Think7 Summit

PROGRAMME

FOSTERING GLOBAL COOPERATION IN A CONTESTED GEO-POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

23 - 24 May 2022 in Berlin
Programme

**Venue:** Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Hiroshimastraße 17, 10785 Berlin, Germany  
**Remote access:** Sessions in the plenary will be broadcasted via Zoom if marked by (hybrid). If no location is indicated, the session will take place in the plenary room. A location map of the two houses is included on the last page of the programme.

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) and Co-Chair Think7 Germany
- Dennis J. Snower, President, Global Solutions Initiative (GSI) and Co-Chair Think7 Germany

9:30  **Keynote: Prospects for the G7 Elmau Summit (hybrid)**
Russia’s war against Ukraine puts the agenda of the German G7 presidency to a test. The G7 faces the challenge of responding to immediate challenges such as international security or rising energy and food prices while not losing sight of the medium to long term but no less urgent challenges like climate change mitigation and adaptation or socio-economic inequalities. In his keynote, the Head of the Federal Chancellery Wolfgang Schmidt talks about 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 and Federal Minister for Special Tasks  

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

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 and the new geopolitical reality while at the same time working through the priority agenda as announced at the start of the German G7 presidency.
Speakers:
- Ambassador Günter Sautter, Director General for International Order, the United Nations and Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office
- Nathalie Tocci, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) (virtual)
- Jeffrey J. Schott, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE)
- Nicole Deitelhoff, Executive Director, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) and Fellow at The New Institute
- Yose Rizal Damuri, Executive Director, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and Executive Co-Chair T20 Indonesia

Moderator: Claudia Schmucker, Head of Geo-Economics Program, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

11:20 Break to move to breakout rooms

11:40 Parallel Sessions: Key Policy Recommendations of the Think7 Task Forces

The Think7 Task Forces will present their key policy recommendations based on the Task Force Issue Papers and discuss their implementation with G7 officials, representatives of international organisations and other stakeholders, e.g. from other G7 Engagement Groups.

**Task Force: Climate and Environment**

*Location: House 1, Plenary Room*

The Task Force Climate and Environment covers a broad range of interlinked subjects, including climate, biodiversity, clean water, air, land and seas, food and agriculture, energy, and infrastructure. With a particular focus on greenhouse gas emissions sinks and sources, jobs-rich just transitions, nature-based solutions and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the task force developed policy recommendations for Germany’s G7 Presidency, especially those with the biggest impact on reducing climate change.

Speakers:
- Lindsay Stringer, Professor, University of York and Co-Chair Think7 Task Force Climate and Environment (virtual)
- John Kirton, Director of the G7 and G20 Research Group, University of Toronto and Co-Chair Think7 Task Force Climate and Environment (virtual)
- Masanori Kobayashi, Senior Fellow, Ocean Policy Research Institute (OPRI)
- Andreas Schaal, OECD Global Relations Director and the OECD Sherpa to the G7, the G20 and APEC
- Hendricus Andy Simarmata, President, Indonesian Association of Urban and Regional Planners (IAP)

Moderator: Daniela Jacob, Director, Climate Service Center Germany (GERICS) and Co-Chair Think7 Task Force Climate and Environment
Task Force: Sustainable Economic Recovery

Location: House 1, Room 121/122
Flow-over Room 120 with dial-in option

The T7 Task Force on Sustainable Economic Recovery develops research-based policy advice for Germany’s G7 Presidency on formulating national and global policies that will not only enable and sustain rapid economic recoveries, but also help the achievement of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Goals. The Task Force developed policy ideas for re-establishing growth momentum for the world economy; the scaling up of green investment; addressing the debt crisis in the Global South; reinvigorating global trade and building more resilient supply chains; and international cooperation and international organisations’ role in supporting these goals.

Speakers:
- Paola Subacchi, Professor of International Economics, Global Policy Institute at Queen Mary University of London and Co-Chair Think7 Task Force Sustainable Economic Recovery (virtual)
- Ulrich Volz, Professor of Economics, SOAS and Senior Research Fellow, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and Co-Chair Think7 Task Force Sustainable Economic Recovery
- Christina Ziegler, Head of Division G7/G20, Global Economy, Monetary Policy, Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF)
- Atanas Kolev, Principal Economic Advisor, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- W. Gyude Moore, Senior Policy Fellow, Center for Global Development (CGDEV) (virtual)
- Jean Saldanha, Director, European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD) (virtual)

Moderator: Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and Co-Chair Think7 Task Force Sustainable Economic Recovery

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

Location: House 1, Plenary Room

For most of the world’s countries, especially developing countries, the SDGs and the broader Agenda 2030 frame a key marker of global cooperation, especially as they were agreed by all countries at the United Nations in 2015. In this context, the G7 needs to mobilise its full political support in order to change course toward success.
Speakers:
- Sébastien Treyer, Executive Director, Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales (IDDRI)
- Jürgen Zattler, Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) (virtual)
- Imme Scholz, Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation
- Ignacio Bercero, Director, Multilateral Affairs, Strategy, Analysis, Evaluation at DG Trade (virtual)

Moderator: Sarah John, Think7 Program Manager, Global Solutions Initiative (GSI)

Task Force: Social Cohesion, Economic Transformation and Open Societies

Location: House 1, Room 121/122
Flow-over Room 120 with dial-in option

In this session, universal social protections will be looked at from different angles: The panel will discuss the need for G7 countries to update their domestic social welfare systems and realign their tax systems accordingly, the responsibility of G7 countries to look beyond their own horizon, and micro-level approaches. These questions will be discussed within a larger context: It is clear that no less than a systemic transformation will be needed to enable human well-being within planetary boundaries. What are the social prerequisites that need to be met – and what is the role of the G7 to meet these prerequisites domestically and to support lower-income countries in meeting them?

Speakers:
- Henrietta Moore, Founder and Director, Institute for Global Prosperity, University College London (UCL) (virtual)
- Merike Blofield, Director, Institute for Latin American Studies, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)
- Hajo Lanz, Director, Geneva Office Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)
- Lea-Marie Löbel, Junior Professional Officer, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Moderator: Dennis J. Snower, President of the Global Solutions Initiative (GSI) and Co-Chair Think7 Germany

15:15 Break to move to plenary room

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

The G7 is a coordination forum for the richest economies of the world and also serves to prepare their G20 position. The G20, by nature, takes a more global perspective, including a wider variety of income levels and governance systems – and where the national interests across the 20 partners are more diverging. Where is the common ground? What goals and values are shared by all countries? What role and responsibilities do the G7 and G20 have in
the global international community? How can conflicting transformations be avoided and how can the G7 and G20 foster a broad global alliance, including the buy-in of countries beyond the Groups of 7/20, in the face of global challenges?

**Speakers:**
- Ulrich Oberndorfer, Head of the German G7/G20 Sherpa Office, Federal Chancellery
- Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
- Bambang Brodjonegoro, Professor of Economics, University of Indonesia and Lead Co-Chair T20 Indonesia
- Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General, Social and Human Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

*Moderator: Dennis J. Snower, President of the Global Solutions Initiative (GSI), Co-Chair Think7 Germany*

**16:30**

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

The development of the African continent often had a special place on the G7 agenda in the past. Furthermore, the German government used other formats, such as the G20, to launch important initiatives towards African nations. This session will re-assess the relations between Africa and the G7 during these testing times that are characterised by a global pandemic, the war of Russia against Ukraine and rising geopolitical tensions.

**Speakers:**
- Vera Songwe, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) (virtual)
- Birgit Pickel, Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Brahima Coulibaly, Vice President and Director, Global Economy and Development Programme, Brookings (virtual)
- Stefan Mair, Director, German Institute for International and Security Affairs and Executive Chairman, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)
- Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, South Africa Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) (virtual)

*Moderator: Axel Berger, Deputy Director (ad interim), German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)*

**17:20**

**Closing Remarks Day 1**

*Sarah John, Think7 Program Manager, Global Solutions Initiative (GSI)*
18:30 **Public Panel Discussion: The Role of the G7 in a New Geopolitical Environment**

*Location: German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Rauchstraße 17, 10787 Berlin (a fifteen-minute walk from Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, see map on last page)*

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.

**Speakers:**
- Petra Sigmund, Deputy Director Asia and the Pacific, Federal Foreign Office
- Kazuo Matsushita, Senior Fellow, Institute of Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Professor Emeritus of Kyoto University
- Claudia Schmucker, Head of Geo-Economics Program, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

*Moderator: Martin Bialecki, Editor-in-Chief Internationale Politik / Member of the Executive Board, DGAP*

Followed by a reception

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24 May

8:00 **Optional: FES Breakfast Talk on China’s Structural Challenge to the Global Aid Architecture**

*Location: House 2, Room 601*

**Speaker:**
- Paola Subacchi, Professor of International Economics, Queen Mary University of London

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9:00 **Keynote: Is Winter Coming? Upheaval in the World Economy (hybrid)**

Following the lengthy COVID-19 crisis, the global economy was expected to gradually recover in 2022 and 2023. Now, however, Putin’s war against Ukraine stands to exacerbate inflationary stress and thus hamper global growth. The United Nations Global Crisis Response Group fears this war will trigger a three-dimensional crisis on food security, energy supply, and finance. The topical keynote by UNCTAD Secretary-General Rebeca Grynspan will be followed by a Q&A session on the opportunities for high-level international cooperation and how developing countries can be better supported in these crises.

**Speaker:**
- Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (virtual)

*Moderator: Stormy-Annika Mildner, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany*
9:30 Break to move to breakout rooms

9:40 Parallel Sessions

The Future of Development Cooperation (hybrid)

Location: House 1, Plenary Room

The 2030 Agenda and its SDGs have successfully set a normative framework for global cooperation, including development cooperation. Yet, the implementation of this agenda is characterised by a highly dynamic international context (uncertainty as a strategic challenge), power struggles (return of geopolitical confrontation) and unresolved contestations (competing development cooperation norms). For many decades, the OECD approach was the predominant narrative in this regard. However, the rise of South-South cooperation is introducing a distinct concept of development cooperation. The changing context is relevant for all areas of development cooperation, as it affects the narratives of development cooperation (why?), the strategies (how?) and operational approaches (what?).

Speakers:
- Annalisa Prizzon, Senior Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
- Philani Mthembu, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD) (virtual)
- Debapriya Bhattacharya, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)
- Andrea Ordóñez, Director, Southern Voice (virtual)

Moderator: Stephan Klingebiel, Head of Programme Inter- and Transnational Cooperation, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

Task Force: Global Health

Location: House 1, Room 121/122

Flow-over Room 120 with dial-in option

The T7 task force on global health brings together epidemiological, medical, social science, and policy expertise in order to provide a sound basis for science policy dialogues on the current pandemic, as well as the strengthening of preventative health infrastructures. Particular attention is paid to globally diverse health challenges and infrastructures across regions, income levels, and social groups. Through a conscious reflection of the role of the G7 in global health governance, contributions are being made for facilitating the dialogue with other international governance formats, in particular the G20.

Speakers:
- Ilona Kickbusch, Founding Director, Global Health Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Dirk Meyer, Head of Department Global Health; Economy; Trade; Rural Development, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Peter Taylor, Director of Research, Institute of Development Studies (IDS)
Robert Yates, Director, Global Health Programme and Executive Director, Centre for Universal Health, Chatham House

**Moderator:** Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Director, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Co-Chair Think7 Germany

### 10:40 Coffee Break

### 11:00 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. What role can the T7 play in the future to support the G7 Presidencies and to support coherence across G7 Presidencies?

**Speakers:**
- Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
- Lord Mark Sedwill, Chairman of the Atlantic Future Forum and Chair of the 2021 G7 Panel on Economic Resilience (virtual)
- Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Director, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and Co-Chair Think7 Germany
- Nicolas Buchoud, Fellow, Global Solutions Initiative (GSI)

**Moderator:** Paola Subacchi, Professor for International Economics, Queen Mary University London

### 11:50 Break to move to breakout rooms

### 12:00 Parallel Sessions

**Supporting Democracy**

*Location: House 1, Room 121/122*

*Flow-over Room 120 with dial-in option*

The session discusses the interrelation between inequality and democracy. It will highlight how inequality affects democratic processes and how G7 members can support democracy in a way that minimizes this threat. The sessions aim is twofold: On the one hand, it analyses why so many citizens in G7 countries are frustrated with democratic institutions and which role inequality plays in this regard. On the other hand, it aims to unpack how the nexus of democracy and inequality affects countries in the Global South and how the policies and politics of G7 member states can be impactful in these contexts.
Speakers:
- Julia Cagé, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Science Po Paris (virtual)
- Tessa Dooms, Director, Rivonia Circle (virtual)

*Moderator: Tina Blohm, Global and European Policy Unit, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)*

**Feminist External Policy**

*Location: House 2, Room 102, Chatham House Rules*

With Germany’s announcement to pursue a feminist foreign and development policy, the G7 has now three states pursuing a feminist external policy. The panel will discuss why we need a feminist approach in order to tackle the current global challenges and what the G7 can do in order to support feminist aims.

Speakers:
- Jenny Mathers, Senior Lecturer in International Politics, Aberystwyth University
- Carla Dietzel, Gender Advocacy Consultant, Care Germany
- Verena Wiesner, Desk Officer, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

*Moderator: Ina Friesen, Senior Researcher, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)*

**International Trade Cooperation**

*Location: House 2, Room 601, Chatham House Rules*

International trade can and has acted as a key generator of economic growth, employment, and prosperity. However, global trade is in a state of flux: In recent years, the re-regionalization and renationalization of value chains has gained momentum, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being further fuelled by the power struggle between the United States and China. The geopolitical environment is changing rapidly, and the WTO is in deep crisis, with the outcome of the next Ministerial Meeting being rather uncertain. In this session, we want to discuss how global trade is changing and which reforms are necessary to ensure a healthy multilateral trading system.

Speakers:
- Wolfgang Niedermark, Member of the Executive Board, Federation of German Industries (BDI)
- Jeffrey J. Schott, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE)
- Marianne Schneider-Petsinger, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House
- Dominik Schnichels, Director General of the Trade Department, Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Action (BMWK)
- Tetsuya Watanabe, Vice President, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) and Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo (virtual)

*Moderator: Stormy-Annika Mildner, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany*
Towards a New Understanding and Measurement of Prosperity

Location: House 1, Plenary Room

Our future depends on our ability to transform our economic system – to take stewardship in transforming the system in accordance with our collective goals. This requires, first and foremost, reliable measures of progress so that we can evaluate if we reached our economic, social and environmental goals. Without a new definition of prosperity and economic growth, it will be impossible to effectively combat pandemics, climate change or global poverty. This panel will discuss the questions: What are the measures of success that should guide the politics on wellbeing? What is needed for governments to implement and use these indicators? What is the role and leverage of the G7 in promoting a new understanding and measurement of prosperity?

Speakers:

- Richard Wike, Director, Pew Research Centre
- Lara Fleischer, Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)
- David Collste, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Planetary Boundaries Research Lab, Stockholm Resilience Centre
- Stefan Profit, Deputy Director General, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action

Moderator: Jakob Dirksen, Research and Policy Officer, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative

13:00 Lunch Break

14:00 Parallel Sessions

International Tax Cooperation

Location: House 1, Room 121/122

Flow-over Room 120 with dial-in option

Offshore wealth has become a first-order political and economic problem, as it is draining resources in all countries, worsening inequalities and damaging public trust. Lacking transparency in the international financial system is a major challenge to track all hidden wealth. G7 and G20 countries can play a decisive role by committing to address this issue, including by developing and deploying a rapid plan to implement a Global Asset Registry. This would link all national beneficial ownership registries around the world. This panel discussion will address the current debate on global tax avoidance and discuss policy proposals to implement a Global Asset Registry to tackle tax havens once and for all.
Just Transition

Location: House 1, Plenary Room

The session focuses on just transitions, presenting two different perspectives. One perspective considers the decarbonisation of the energy sector as a whole, exploring how to ensure a just transition (for both workers and consumers), especially through the use of different social protection mechanisms. Overall, it is argued that it is possible to make energy transitions just, but proper design of policy mixes combining socio-economic and climate policies is needed.

The second perspective zooms on the coal sector, laying out key social and community impacts to consider when decommissioning coal assets. Based on experience from World Bank operations and industrialised countries, recommendations are made for an approach to the coal transition that promotes social sustainability and inclusion.

Speakers:
- Fabian Lange, Senior Policy Officer, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Daniele Malerba, Senior Researcher, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
- Margaret Arnold, Global Lead, Social Dimensions of Climate Change, World Bank
Moderator: Ole Spies, Program Lead Young Global Changers, Global Solutions Initiative Foundation

16:30  
**Keynote: International Cooperation as Part of the “Zeitenwende” (hybrid)**

International development cooperation forms an important part of the external relations of G7 countries. It is thus also affected by the fundamentally changed international environment as a result of Russia’s war against Ukraine. In his keynote, State Secretary Flasbarth reflects on the implications of the so-called “Zeitenwende” (a fundamental turning point) for international cooperation and on the prospects of the G7 Elmau Summit.

**Speaker:**
- Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

**Moderator: Anna-Katharina Hornidge, Director, German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE), Co-Chair Think7 Germany**

16:50  
**Closing Remarks**

Axel Berger, Deputy Director (ad interim), German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)
Further information on the venues:

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**How to get to Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES):**

There is an Airport Express (FEX), which takes you from Airport Berlin Brandenburg (BER) directly to Berlin Central Station. From Berlin Central Station, take bus line M41 (direction “Sonnenallee / Baumschulenstraße”) to “Anhalter Bahnhof”, change there to bus line M29 (direction “Roseneck”) and get off at “Hiroshimasteg”.

**Location Map DGAP (green) and FES (red, House 1 and House 2):**

![Location Map](image)

**Note:**

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