# **Terms and conditions**

# for the Global Solutions Summit 2025

Please read the following terms and conditions which apply to every participant of the Global Solutions Summit 2025.

Participation in the Global Solutions Summit is free of charge. Invitations to the Global Solutions Summit 2025 are sent via E-Mail. To register speakers and participants, the Global Solutions Summit 2025 uses the digital platform "InvitePeople". A platform created with the InvitePeople tool also serves as conference app, guiding and supporting participation.

## Section 1: Scope

The Summit app is adapted and set up by the Global Solutions Initiative (GSI) to register individuals for participation, to organize the admission, to list sessions, participants and speakers, enable them to communicate via messenger, organize bilateral meetings and to embed livestreams of selected sessions in the course of the Global Solutions Summit 2025.

By signing up as Summit participant or speaker as well as by logging in to the summit app, every participant agrees to these terms and conditions, as well as to the specific <u>terms of use for the</u> <u>InvitePeople tool</u>.

#### Section 2: Contact data and legal information

With questions or concerns regarding the platform use, please contact the event host at:

Global Solutions Initiative Foundation gemeinnützige GmbH Alexanderstraße 1 10178 Berlin Germany E-Mail: events@global-solutions-initiative.org

Represented by CEO and Partner: Christian Kastrop, Managing Directors: Agnes Eschment and Susanne Staufer, and Authorized Representative: Anna Breling

Registration court: Amtsgericht Charlottenburg / District Court of Charlottenburg, Berlin, Germany Registration number: HRB 193118 B Value added tax identification number: DE 321 353370

## Section 3: Platform availability

The Summit app is planned to be available 24 hours a day, presumably from April 25 to May 24, 2025. However, essential systems maintenance may result in temporary periods of non-availability of the app. Inter alia, non-availability may also result from force majeure resulting in power failure or intent and gross negligence by third parties. The GSI accepts no liability in these cases.

The individual accessibility of the summit app for users partly depends on equipment and services belonging to the users' facilities, such as transmission capacity, WLAN/LAN connection, webcam, or microphone. The Global Solutions Initiative accepts no responsibility for disruptions resulting from such factors.

#### Section 4: Rules of communication

All participants must refrain from publishing content on the summit platform that violates any of these terms and conditions. Wherever the Global Solutions Initiative offers means of participation such as open microphones, written chats, digital meetings or messenger services on the Conference app and livestreams, participants must observe appropriate rules of communication specified in the GSI's <u>Code of conduct</u>. Participants in the Global Solutions Summit are not allowed to voice or share any libelous, derogatory, offensive, rude, defamatory, or obscene material in their written, visual, or verbal contributions, nor any material that violates third-party intellectual property rights. The GSI reserves its right to exclude and block registered users from entering the event location and/or Summit app in such cases, delete the respective content and – in cases of rights violation – file charges.

#### Section 5: Electronic communications

If users make use of the Summit app's means of interaction such as chats, messenger, video meetings or audience polls from their computer or mobile device, they are communicating electronically with the GSI. The GSI itself will communicate with registered participants electronically via email before and after the event, and during the Summit via session chats and app announcements. Also, it will offer a matchmaking function to allow all registered summit participants to contact one another. Upon registration, users agree to receive electronic communications initiated by the Global Solutions Initiative, such as but not limited to information, notifications and publications by the GSI.

Users release the GSI from the obligation to send electronic communications in hard copies, unless GSI is bound by opposing mandatory legal requirements in individual cases. Participants have the opportunity to download the talque app and use all functions on their mobile devices or to use the web-based version in their browser.

#### Section 6: Copyright law and database regulations

The Global Solutions Initiative Foundation (GSI) as owner of the summit platform reserves the right to change, remove or add content, such as but not limited to texts, images, pitches and video footage at any time without prior or explicit notice to the users.

The entire content of the summit platform or the content made available by it, such as but not limited to text, graphics, logos, clickable icons, images, audio clips, digital downloads and data collections, is the property of GSI or – if marked so – of a third party supplying the content and/or making it available on the summit platform. The GSI's own content is not only protected by German copyright law and regulations on databases but also by international conventions. Property of third parties may be protected by other national intellectual property laws.

This means that users may not systematically extract and/or reuse components from the summit platform without express written consent of the owner. In particular, platform users are not allowed to engage in data mining or use bots or similar data harvesting and extraction programs to extract any significant components of a website service for the purpose of reusing them. Furthermore, without express written consent from GSI, users may not produce and/or publish their own database if this database contains essential components of a service provided by this platform.

#### Section 7: Individual user account and profile

Summit participants automatically create an InvitePeople-user account when registering, and can actively edit that account when using the conference app.

At and after registration, profiles will be checked for plausibility by the GSI team. Only individuals of full age and with unlimited legal capacity may register and create a user account with the required registration information. Profiles with obviously false statements on name, e-mail-address and institution, e.g. using fictional names or non-existent e-mail-addresses, may be deleted by the summit hosts. Also, the GSI holds the right to alter a registration for onsite participation to an invitation to participate online exercising its property rights. This must be communicated to the registered person at least 3 working days prior to the Summit.

Users are responsible for ensuring that the information they provide to the GSI is accurate and complete. Users can review and update the information they provided at registration and on entering the Summit app using the access data provided by the GSI in the confirmation mail following up on registration, or upon individual request via e-mail to events@global-solutions-initiative.org. Each user is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of his/her user account and password and for restricting access to his/her computer and/or mobile devices. Users are responsible for all activities arising from the use of their user account or password within the legal limitations of the applicable law. Users are responsible for taking all necessary steps to ensure that their account access remains confidential. They are asked to contact the InvitePeople team at support@invitepeople.com immediately if they become aware that a third party could have obtained or could have made unauthorized use of their account or may do so in the future.

Users may not use the app service in a manner that may disrupt, damage or in any other way hamper services or access to them. Furthermore, they must not use it for fraudulent or unlawful activities in connection with a criminal offence or to cause harassment or inconvenience. The GSI reserves its right to exclude and block registered users from entering the conference venue/Summit app in such cases, close user accounts, delete harmful content and – in cases of rights violation – file charges.

Users may request to have their user account removed from the Summit platform and have the GSI restrain from any further use of the respective e-mail-address by writing to <u>events@global-</u><u>solutions-initiative.org</u> at any time. Also, users may request to specifically have their InvitePeople account deleted at any time by contacting our partner at <u>support@invitepeople.com</u>. At the latest 14 calendar days after the receipt of the user's request, the user account will be deleted from the Summit platform. It must be noted that having the user profile deleted implies being removed from the participant and accreditation list, and access to the Summit venue will be denied. Registration without using the Summit app is only possible by individual and documented agreement with an authorized team member of the Global Solutions Initiative Foundation.

For technical questions during the event, technical support is offered by the GSI hosting team and the Tech Support provided by InvitePeople to be contacted through the app.

## Section 8: Filming and photography

During online, hybrid and presence events hosted by the GSI, photos and/or videos and/or screenshots may be taken and possibly published in various media for the purposes of documentation and PR activities. By participating, all stakeholders agree to the non-commercial use of footage recorded in the course of the event.

The consent to the processing of the photo and video recordings can be revoked at any time for the future in accordance with Art. 7 DSGVO.

## Section 9: Claims arising from intellectual property rights

GSI respects third party intellectual property rights. If you believe your intellectual property rights have been used in a way which may represent a breach, please inform us thereof via one of the contact options given in Section 2.

## Section 10: Liability

The GSI takes responsibility for damage caused by an intentional or grossly negligent breach of duty on the part of GSI or by a legal representative or agent acting on behalf of GSI.

Furthermore, GSI is liable for minor negligence resulting in a breach of primary obligations. Primary obligations are obligations whose violation jeopardizes the achievement of the contractual purpose or whose fulfilment is indispensable for proper performance of the contract and on whose compliance users regularly rely. In all cases of negligence, GSI is liable only for predictable damages, typical to the contract. GSI is not liable for minor negligence resulting in the breach of obligations other than those set out in the preceding provisions.

Where liability by GSI is excluded or limited, this also applies to the personal liability of employees, representatives and agents acting on behalf of GSI.

## Section 11: Links to other websites

The GSI has no means of controlling the content of websites accessed via external links provided on the summit app independent of the GSI publications.

Therefore, the GSI accepts no liability whatsoever for the content of these websites and the consequences for users accessing them. In consequence, users accessing a linked website do so at their own risk. However, we ask you to notify us immediately of any illegal or suspicious content on a linked website. Users will not be specifically alerted when they leave the GSI app or website.

# Section 12: Data privacy and protection

The GSI is authorized to store app user data and information relating to website access (date, time and page(s) accessed) on the server located in Germany (Falkenstein). The Server is hosted by Hetzner Online GmbH. Please note that personal data (name, institution, position, postal and email address) are stored at registration prior to the Global Solutions Summit 2025 and will be used for communication related to the annual Global Solutions Summit and content-related events hosted by the GSI only.

No data will be made available to third parties by the GSI without the prior consent of the visitor or user if not required by law or a court decision.

Please note that the transfer of user data via the internet may be subject to security breaches. The error-free and uninterrupted protection of user data can therefore not be fully guaranteed: the GSI's liability cannot be exempted for gross negligence and willful misconduct.

## Section 12.1 Data subject rights

If personal data is processed, the right to information about the data stored about the data subject exists pursuant to Art. 15 DSGVO.

If incorrect personal data is processed, the right to rectification exists in accordance with Art. 16 DSGVO.

If the legal requirements are met, you can request the deletion or restriction of processing, as well as object to processing (Art. 17, 18, 21 DSGVO)

Furthermore, according to Art. 77 DSGVO, you have the right to complain to the competent supervisory authority.

Further information is provided separately in the <u>Data Privacy Policy</u> which forms an integral part of these terms of use.

# Section 13: Changes to the terms of use

We reserve the right to make changes to the platform services, regulations and terms, including these terms of use, at any time. Users are subject to the terms of use valid and published on the summit platform at the time at which they make use of the summit platform.

# Section 14: No waiver

The failure by either party to this contract to exercise or enforce any rights conferred by this contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such right nor operate so as to bar the exercise or enforcement thereof at any time or times thereafter.

# Section 15: Place of jurisdiction and applicable law

All disputes and differences of opinion arising from or in relation to this agreement are governed exclusively by the material and procedural law of the Federal Republic of Germany, with the exception of the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG), if applicable.

The sole place of jurisdiction regarding traders, legal entities under public law or special trusts under public law is the registered office of the GSI as the platform provider, thus Berlin, Germany.

# Section 16: Concluding provisions

The legally binding language of this contract is English as the conference language of the Global Solutions Summit is also English in order to include an international audience.

Should one of these terms be regarded as invalid, null and void or unenforceable for any reason, it is considered severable and will not influence the validity and enforceability of the remaining terms.