

Concept Paper



GLOBAL TOWN HALL

MANAGING COMPETITION,
CONFLICT, AND COOPERATION
IN A PANDEMIC W  RLD

Saturday, 20 November 2021

A marathon discussion by leading minds
around the world, around the clock

The Event

The Global Town Hall 2021 is a full-day marathon virtual conference consisting of back-to-back 15 hour discussions, providing an independent and open platform for leading minds across the world to discuss a wide-range of consequential international issues. This year's Global Town Hall will address the grand issue of how to manage competition, conflict, and cooperation in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis. The Town Hall will discuss wide-ranging topics such as : state of the world 2021, geopolitical trends, vaccinating the global population, world economy updates, post-pandemic global governance, Afghanistan and regional security, technology competition, climate change and environmental degradation, and many more.

Date and Time

The Global Town Hall 2021 will be convened on Saturday, November 20, 2021. It will start at 08:30 and conclude at 00:00 (GMT+7).

Purpose

The purpose of Global Town Hall is to provide high-quality discussion and debate on the state of the world involving leading minds from around the world, and to connect them with global citizens. It aims to expose global citizens to the various perspectives and ideas on addressing global challenges, especially in terms of managing conflict, competition, and cooperation for a world still grappling with a pandemic.

Scale

As we go by the motto, "Around the world, around the clock", Global Town Hall will cover various time zones across the world from Southeast Asia, East Asia, Australia and New Zealand, South Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America. We will engage speakers and audiences from Washington DC, Mexico City, London, Paris, Berlin, Moscow, New Delhi, Abu Dhabi, Singapore, Jakarta, Canberra, Wellington, Seoul, Beijing, Tokyo, and other cities.

Format

Global Town Hall is a one full day, 15-hour marathon of discussions that will run from 08:30 until 00:00 (GMT+7) to accommodate speakers and audiences from all over the world. Ten moderated sessions, possibly 11, will be held. The majority of the sessions are slated for 60 to 75 minutes. All will be conducted virtually. Several sessions will commence with a 15-minute keynote speech by an international leader and continue with a panel discussion.

Institutional Partners

The Global Town Hall is a collaborative effort by a group of reputable think tanks from countries across the world. To-date, the following think tanks are involved in the preparation of the Global Town Hall: Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI) in Indonesia, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington D.C, the Center for International Security and Strategy (CISS) in China, China Center for Globalization (CCG) in China, Perth USAsia Centre in Australia, the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in India, the Valdai Discussion Club in Russia, the Asia Pacific Foundation (APF) in Canada, Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence, and Terrorism (PIPVT) in the Philippines, and COMEXI in Mexico. Being tapped to join as collaborators are the Australia Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) in Australia, the British Foreign Policy Group (BFPG) in the United Kingdom, the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute in Singapore, the Milken Institute in the United States, and the Paris Peace Forum in France, among others. We will reach out to more think tanks to join Global Town Hall in the next few weeks.

The 2020 edition of Global Town Hall was a collaboration of think tanks around the world:



University Partners

The Global Town Hall is supported by university partners in Indonesia, the operational base of the conference, and also in countries around the globe where our think tank partners are based. Institutional partners may recommend universities in their respective countries to be partnered with the Global Town Hall. The Global Town Hall will also be viewed by lecturers and students of the Southeast Asia Lecture Hall, which has thousands of members.

The 2020 edition of Global Town Hall's university partners:



Organizational Partners

Aside from think tanks, the Global Town Hall will also engage as partners a variety of organizations such as diaspora organizations, chambers of commerce, and professional associations.

The 2020 edition of Global Town Hall's organizational partners:



Conference Sessions

The Global Town Hall 2021 "Managing Competition, Conflict, and Cooperation in a Pandemic World" will consist of 10 sessions*, namely:

1. State of The World 2021
2. Good News Is Good News!
A Discussion on Things that Are Going Right in World Affairs
3. The Future of Afghanistan and Its Impact on Regional Security
4. The Geopolitics of Competition and Alignments: How Far Will the Strategic Rivalries Go and What Are the Prospects for Rapprochement?
5. Celebrities Session: What Needs to Be Fixed in Our Broken World?
6. Covid-19 Pandemic in Year Two:
The Challenge of Vaccinating the Global Population
7. The Ticking Timebomb of Climate Change:
Accelerating Climate Actions After COP-26 Glasgow
8. Growth, Inequality, Disruptions and Dislocations in World Economy: What Has Happened to the "Great Reset"?
9. Technology As the New Frontier of Competition and Cooperations
10. Diaspora and Migrants as A New Force for Development and Cooperation

The Keynotes and Panelists for Global Town Hall 2021 sessions will be announced in early November 2021



To entertain the audience, we will present between sessions performances relevant to the theme of the Town Hall by comedians from different countries.

GTH 2020 Keynote Speakers & Panelists

The Global Town Hall strictly engages as speakers only high-quality leading minds who are experts, movers, and shakers in their fields. Last year, we had among our keynote speakers the Foreign Ministers of Indonesia Retno Marsudi, of China Wang Yi, of Australia Marise Payne, of India Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, of Russia Sergey Lavrov, of South Africa Naledi Pandor, and of the European Union Josep Borrell. We also had as speakers the Director-General of WHO, Tedros Ghebreyesus; the President of AIIB Jin Liqun and many others.



H.E. Retno Marsudi
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia



H.E. Wang Yi
State Counselor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China



The Hon. Marise Payne
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia



H.E. Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
Minister of External Affairs of India



H.E. Sergey V. Lavrov
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia



H.E. Naledi Pandor
Minister of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa



H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles
High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy



Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General of World Health Organization (WHO)



Jin Liqun
President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Global Town Hall 2020 Speakers



Prof. Joseph S. Nye Jr.
University Distinguished Service Professor,
Emeryball, and Former Dean of the Harvard
Kennedy School of Government



Prof. Amitav Acharya
Distinguished Professor at the School of
International Studies of
American University



Dr. Dino Patti Djalal
Founder and Chairman of Foreign Policy
Community of Indonesia (FPCI)



Dr. John J. Hamre
Professor and CEO of Center
for Strategic and International Studies
(CSIS)



Pascal Lamy
President of the Paris Peace Forum (PPF)
and Director General of the World
Trade Organization (WTO) (2005–2018)



Dr. Samir Saran
President of
Observer Research Foundation (ORF)



Dr. Andrew Steer
President and CEO of
World Resources Institute (WRI)



Choi Sing Kwok
Member of RUSI Council and Fellow



Prof. Kishore Mahbubani
Distinguished Fellow of
Asia Research Institute (ARI),
National University of Singapore (NUS)



Ridwan Kamil
Governor of West Java, Indonesia



Gregory B. Poling
Senior Fellow for Southeast Asia
and Director of the Asia Maritime
Transparency Initiative at CSIS



Dr. Kurt M. Campbell
Deputy Assistant
Secretary for Asia-Pacific Affairs,
NSC



Weining Meng
Vice President of Tencent AI and
Senior Director of Tencent Business
of Tencent, Tencent Co., Ltd.



Elen Haeg
Senior Policy Manager at
Coalition for Epidemic
Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)



Prof. Dewi Fortuna Anwar
Deputy Secretary for Political Affairs
for the Vice President of Indonesia
(2009–2012)



Dr. Rebecca Litsner
U.S. Naval War College



Sunjoy Joshi
Chairman of Observer
Research Foundation (ORF)



H.E. Chan Heng Chee
Singaporean Ambassador-at-Large and
Ambassador of Singapore to
the United States (2016–2020)



Prof. Ichiro Fujisaki
President of Nippon Keizai Research Institute



H.E. Bilahari Kausikan
Permanent Secretary of
Singapore's Foreign Ministry (2008–2020)

Global Town Hall 2021 Invited Keynotes & Panelists

1. **H.E. Chung Eui-yong** - Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea
2. **H.E. Khairy Jamaluddin** - Minister of Health of Malaysia
3. **Kristalina Georgieva** - Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
4. **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** - Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO)
5. **Patricia Espinosa** - Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
6. **H.E. Retno L.P. Marsudi** - Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia
7. **H.E. Sri Mulyani Indrawati** - Minister of Finance of Indonesia
8. **Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** - Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)
9. **Adar Poonawalla** - Chief Executive Officer of the Serum Institute of India
10. **Prof. Amitav Acharya** - Distinguished Professor at the School of International Service at American University
11. **Dr. Andrew Steer** - President and CEO of the Bezos Earth Fund
12. **Børge Brende** - President of the World Economic Forum
13. **BTS** - Republic of Korea's Presidential Special Envoy for Future Generations and Culture
14. **Chan Heng Chee** - Singaporean Ambassador-at-Large and Ambassador of Singapore to the United States (1996–2012)
15. **Chris Hemsworth** - Actor and Environmental Activist
16. **Christiana Figueres** - Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change / UNFCCC (2010–2016)
17. **Prof. Donald K. Emmerson** - Director of the Southeast Asia Program at the Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center at Stanford University
18. **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** - Nobel Prize Recipient and President of Liberia (2006–2018)
19. **Emma Watson** - Actress and UN Women Goodwill Ambassador
20. **Enrique Berruga** - Former President of the Mexican Council on Foreign Affairs (COMEXI) and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations (2003–2006)
21. **Fu Ying** - Chairperson of the Center for International Security and Strategy, Tsinghua University (CISS)
22. **Prof. George F. Gao** - Director-General of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention
23. **Helen Clark** - Co-Chair of Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response and Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999–2008)

24. **Hua Chunying** - Spokesperson of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China
25. **Hyoeun Jenny Kim** - Ambassador and Deputy Minister for Climate Change in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea
26. **Prof. Ichiro Fujisaki** - President of the Nakasone Peace Institute
27. **Julie Bishop** - Chancellor of the Australian National University and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia (2013–2018)
28. **Jeffrey D. Sachs** - Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University
29. **Secretary John Kerry** - U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate
30. **Kang Kyung-wha** - Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (2017–2021) and Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University
31. **Prof. Kishore Mahbubani** - Distinguished Fellow at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore (NUS)
32. **Michael J. Green** - Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
33. **Dr. Marty Natalegawa** - Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (2000–2014)
34. **Dr. Matshidiso Moeti** - Regional Director for Africa of the World Health Organization (WHO)
35. **Dr. Naoko Ishii** - Executive Vice President and Director of Center for Global Commons at University of Tokyo
36. **Pascal Lamy** - President of Paris Peace Forum and Director-General of the World Trade Organization (2005–2013)
37. **Paul Polman** - CEO of Unilever (2009–2019) and Co-Founder and Co-Chair of IMAGINE.ONE
38. **Dr. Seth Berkley** - CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
39. **Dr. Shashi Tharoor** - Under-Secretary General of the United Nations (2002–2007) and Chairman of the Parliament Standing Committee on IT
40. **Sigmar Hartmut Gabriel** - Minister for Foreign Affairs (2017–2018) and Vice-Chancellor of Germany (2013–2018)
41. **Prof. Dr. Tjandra Yoga Aditama** - Member of Independent Allocation Vaccine Group (IAVG) COVAX
42. **Dr. Victor Gao** - Vice President of the Center for China and Globalization (CCG)
43. **Senior Col. (ret) Zhou Bo** - Senior Fellow of the Center for International Security and Strategy (CISS) at Tsinghua University

We expect more confirmations from eminent speakers.

Invited GTH 2021 World Leaders

We are inviting the following to share their views at the beginning of each session: President of Indonesia Joko Widodo, Prime Minister of New Zealand Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Australia Scott John Morrison, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China Wang Yi, Secretary of State of the United States of America Antony Blinken, President of European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, Director-General of World Trade Organization Dr. Ngozi Okonjo Iweala, and Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom Rt. Hon. Elizabeth Truss.



H.E. Ir. Joko Widodo
President of Indonesia



Rt. Hon. Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister of New Zealand



H.E. Imran Khan
Prime Minister of Pakistan



H.E. Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada



H.E. Lee Hsien Loong
Prime Minister of Singapore



The Hon. Scott
John Morrison
Prime Minister of Australia



H.E. Wang Yi
State Councilor and Minister of
Foreign Affairs of China



H.E. Antony Blinken
Secretary of State of
the United States of America



H.E. Ursula von der
Leyen
President of
the European Commission



Dr. Ngozi Okonjo
Iweala
Director-General of
World Trade Organization



Rt. Hon. Elizabeth
Truss
Foreign Secretary of
the United Kingdom

Participants / Viewers

The participants include government officials, strategic thinkers, corporate leaders, analysts, journalists, lecturers, and students as well as the general public. Last year's edition of Global Town Hall welcomed around 10,000 registered participants from 83 countries. We expect a similar number of participants, or more, this year.

Our main method of promotion is to work closely with all our partners to promote the Global Town Hall to their respective networks. For example, in Indonesia, FPCI will send the Global Town Hall invitation to its mailing list of 100,000 members, and will push notification out twice a week until d-day. Other think tanks, social organizations, media partners, and universities in Indonesia and around the world will also take part in this outreach effort.



Why the Global Town Hall is Possible

The virtual format of the discussions, and the fact that many are working from home due to Covid-19 restrictions, means that the high-profile speakers, who under normal circumstances would be very difficult to engage, no longer require logistics, protocol and security to speak at the Global Town Hall. This increases the chances of getting them to participate or to send a message to the Global Town Hall. The same goes for the global viewers who will be able to access high-quality global discussion from home.

Operational Base

The technical operation and logistical organization of the Global Town Hall will be conducted by FPCI from Jakarta, Indonesia.

Media

The Global Town Hall can be watched live only through the Global Town Hall's official website. However, recordings will be made available on YouTube for public viewings after the conference. FPCI, as the lead convenor of the conference, is open to establishing media partnerships with any medium (print, broadcast, or other) that is interested in covering the Global Town Hall. Institutional partners may also establish partnerships with national and local media in their respective countries, which will be free to televise the conference discussions for their audiences to watch.

Registration

Registration is open to all and free. Those who wish to watch the Global Town Hall sessions must register via Eventbrite. The logistical setup for registration will be finalized soon.

Other information & Social Media

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About FPCI

The idea for the Global Town Hall was conceived by the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI), which is Indonesia's largest foreign policy group, with 100,000 members. FPCI is an independent, non-political, non-partisan, non-Governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to international relations. FPCI is founded and run by Dr. Dino Patti Djalal, a retired diplomat (since 2015); foreign policy advisor/spokesperson to Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (2004-2010), Indonesia's Ambassador to the United States (2010-2013), and Deputy Foreign Minister (2014). Presently, Dr. Djalal is on the board of World Resources Institute (WRI) and Vice President of Paris Peace Forum (PPF). He is also a fellow at the Milken Institute, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Indonesian Diaspora Global Network.

Every year since 2015, FPCI convenes what is arguably the world's largest foreign policy conference titled "Conference on Indonesian Foreign Policy (CIFF)", held in Mall Kota Kasablanka in Jakarta. In 2019, before the pandemic and remodeling of the Conference to Global Town hall, over 11,000 people registered to attend. MURI, Indonesia's House of Records, has officially recognized CIFF as "the world's largest foreign policy conference".



Global Town Hall 2020 was viewed by participants from

Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Botswana, Benin, Bahrain, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Egypt, Eritrea, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Federated States of Malta, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Greece, Ghana, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Mauritius, Morocco, Malaysia, Mexico, Micronesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Viet Nam.

Global Town Hall 2020 Statistics

15 Hours Discussion

15 Time Zones

83 Countries

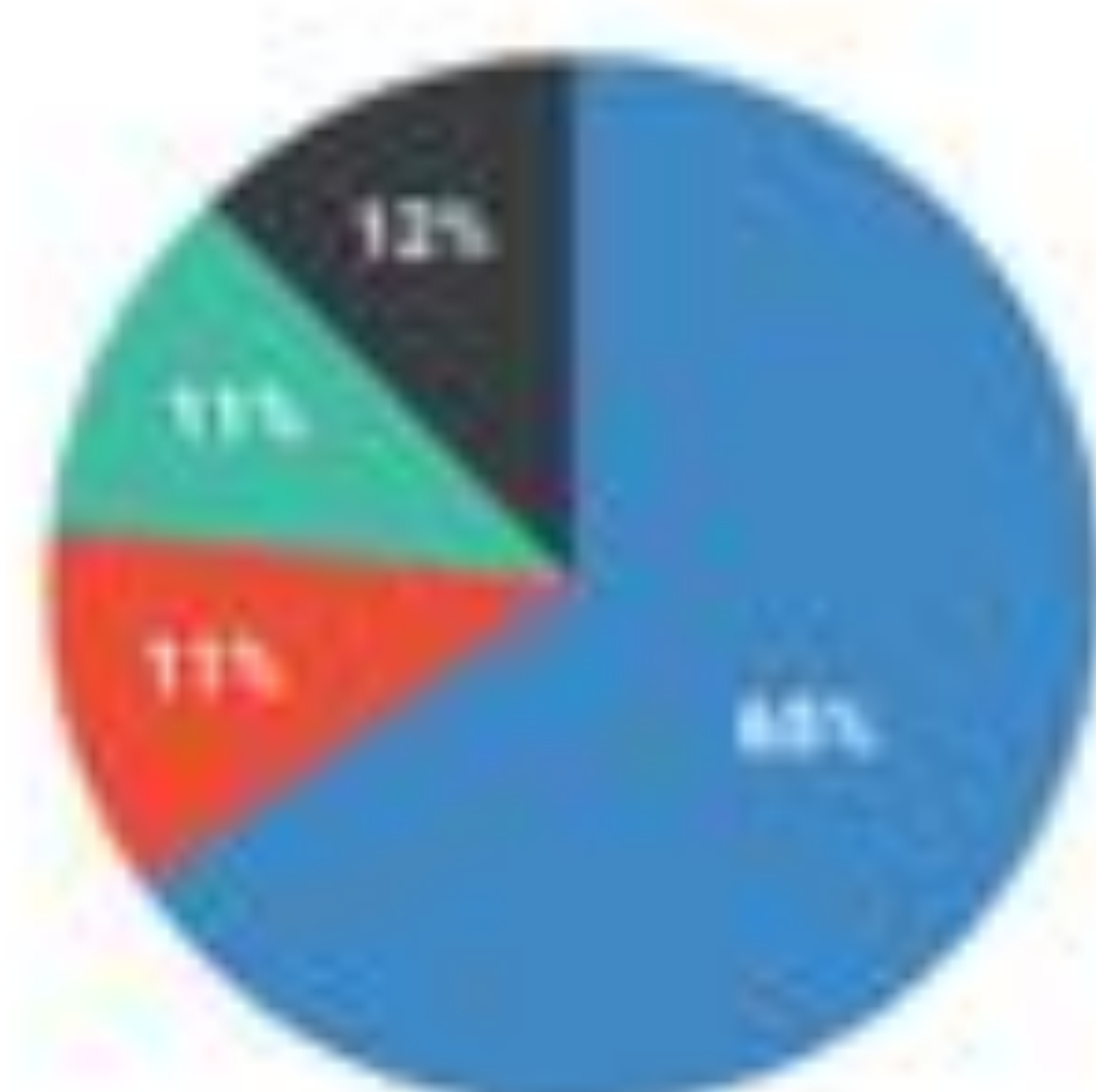
12 Sessions

8 World Leaders

100+ Leading Minds

9,800+ Registered Attendees

14,000+ Live & Replay Views



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