

## Result of the 2018 GSDM Symposium topic's brainstorming

TOPIC 1	
Proposed by	Lisa Hartwig
Title	Climate Change: Tide of Progress Shifts as Politics Interferes
Description	Issues surrounding climate change and international politics would be discussed by participants, especially since it will have been two years since the historic adoption of the Paris Agreement and recent U.S. withdrawal.
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topical (COP21 &amp; Trump election)</li> <li>• Interface between policy making and science</li> <li>• Good potential for interesting panellists</li> <li>• But risk of repetition due to already over-commented topic =&gt; less interest from the audience</li> </ul>

TOPIC 2	
Proposed by	Lisa Hartwig & Roberto Orsi
Title	Cybersecurity: Technological Warfare of the Future and Implications + Development of blockchain technologies
Description	Issues surrounding cybersecurity, safety, policy, and technologies + disruptive impact of blockchain technologies
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topical (May 2017 huge cyber-attack, use of blockchain by Japanese banks)</li> <li>• Good potential for national and international panellists</li> <li>• But 1) risk of being too broad and 2) may be difficult to gather a GSDM team</li> </ul>

TOPIC 3	
Proposed by	Lisa Hartwig
Title	Population Dynamics and Implications for the 21st Century
Description	Population dynamics will shape much of the 21st century as predominantly developed, aging countries decline and developing, young countries grow rapidly. How technology can contribute to sustainable growth or economic opportunities will be necessary for navigating these changes. Issues of aging, youth bulge, gender, and other issues could be discussed.
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highly topical not to say critical</li> <li>• High priority for many countries and in particular Japan =&gt; can attract prominent panellists</li> <li>• Very interdisciplinary and could involve the important number of medical and health policy students in GSDM</li> <li>• But risk of being too wide</li> </ul>

TOPIC 4	
Proposed by	Nikhil Bugalia
Title	Role of global leaders for SDGs
Description	As a member of GSDM, we should all contribute towards developing SDGs. We can have symposium identifying the need for global leader.
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interesting but needs to be more precise</li> <li>• IEL debate could help to refine the topic and choose specific directions</li> </ul>

*N.B.: The comments below were made by Prof. Yoshikawa, supervisor of the GSDM symposium and Quentin Verspieren, member of the organizing committee.*