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**Global Solutions Lab**  
Designing solutions for global and local problems

*Global Solutions Lab Participants and Interested Applicants:*

## **NEWSLETTER #4: UPDATES**

### **Notes and thoughts on the upcoming Lab:**

- The 2020 Global Solutions Lab begins in about 5 weeks, at 4:00 pm on Sunday, June 21.
- The Lab will be in English. You will need to be able to speak and write English.
- The Lab will meet every day, from Sunday, June 21 at 4:00 pm through Monday, June 29.
- You will be spending 4, possibly up to 6 hours online or working off-line each day. Some of this time will be in a large group, some will be in small teams, some will be alone.
- The Lab is NOT a one-way webinar where we at this end are going to teach you Algebra or some other subject, then you take a test, and get a grade. There will be presentations, mostly at the front end of the Lab— on content and methodology—but then the Lab segues into a research and development format. This R&D Lab will be an environment where you will work in collaborative teams on developing solutions to climate change and/or pandemics. The solution(s) and the strategies for their implementation will be presented on the last day to a group of UN, corporate and philanthropic leaders who will provide valuable feedback. After this you will prepare your work for publication.
- The Lab is also *not* a place for you to come to with an already developed solution to some problem that you want other people to implement or further develop. Come with an open mind— to seeing the world and it's problems and possibilities from new perspectives.

thoughtful, demanding and important work we will be doing. Our goal is to develop real-world solutions to deadly problems confronting humanity.

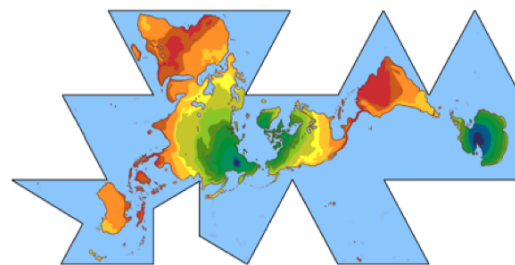
- This is the first online Global Solutions Lab. We will do the best we can to make everything work smoothly— but are confident that there will probably be 'surprises' and unforeseen problems with the technology. Your forbearance, if necessary, will be much appreciated.
- If you haven't already [registered](#), filled out your *Participant Information Form*, or paid your tuition deposit, now is the time to do it.

### Some thoughts for you— and a question:

"Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it."

— [Arundhati Roy](#).

*What do you want the world to look like?*



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