



Global Solutions Lab

Designing solutions for global and local problems

Global Solutions Lab Participants and Interested Applicants:

UPDATES

As you know, the 2020 Lab will be virtual. It begins in about 7 weeks, at 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 21.

This start-up day and time is a remnant of the previous Lab's in-person format. There, participants flew into Philadelphia from around the world. They started arriving on Friday. Most tried to have their flights get them in late Saturday or early on Sunday. We started the Lab late Sunday so everyone had the chance to check into their lodging and get settled.

That's not the case this year. But there are some similarities that led us to schedule the start of the Lab at 4:00 pm on Sunday. For one, we will need you all to "check-in" to the Lab's online platform ahead of the Lab's start to make sure everything is working for your computer system. This will involve you going to a site we will send and "registering"— meaning providing your name and email address. There will be nothing to download. The Lab's online platform is browser-based. (More details on this will be sent later.) There might be some unforeseen connection or computer system problem for some of you and we want make sure everything is working properly before we start the Lab and the presentations from the United Nations on Monday morning.

There are other things that need to happen before the start of the Lab. We will be sending you a series of Lab newsletters like this one that contain information (like the Lab's schedule) and links to articles and documents that could be useful in our Lab work. Some of this follows:

Design Science Primer

Tools for Changing the World

Medard Gabel and David Heeney

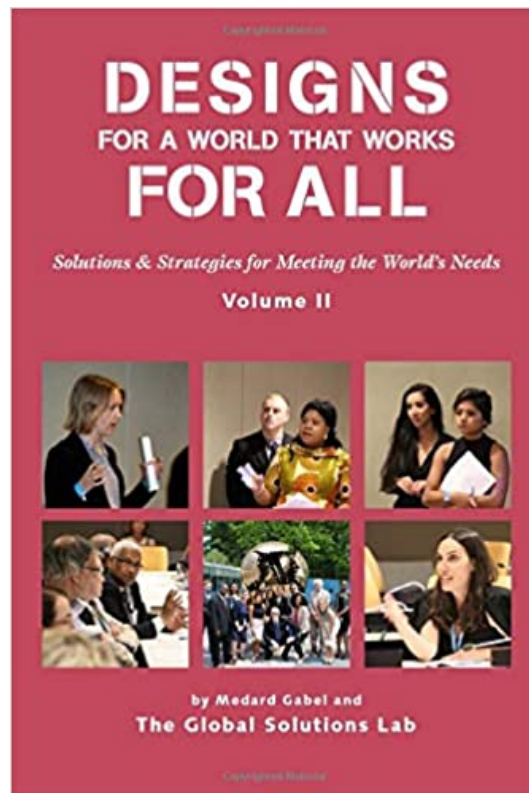
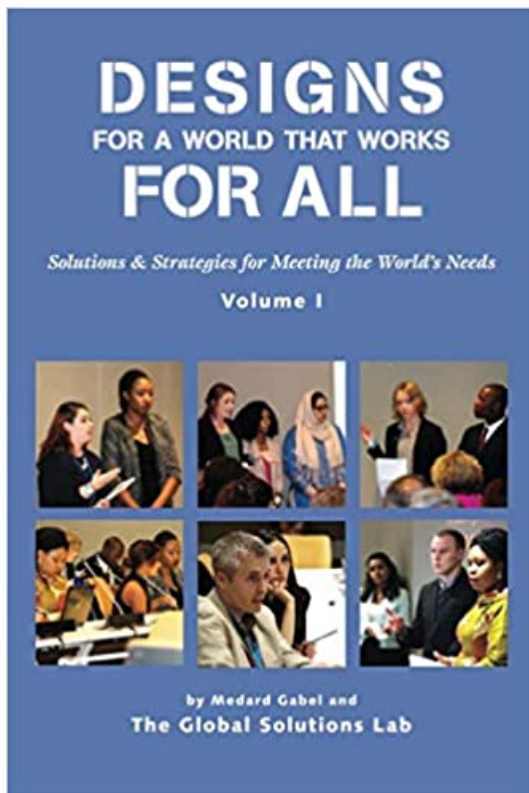


A key document at the Global Solutions Lab is the *Design Science Primer*. It encapsulates the methodology that the Lab uses in the development of strategic designs and plans for meeting the needs of the world. [This link](#) will enable you to download a copy as a PDF from the Lab's website (4.7 MB). If you would prefer a paperback version you can order it [here from Amazon](#). *Given this book's importance to what we will be doing in the Lab, please download the free copy and read it.*

Another foundational document at the Lab is the Global Solutions Lab book(s) that document the work of previous Labs (below).

Designs for a World That Works For All is also available at the [Global Solutions Lab website](#) as PDFs (7 to 8.5 MB each), and at [Amazon](#). The results of the 2020 Global Solutions Lab will be published as a book similar to these documents.

Given the size of these two documents, please download them (or order them as

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Other news and clarifications:

- The Lab's focus is climate change and pandemics. There will be a series of newsletters coming to you in the coming days and weeks that provide you with information and links on these critical global problems— and the overlap of possible solutions.
- In the initial notifications about the 2020 Virtual Global Solutions Lab there was mention of a "time commitment" that the participants would need to make to working in the Lab. The in-person Labs ran 8 to 12 hour per day for 8 days. We do not think that amount of time on-screen will be either feasible, or possibly even healthy, for some/most people. The amount of on-screen time we are now aiming for is 5 to 6 hours per day. Some of this time will be spent in a large group setting, and other times will be in small team breakout sessions. We will be paying close attention to this issue as the Lab progresses and make adjustments based on your input.

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