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### The GSG Global Impact Summit 2021 Begins Today

LONDON - **The GSG Global Impact Summit**, the most influential impact investing event focused on delivering impact solutions for people and the planet, **begins today** and will run through **8 October 2021**. Journalists can still register to attend the event. Please see below for details.

Leaders from the worlds of business, finance, government, and academia will address four themes: **mobilising capital for impact**, impact in **emerging economies**; **green and social** solutions for a just transition; and **impact harmonisation and transparency**.

Over 200 expert speakers and 1,500 participants from 75 countries are expected to join this year's Summit. Speakers include:

- Dolika Banda, former CEO, African Risk Capacity Insurance Ltd., former Director, IFC
- Douglas Peterson, President and CEO, S&P Global
- Gonzalo Gortázar, CEO, CaixaBank
- Hiro Mizuno, Special Envoy of UN Secretary-General on Innovative Finance and Sustainable Investments
- Julia Gillard, former Prime Minister of Australia
- Marina Silva, Environmentalist and Politician, Sustainability Network Party (REDE) (Brazil)
- Dr. Mo Ibrahim, Founder and Chair, Mo Ibrahim Foundation
- Sir Ronald Cohen, Chair, The Global Steering Group for Impact Investment (GSG)

The Summit features sessions on improving education through new financial models, the impact of the pandemic on gender equality, and the future of the impact sector. There will be opportunities to hear directly from Singapore sovereign wealth fund Temasek about its impact strategy, as well as the leaders of newly formed G7 Impact Taskforce (ITF).

Please click [here](#) to view the Summit agenda in full.

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#### **Notes to editors**

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GSG spokespeople and select speakers will be available for interviews during and after the Summit. For more information, please email [media@gsgii.org](mailto:media@gsgii.org).

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### **About the Global Steering Group for Impact Investment (GSG)**

The Global Steering Group for Impact Investment (GSG) is an independent global steering group promoting sustainable development and advancing education in impact investment. The GSG was established in 2015 as the successor to, and incorporating the work of, the Social Impact Investment Taskforce established under the UK's presidency of the G8. The GSG's National Advisory Boards (NABs) currently cover 33 countries. It has established strategic partnerships with leading global organisations such as UNDP and the Impact Management Project. The GSG brings together leaders from finance, business, philanthropy and governments to drive a shift towards impact economies. For more information visit [www.gsgii.org](http://www.gsgii.org) and follow the GSG on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

### **About Impact Investing**

Impact investments are investments made with an explicit intention to generate positive, measurable social and environmental impact alongside a financial return. Impact investment optimises risk, return and impact to benefit people and the planet.