

Press release

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Olaf Scholz, Charles Michel, among others join international leaders from business and government at new economic forum Berlin Global Dialogue on September 28-29

At Berlin Global Dialogue 300 global policy and business leaders will unite in Germany to discuss the future of the global economy in times of transition. Participants of the conference will be heads of state such as German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, ministers as well as global C-level business leaders.

Berlin Global Dialogue is:

- ESMT Berlin and Lars-Hendrik Röller, previous chief economic advisor to former German Chancellor Angela Merkel and professor of economics at ESMT, initiate the Berlin Global Dialogue, a new high-level forum to shape the future of a global economy in transition.
- Taking place on September 28-29, the summit will unite 300 leaders from business and government, including German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and European Council President Charles Michel.
- This year's program will focus on three transitions shaping our collective future: the transition to a new economic world order, the transition to a low-carbon economy, and the transition to a just society.
- Media are invited to attend the event.

Participants include:

- Bill Anderson, CEO, Bayer
- Albert Bourla, CEO, Pfizer
- Larry Fink, Chairman & CEO, BlackRock
- Timotheus Höttges, CEO of Deutsche Telekom
- Ola Källenius, CEO, Mercedes
- Mmamoloko Kubayi, Minister of Human Settlements and Co-Chairperson of Economic Sectors, Employment and Infrastructure Development Cluster, South Africa
- Bernard Mensah, President of International, Bank of America
- Charles Michel, President, European Council
- Ursula Owusu-Ekufu, Minister for Communications and Digitalization, Republic of Ghana
- Edi Rama, Prime Minister, Albania
- Dr. Anish Shah, Managing Director and CEO, Mahindra Group
- Antonio Tajani, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy
- Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, President, Kazakhstan

More information on the attendees may be found on the Berlin Global Dialogue [website](#).

“Our multipolar world requires new perspectives and multilateral solutions. Berlin Global Dialogue aims to provide substantial ideas for such cooperation – here in Berlin, a place that stands for reconciliation

and unity,” says German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who will attend Berlin Global Dialogue as a keynote speaker. Berlin Global Dialogue will take place in Berlin on September 28-29, 2023, at ESMT Berlin, a leading business school in Europe. The summit’s program focuses on three transitions shaping our collective future:

- **Transition to a new economic order:** How can we shape the transition to a new economic world order in times of increased competition between systems and regions? Business and government leaders need to find an integrated approach to economic, foreign, and security policy.
- **Transition to a low-carbon economy:** How can we accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy while maintaining economic growth and prosperity? Business and government leaders need to scale private and public financing for the green transformation, and address biodiversity loss.
- **Transition to a just society:** How can we ensure the transition to a just society amid widening inequalities between and within countries? Business and government leaders need to balance business and economic demands with societal and ecological needs. Rapid advancements in technology provide both risks and opportunities to shape a just and sustainable transition for all.

Media representatives are encouraged to register for the event at www.berlinglobaldialogue.org/pre-registration.

About ESMT Berlin

ESMT Berlin is the highest ranked business school in Germany and top 10 in Europe. Founded by 25 leading global companies, ESMT offers master’s, MBA, and PhD programs, as well as executive education on its campus in Berlin, in locations around the world, online, and in online blended format. Focusing on leadership, innovation, and analytics, its diverse faculty publishes outstanding research in top academic journals. Additionally, the international business school provides an interdisciplinary platform for discourse between politics, business, and academia. ESMT is a non-profit private institution of higher education, accredited by AACSB, AMBA, EQUIS, and FIBAA, and is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion across all its activities and communities.

About Lars-Hendrik Röller

Lars-Hendrik Röller was chief economic advisor to former German Chancellor Angela Merkel for ten years. He headed the economic and financial policy department at the chancellery and was responsible for negotiating the outcomes of G7 and G20 summits on behalf of the German government. Today, he is professor of economics at ESMT Berlin.

About Berlin Global Dialogue

Berlin Global Dialogue is an innovative global summit that provides a platform to debate and promote solutions for global economic cooperation in times of fragmentation and transition. On September 28-29, 2023, decision-makers, thought leaders as well as young voices from across the globe will convene for an open and thought-provoking exchange at eye level in the heart of Berlin. Facilitated by innovative formats, this dialogue will help to form new alliances and inspire collaborative action.

About Berlin Global Dialogue’s Partners

Berlin Global Dialogue is proud to partner with Bank of America, Allen& Overy, Allianz, ArcelorMittal, Google, Mercedes-Benz, Bayer, Clayton Dubilier & Rice, Deutsche Telekom, Egon Zehnder, Giesecke+Devrient, Investcorp, Schaeffler, McKinsey & Company, Grenzebach and Voith.

Media Registration

Although we make every effort to accommodate all interested media representatives, space at the conference is limited. Please pre-register your interest at www.berlinglobaldialogue.org/pre-registration.

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