

Global Economy and Development

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Creating a
more equitable
global economic
and social system
for universal and
sustainable prosperity

The **Global Economy and Development** program at the Brookings Institution generates actionable insights and tools that address shared economic and social challenges. We collaborate with local, national, and global policy actors and communities to achieve a more equitable, sustainable, and prosperous world for all.



Why our work matters

The global economic and social system is at a critical juncture. Although globalization has brought tremendous benefits to the world, including prosperity for millions of people, these benefits continue to be unevenly distributed. As evidenced by continuing unequal economic recovery since the COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical tensions, and slow climate response, the costs of globalization have not been sufficiently managed in policy responses.

The Global Economy and Development program at the Brookings Institution is playing its part to ensure that the future of globalization is one of broadly shared and sustainable prosperity. With its interdisciplinary team of experts, issue-focused centers, and collaboration with key partners, the Global program provides thought leadership, cutting-edge research, and actionable solutions that deepen cooperation and guide relevant policies for some of the most pressing issues of our time.

Our research focus

The Global Economy and Development program addresses key global challenges by focusing on five intersecting and interrelated priority areas:

Technology for inclusive growth and development

Explores how technological innovations can be deployed to address and even leapfrog development challenges to chart new growth paths.

Climate policy and action for sustainable and inclusive growth and development

Proposes new frameworks to assess the net benefits of low-carbon economies and offers practical solutions to safer climate economic systems.

Global education and skills development

Informs the development of policy related to global education challenges and promotes actionable strategies for governments, civil society, and private enterprises.

Sustainable development and financing for development

Empowers local, national, and global policy leaders with rigorous data-driven insights, practical tools, and accountability metrics that help accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Renewed multilateralism and international cooperation

Proposes solutions for a renewed multilateral architecture and improved international cooperation, with special emphasis on the needs of developing countries that are often left out of global debates.



Our centers and initiatives

The Global Economy and Development program achieves its goals through a number of centers, initiatives, and projects that provide cutting-edge research, thought leadership, and actionable policy solutions.

Africa Growth Initiative

The Africa Growth Initiative (AGI) at Brookings conducts high-quality, independent research, which helps establish long-term strategies for economic growth and strong policies for development in Africa. The ultimate goal of AGI's work is to inform policy that makes a difference in the lives of the people of Africa. AGI's research is designed to create strong policy capable of creating sustained economic growth and development throughout the region.

Center for Sustainable Development

The Center for Sustainable Development (CSD) is a knowledge hub and convener that helps distill key sustainable development challenges, generate leading insights, accelerate promising solutions, and equip leaders around the world to drive their own change toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and related priorities.

With the world facing a variety of crises, the SDGs continue to form a crucial reference point for charting a new course toward economic, social, and environmental progress within and across all countries by 2030.

Center for Universal Education

For the past 20 years, the Center for Universal Education (CUE) has been—and continues to be—a leading policy and research center focused on quality education and skills development for all children and youth.

Partnering and co-creating with on-the-ground education leaders around the world, CUE plays a critical role in promoting actionable research, strategies, and tools to help all learners thrive in a rapidly changing world.

General Research

Global's general research delves into some of the broader social, political, and economic issues that are crucial to its mission. On issues from artificial intelligence to global governance and trade, our general research offers innovative policy solutions and tools to help global, national, and local policymakers build more equitable and sustainable economic systems that deliver prosperity for all.





USMCA initiative

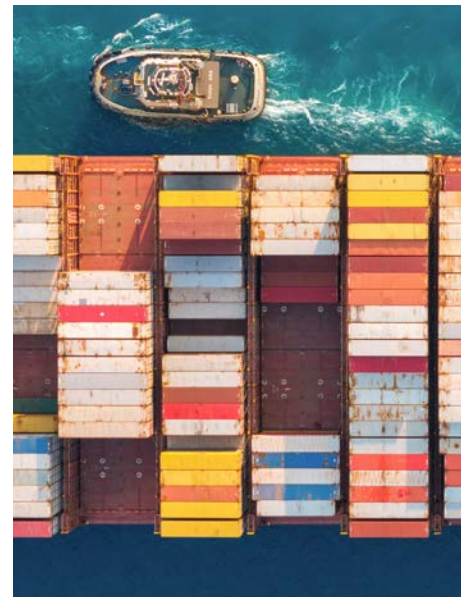
In 2020, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) came into effect, replacing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and providing a new framework for North American trade relations. The Brookings USMCA initiative works to measure the effectiveness and implementation of the agreement, as well as its impact on the policies and economies of the partner nations through forward-looking research, data, and analyses.

The Forum for Cooperation on Artificial Intelligence

The Forum for Cooperation on Artificial Intelligence (FCAI), a collaboration between the Brookings Institution and the Centre for European Policy Studies, hosts regular AI dialogues among high-level officials from seven governments (Australia, Canada, EU, Japan, Singapore, U.K., and the U.S.) as well as experts from industry, civil society, and academia, aimed at identifying opportunities for international cooperation on AI regulation, standards, and research and development.

Workforce of the Future initiative

At the core of the Workforce of the Future initiative is a body of research that uncovers local economic growth strategies to create high-wage jobs in fast-growing sectors of the economy. The research puts a spotlight on who is falling behind, where, and by how much. It also identifies career pathways that should be expanded to improve economic opportunity for those being left behind.



Our impact



Thought Leadership

As authorities in their respective fields, Global scholars and research teams conduct in-depth and forward-looking research to build knowledge, challenge existing understanding, advance relevant policies, and inform action.



Agenda Setting

The Global program and research teams highlight and deepen the public's understanding of some of the most pressing and consequential global issues and challenges.

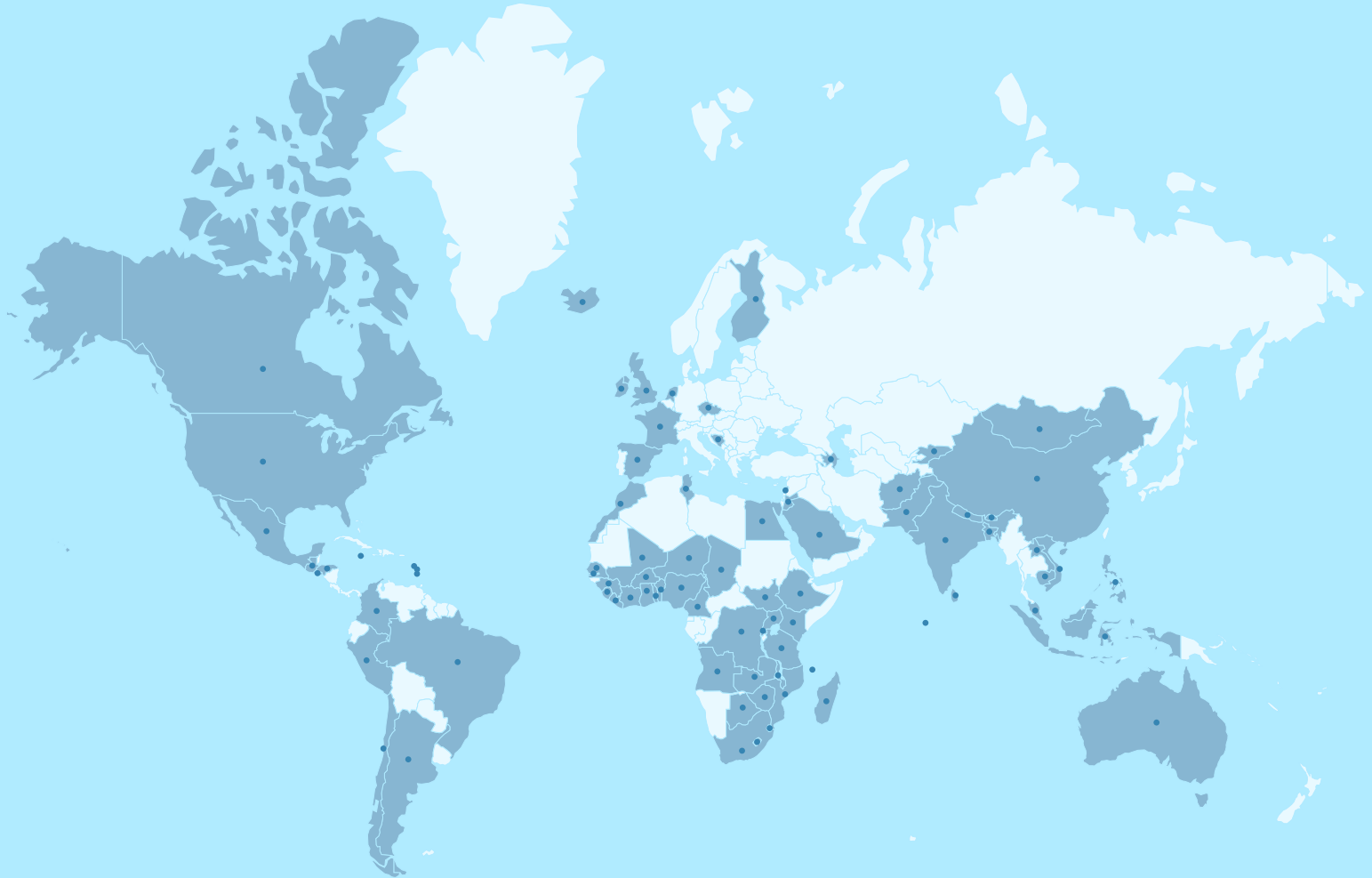


Convening Power

Through its public events and private briefings, the Global program's scholars and research teams enable, support, facilitate, and elevate important conversations, which in turn catalyze movement, inform strategies, and enable policy action.

Our research and implementation partners

The Global Economy and Development program collaborates with diverse partners around the world to enhance its research and amplify the program's impact to support communities at the local, national, and global levels.



Note: This map reflects the locations where the Global program has active work, deep partnerships, and/or where members of its extended community are located.

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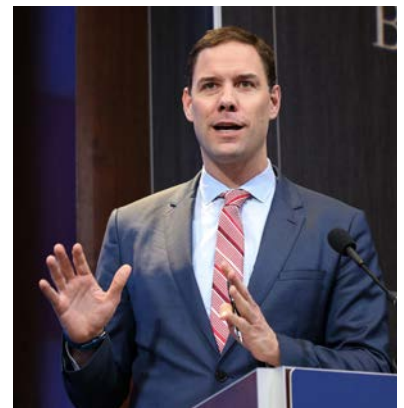
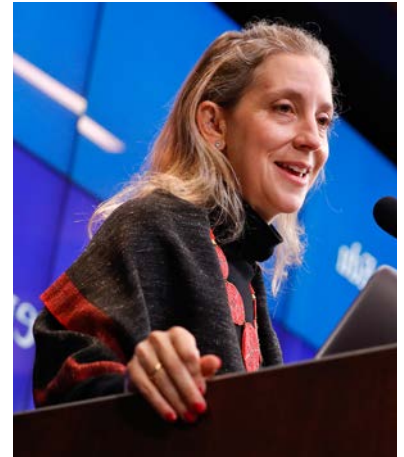
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About the Global Economy and Development program

Founded in 2006, the Global Economy and Development program at the Brookings Institution aims to play its part to ensure that the future of globalization is one of inclusive growth and shared prosperity. With an interdisciplinary team of experts and led by Vice President and Director Brahim S. Coulibaly, Global provides thought leadership, cutting-edge research, and innovative policy solutions to achieve a more equitable global economic system for sustainable prosperity, drawing on the core strengths of Brookings authoritativeness, independence, depth of practical expertise, and unparalleled convening power.

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