



The Global Diplomacy Lab (GDL) is a vibrant platform for exploring creative and more inclusive approaches to diplomacy.

Under the patronage of Federal Foreign Minister and with the support of several leading partners from both the private and the public sector, the GDL empowers its approx. 300 members to work on self-initiated, collaborative projects involving a wide range of topics such as migration, climate crises, trust in global affairs, mass atrocity prevention or the demographic dividend.

By connecting unusual partners and fostering dialogue among different networks, the GDL experiments with new ideas, uses them to build strategies and thus develops impact-oriented responses to global policy challenges.

Since its founding in 2014, the GDL has organised 25 Labs on four continents. In 2019, GDL members met in Accra and in Berlin to investigate the potential of realising the demographic dividend. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, GDL members from around the world met online in 2020 debating Global Leadership, Partnership for Sustainable Development, and New Security Challenges such as migration, gender & inequality. Building on these topics, in June 2021, the GDL has explored ways to strengthen multilateralism by engaging with the new realities generated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022, 13 new Labs were held on topics ranging from Water Diplomacy to Climate and Security as well as Mis- and Disinformation in the Global South.

In addition to the Labs, members and partners implement and participate in a wide range of GDL activities around the globe – innovating existing formats, contributing to network partners' events and organising local, GDL-inspired workshops and gatherings. Examples include pitches by GDL members at the re:publica festival and the Falling Walls Lab, sessions hosted by GDL members at the Bled Strategic Forum, the Digital Diplomacy Camp in The Hague, the Global Media Forum, the UN Climate Change Conferences (COP) or at events such as the Federal Foreign Office's Latin America-Caribbean Conference and the Forum:Future Affairs.

GDL members bring a multitude of different perspectives to the table as they come from over 90 countries and include diplomats, academics, activists, entrepreneurs and artists. They are the driving force in the GDL by actively co-creating the different formats and implementing them together with relevant stakeholders, seeking to develop inclusive, pragmatic solutions to the pressing challenges of our time.

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