

A Reflection Report for Attendance at 2018 Global Solutions Summit, Berlin, Germany

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2018 Global Solutions Summit

The Global Solutions Initiative (GSI) provides a new, permanent, supportive advisory structure to G20 and G7. Independent of the official processes, yet firmly connected with official engagement groups and working groups, the GSI delivers independent, long-term oriented policy briefs for world leaders. The summit addresses the key global issues such as financial resilience, sustainable development, migration, climate change and digitalization. The high-level speakers during the 2018 Global Solutions Summit were **German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel**, **German Minister of Foreign Affairs Heiko Maas** and other high-ranking representatives of G20 governments, as well as **Nobel Laureates George Akerlof and Edmund Phelps**, and leading officials from organizations such as the OECD, United Nations, and the World Bank.

The summit was chaired by Dennis J. SNOWER, President of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW). The summit also drew on the excellent intellectual network of the Global Economic Symposium (GES), which comprises some of the finest thinkers on global issues.

Networking invitations from the German Federal Foreign Office and from Michael Müller, the Governing Mayor of Berlin were the items to be cherished on the Summer School agenda.

Out of more than **1600 applications** from all-around the world, i was selected as **top 50 Young Global Changer** participants of the **2018 Young Global Changers Programme** and invited to attend 2018 Global Solutions Summit. The Global Solutions Summit brought together policy thinkers and policy leaders from around the world. In over 40 sessions, insights and ideas on the most pressing issues of our times were discussed, focused primarily around the Task Forces of the Argentinian T20 and the priorities of the Argentinian G20 Presidency. This sets the corner stone for key policy recommendations that will recouple the world.

I boarded the Norwegian Air flight from Oslo to Berlin on 26th May 2018. I landed on Berlin Airport on the same day and went directly to my hotel-Motel One which was in the center of the Berlin- Alexanderplatz. In the hotel, i met other Young Global Changers like me from different parts of the world

like Nepal, India, Brazil, USA, UK, Bangladesh, Iran, Argentina, Peru, Sweden etc., who were also invited to attend Global Solutions Summit this year. We had a long and intense discussion on our global changemaker project and different aspect of lives.

In the evening of May 26, all the Global Young Changers and selected speakers were invited for **Barbecue & Get-Together Party** at the terrace of PricewaterhouseCoppers (PwC). This party was fully sponsored by the PwC for us to enjoy and have a chit-chat with other Global Young Changers and speakers and discuss our global young changer project. The party ended at 11 pm and we headed back to our hotel.

The next day, i.e., on 27th May 2018, we were invited for **Welcome Reception** at 200-year old **Rotes Rathaus**. The magnificent building is the seat of the **Governing Mayor of Berlin - Michael Muller**. The evening reception was started with the opening speech of Michael Muller. The welcome reception for us was hosted by Berlin Senate Chancellery.

The next two days, i.e., on 28th May and 29th May, 2018 was the main event for the Global Solutions Summit which was hosted at ESMT- European School of Management and Technology. There was an intense discussion on several topics like Global Food Scarcity Problem, Climatic Change, How Big data and Artificial Intelligence algorithms can be used to solve global major challenges of the world from the world class leaders like German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel, Dennis Snower, Heiko Mass, Geroge Akerlof, Edmund Phelps and many more. We as a Global Young Changers were involved in thoughtful discussions with these eminent personalities where we get to learn and broadened our thinking and vision on solving some of the global world challenges in future with the use of the technology. I got the chance to discuss my Global Changer Project on the Use of Machine Learning Algorithms to Solve Global Food Scarcity problem with other Global Young Changers and speakers and get their feedback.

On the evening of 28th May, we were invited to Berlin Foreign Office Reception where we got the chance to hear the inspiring speech of **Jeffrey Sachs** who is a special advisor to the United Nations and co-editor of the World Happiness Report.

On 29th May 2018, which was a last working day for the summit, again followed an intense discussions on the Global issues by the speakers from the World Bank, High Level Officials from Japan, Argentina, USA and Germany. We also got the chance to have a photo session followed by the exchange of contacts with other Global Young Changers.

For detailed information about the Global Solutions Summit events, please visit this link:

<https://registration.global-solutions.international/summit-2018>

I travelled back to Oslo from Berlin on 30th May 2018 through Norwegian Air.



Figure 1: Me(Ashish), Along with Other 2018 Young Global Changers



Figure 2: Me(Ashish) at the Global Solution Summit



Figure 3: Me(Ashish) with Prof. Dennis Snower (President of Keil Institute for the World Economy) at the Global Solution Summit



Figure 4: Me(Ashish in center), Along with Other 2018 Young Global Changers at Get-Together Party

Concluding Remarks

Attending Global Solutions Summit as a Young Global Changer will definitely offer you a strong cognitive about thinking and solving some of the Global Problems and lot of fun, having new friends and great networking at the same time. So, I give my strongest recommendation to attend this summit. I personally thank COINS for sponsoring me to attend this summit.