 **Lunch Break**

- 14:00 **Parallel Sessions:**
- **International tax cooperation**
  - **Just transition**
  - **Empowering Digital Citizens**

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14:50 **Coffee Break**

15:10 **Plenary Session: The impact of the G7 on future generations**

The panel brings together youth representatives with an audience of policy thinkers and think tank representatives. Together they will discuss challenges – e.g., the lack of youth representation seems especially pressing when it comes to topics and decisions that directly affect their future on this planet – and the politics of youth representation in global governance forums like the G7. The discussion is meant to be an interactive dialogue between representatives of youth engagement and experts within the realm of global governance, G7 and Think7.

16:00 **Closing Remarks**