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Preface

The tectonic shifts in the global order have forced nations to come together, transcending borders and ideologies to tackle the complex issues that confront humanity. Central to this effort is the G20, an inter-governmental platform that has emerged as a powerful facilitator of global cooperation and decision-making.

Against the backdrop of unprecedented challenges, India assumed the mantle of the G20 presidency. Guided by the timeless principle of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'—the belief that our planet is one, humanity is interconnected, and our future is shared—India embarked on a journey of leadership, collaboration, and innovation. It prioritized a people-centric approach within the G20 framework by actively engaging civil society, working towards building inclusive governance, and promoting transparency on the global stage. In line, India has played a proactive role in elevating the voices and concerns of nations in the Global South, and the accomplishments it has garnered in this regard are nothing short of remarkable.

The New Delhi Declaration, against all odds, serves as a testament to India's diplomatic ingenuity and the tireless work invested in building consensus. However, it is imperative to recognize that this declaration is not merely the result of a few days' efforts but rather the culmination of an exhaustive nearly year-long process spearheaded by India. What often escapes notice is the significant progress made over the past months in the pursuit of consensus and unified action. The core objective of this report is to chronicle these efforts and to retrace the key themes that have played a pivotal role in shaping the final declaration.



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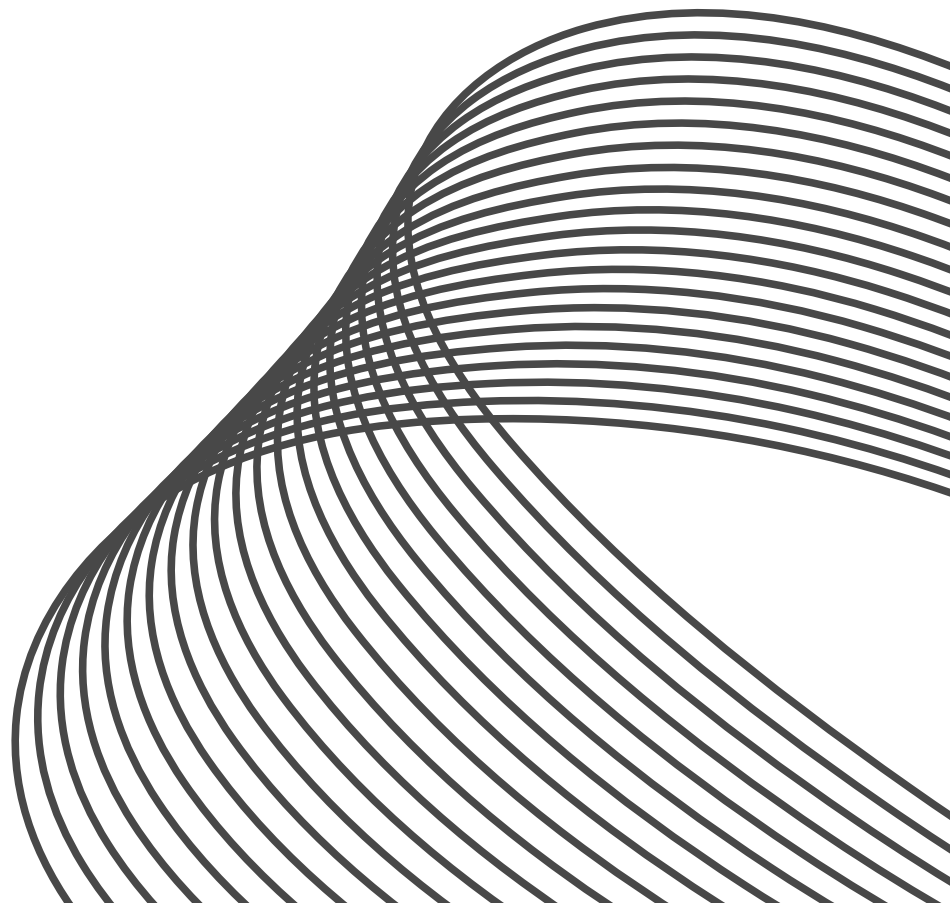
This report presents a detailed account of the deliberations, decisions, and outcomes of G20 meetings. From economic recovery and sustainable development to climate change and global health, the report presents a holistic overview of the diverse range of topics that dominated the discussions. I trust that this report will prove to be an invaluable resource for policymakers, stakeholders, and the general public. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the contributors. Their contributions have not only enriched this report but have also played a vital role in advancing the cause of diplomacy, cooperation, and a more interconnected world.

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I. INTRODUCTION



Introduction

The Group of Twenty (G20) is an inter-governmental forum that acts as a platform for major economies to convene and make decisions on global economic issues, with the aim of promoting financial stability and economic growth.

The G20 members represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population. It includes Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, EU, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, UK, USA, and now the African Union (following the G20 2023 Summit).

Objectives

- **Policy coordination** between its members to achieve global economic stability and sustainable growth
- **Promote financial regulations** that prevent future financial crises
- **Improve the international financial architecture** in an interconnected world

It was established in response to the Asian financial crisis in 1999, as well as a growing recognition that vulnerable countries were not adequately represented in global decision-making processes. After the 2007-2008 financial crisis, it was further elevated to the level of Heads of State/Government and designated as the "Premier forum for International Economic Cooperation."

Initially, it focused on broad macroeconomic issues but has since broadened its scope to include trade, climate change, sustainable development, health, agriculture, energy, environment, climate change, and anti-corruption.

Working Model

The G20 chair rotates annually among members and is chosen from a different regional grouping of countries; it consists of two parallel tracks: the Finance Track, which is led by Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, and the Sherpa Track, which is led by personal emissaries of the Leaders.

Within the two tracks are thematically oriented working groups consisting of representatives from member ministries, invited/guest countries and international organisations. There are also Engagement Groups, which bring together G20 civil societies, parliamentarians, think tanks, women, youth, labour, businesses, and researchers.

The Group does not have a permanent secretariat. The Presidency chair is part of a revolving three-member management group of past, present and future chairs referred to as the Troika. The previous chair was Indonesia, the current chair of the G20 is India and the next Chair will be Brazil.

Sherpa Track

- The Sherpa Track consists of representatives of heads of state.
- **Working groups:** Development 20, Agriculture 20, Culture 20, Anti-Corruption 20, Digital Economy 20, Disaster Risk Reduction 20, Education 20, Employment 20, Energy Transition 20, Health 20, Environment And Climate Sustainability 20, Tourism 20, and Trade And Investment 20.

Finance Track

- The Finance Track gathers the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors to discuss global economic, fiscal and monetary issues.
- **Working groups:** Framework Working Group(FWG), International Financial Architecture Working (IFA), Infrastructure Working Group (IWG), Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion(GPFI), Sustainable Finance Working Group(SFWG), International Taxation agenda, Joint Finance and Health Task Force and Financial Sector Issues.

Engagement Groups

- Comprises non-government participants from each G20 member, provides recommendations to the G20 Leaders and contributes towards the policy-making process.
- **Engagement Groups** : Business 20, Labour 20, Civil 20, Parliament 20, Science 20, Think 20, Urban 20, Youth 20, SAI, Startup 20, Women 20.

India holds the Presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023.

India's agenda at the G20 Summits has always been driven by the need to make the financial system more inclusive, avoid protectionist tendencies and, above all, ensure that the growth prospects of developing countries are not compromised.

India's G20 Priorities

- Green Development, Climate Finance & Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE)
- Accelerated, Inclusive & Resilient Growth
- Accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Technological Transformation & Digital Public Infrastructure
- Multilateral Institutions for the 21st century
- Women-led development

As affirmed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, India's G20 Presidency worked to promote a universal sense of oneness. Hence, India's theme was chosen as 'One Earth, One Family, One Future', which was Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the value of all living beings and the inter-connectedness on planet earth. The theme was also closely tied with LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), associated with environmentally sustainable and responsible choices for individual lifestyles and national development.

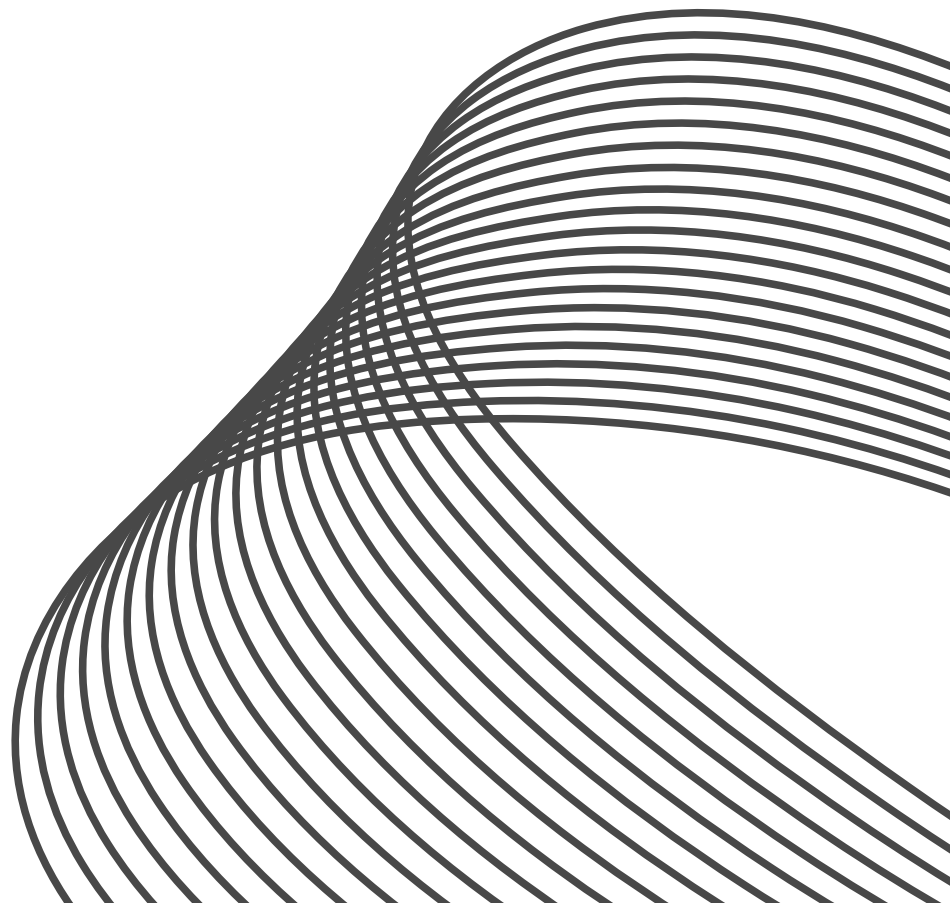
For India, the G20 Presidency also marks the beginning of "Amrit Kaal", the 25 years beginning from the 75th anniversary of its independence towards a futuristic, prosperous, inclusive and developed society, distinguished by a human-centric approach at its core.

India hosted over 200 meetings in over 50 cities across 32 different work-streams. Through these meetings, India aimed to highlight the following areas:

- Addressed the issue of climate change with an emphasis on clean energy transitions for developing countries by supporting them through climate financing and technology
- Focused on technology-enabled development through digital public infrastructure and financial inclusion.
- Strived for just and inclusive growth for the world in a sustainable, holistic, and responsible manner

The G20 member countries are committed to prioritizing multilateralism, sharing growth-promoting solutions, reshaping development plans, and meeting the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These priorities were substantively discussed in the Development Working Group (DWG) meetings, a platform for strengthening consensus on key global issues.

II. G20 Meeting Highlights December 2022



SHERPA TRACK

4th - 7th December 2022

1st Sherpa meeting, Udaipur

13th - 16th December 2022

1st Development Working Group
Meeting, Mumbai

FINANCE TRACK

13th - 15th December 2022

1st Finance & Central Bank
Deputies Meeting, Bengaluru

16th - 17th December 2022

1st Framework Working Group
Meeting, Bengaluru

20th December 2022

1st Joint Finance and Health Task
Force Meeting, Virtual

ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

27th December 2022 || Think20

Special Session on the theme 'G20 India
Presidency and Global Economic Order: Trade,
Investment and Technology Think20', Bengaluru

Meeting Highlights

4th - 7th December, Inception Meeting, Udaipur || SHERPA TRACK

The inception meeting started with an event on Transforming Lives at the Midpoint of 2030. The agenda was "Accelerating Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in an Era of Cascading and Multiple Crises."

The central theme of the meeting revolved around technological transformation, green development, and LiFE, with a particular emphasis on women-led development, accelerating the implementation of the SDGs, facilitating inclusive and resilient growth, and multilateral reforms.

India's G20 Chairmanship aimed to foster action-oriented agendas and global connections for development, all while showcasing Indian culture and hospitality at UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Overall, the conference set the tone for India's presidency and highlighted the importance of international cooperation in addressing global challenges.

13th - 16th December 2022, 1st Development Working Group Meeting, Mumbai || SHERPA TRACK

The first Development Working Group (DWG) Meeting under the Sherpa Track focused on India's key priorities relating to accelerating progress on the SDGs, LiFE and data for development. DWG has steered the alignment of the development agenda of the G20 with the SDGs. The meeting focused on :

- Green Development, including climate action and financing
- Just energy transitions and LiFE
- Accelerating implementation of SDGs
- Digital Public Goods/Data for Development.

The meeting highlighted Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and how to strengthen them. The delegates also talked about capital flows, debt distress and the importance of creating a global financial safety net. Financing Cities of Tomorrow: 'Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable' was also mentioned in the infrastructure session under Infrastructure Working Group 2023. Important discussions were made for enhancing tax transparency and multilateral capacity building on taxation and monitoring the progress of the Two-Pillar Tax Package being developed under the OECD/G20.

16th - 17th December 2022, 1st Framework Working Group Meeting, Bangaluru || FINANCE TRACK

During the two-day meeting, the member countries discussed the problems faced by the global economy due to inflation and recession post-pandemic. They brought forward the agenda of the first finance bank and central bank deputies, focusing on global issues like global uncertainties, risks, and the area of policy coordination, global economy and recession, and inflation post-pandemic.

These discussions centered on measures that can support global growth and are strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive, especially in emerging economies. This group's co-chairs were the UK and India. The main areas of concentration were current global macroeconomic issues, climate change, and goals under the energy transition. Climate change, energy shifts, and policy tools received significant attention.

20th December 2022, First Joint Finance and Health Task Force Meeting, Virtual || FINANCE TRACK

The meeting of the Joint Finance and Health Task Force under India's G20 Presidency was held under the finance track, which aimed at enhancing dialogue and global cooperation on issues relating to Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (PPR) which seeks to promote the exchange of experiences, best practices and coordination between Finance and Health Ministries.

The meeting also was co-chaired by Italy and Indonesia and was attended by Finance and Health representatives from G20-invited countries and International Organisations. 'The Bali Leaders Declaration 2022' extended the mandate of the task force to continue the collaborations between Finance and Health Ministries for PPR. The meeting prioritized 'Data for Development', which included presentations by The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and a representative of the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Technology, a representative from the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG).

LiFE was discussed as a priority of India's presidency in the G20 in the 4th Session. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) made presentations on the same topic.

13th - 15th December 2022, 1st Finance & Central Bank Deputies Meeting, Bengaluru || FINANCE TRACK

Hosted jointly by the Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India, the meeting was attended by 160 foreign delegates. Global economy and Framework Working Group priorities were discussed, and the G20 members examined the global economic challenges and their variations. The 1st Joint Finance and Health Task Force meeting started with discussions on the mandates specified by the Bali Leaders' Declaration.

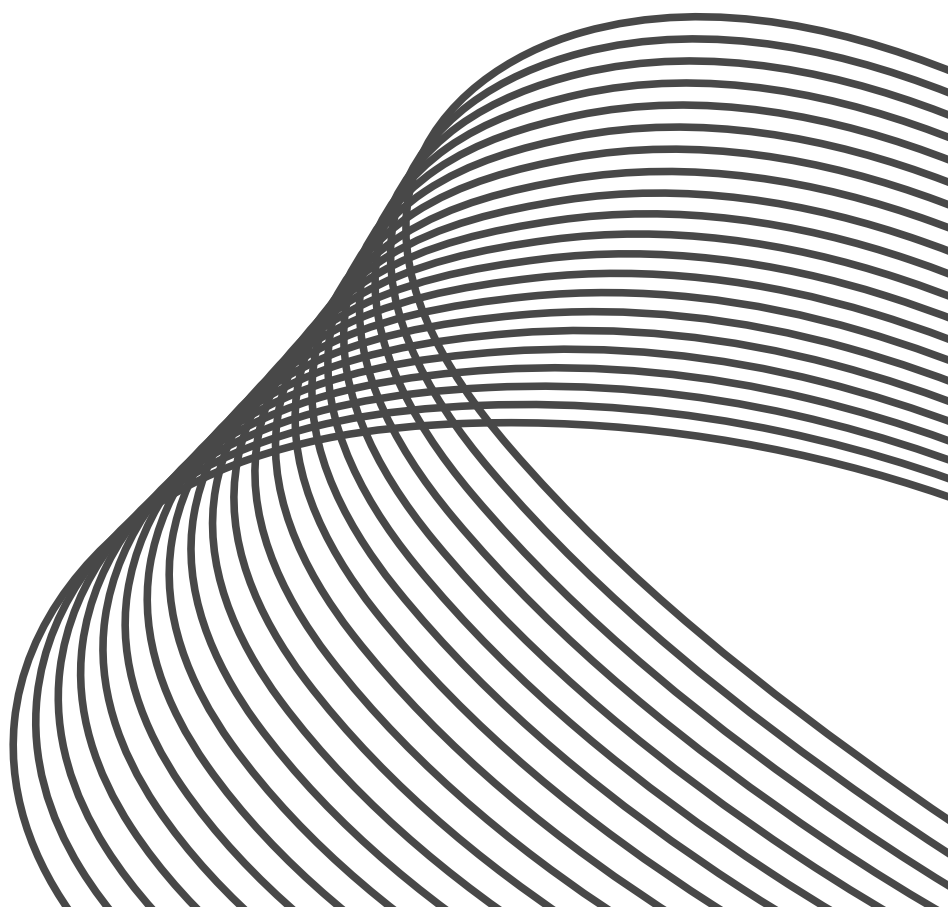
The Task Force Secretariat worked with the Indian Presidency and Co-Chairs Italy and Indonesia to draft a work plan for 2023 and beyond, designed around the Indian Presidency's Global Health Priorities for 2023. The work plan was presented for adoption during the meeting.

Discussion on strengthening global health architecture for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and working with the Secretariat and the Co-Chairs on achieving the deliverables for 2023 by the members where they expressed commitment to the Task Force's mandate as a priority.

27th December 2022 , Special Session on 'G20 India Presidency and Global Economic Order: Trade, Investment and Technology, Bengaluru || T20

The discussions covered various aspects of trade, investment, supply chain resilience, monetary synchronization, fiscal space, SDG financing, social sectors in G20, and infrastructure development finance.

III. G20 Meeting Highlights January 2023



SHERPA TRACK

18th - 20th January 2023

1st G20 Health Working Group Meeting,
Thiruvananthapuram

31st January - 2nd February 2023

1st Education Working Group Meeting,
Chennai

FINANCE TRACK

9th - 11th January 2023

1st Meeting for the Global Partnership for
Financial Inclusion (GPFI), Kolkata

16th - 17th January 2023

1st Infrastructure Working Group Meeting,
Pune

30th - 31st January 2023

1st International Financial Architecture
Working Group Meeting, Chandigarh

ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

12th January 2023 || Business20

Bio Energy Summit, New Delhi

15th - 20th January 2023 || Business20

India Participation at WEF 2023, Davos

20th January 2023 || Business20

Insurance & Pensions Summit, Mumbai

22th - 24th January 2023 || Business20

India Inception Meeting, Gandhinagar,
Gujarat

30th - 31st January 2023 || Science20

Inception Meeting, Puducherry

28th - 29th January 2023 || Startup20

Inception Meeting, Hyderabad

12th January 2023 || Think20

Roundtable on Finance, Technology, People &
Partnerships: The Building Blocks of Energy
Transition, New Delhi

13th - 14th January 2023 || Think20

Inception Conference, New Delhi

16th - 17th January 2023 || Think20

Think20 Global Governance with LiFE, Values
and Wellbeing | Fostering Cooperation in
Framework, Finance and Technology, Bhopal

ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

17th - 18th January 2023 || Think20

14th South Asia Conference on Think20 G20: Towards
A Resilient South Asia, New Delhi

30th January 2023 || Think20

Panel Discussion on Towards Reformed Multilateralism:
Transforming Global Institutions and Frameworks, Pune

Meeting Highlights

9th - 11th January 2023, 1st Meeting on Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI), Kolkata || FINANCE TRACK

The primary focus of the meetings under GPFI was to unlock the potential of digital public infrastructure for the advancement of financial inclusion and productivity gains. Discussions were held on the role of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in promoting financial inclusion, lowering remittance costs, assessing implementation progress, and advancing financing for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

12th January 2023, Bioenergy Summit, New Delhi || B20

The summit provided a platform for innovators and a roadmap for the future of clean and green energy solutions. Additionally, it underscored the significance of biofuels in the broader sustainability agenda. The event featured Shri Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, as a key speaker.

With India assuming the presidency of the G20, the summit served as an opportunity to catalyze action on a national scale and build momentum for the upcoming G20 summit later in the year. Discussions centered around addressing global challenges, including climate change and sustainable development, with a focus on integrating the bioenergy sector into global trade policies.

12th January 2023, Roundtable on Finance, Technology, People & Partnerships: The Building Blocks of Energy Transition, New Delhi || T20

The roundtable's central themes were Finance, Technology, People, and Partnerships, which emphasized the importance of a clean, affordable, and inclusive energy transition to achieve the 2030 SDGs. It was also realized that there is a need to reflect on the G20 countries' needs, priorities, and national circumstances in driving the clean energy transition.

13th - 14th January 2023, Inception Conference, New Delhi || T20

The Think20 Inception Conference was the first of the key T20 Convenings under India's G20 Presidency, laying the groundwork for what Think20 India aims to achieve during the year. The Conference involved groups of think tanks, research institutions, and members of the Task Forces that are a part of the T20 India process.

The two-day conference featured panel discussions and breakout sessions for each Task Force. During the course of two days, members of each Task Force presented their ideas and priorities, as well as the Plan of Action.

16th - 17th January 2023, 1st Infrastructure Working Group (IWG) Meeting, Pune || FINANCE TRACK

The 2-day meeting was attended by 64 delegates from 18 member countries of the G20 IWG. The Plenary sessions mainly focused on "Financing Cities of Tomorrow - Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable". The delegates discussed various facets like developing cities as the economic centers of growth, financing urban infrastructure, the role of cities in meeting sustainability targets and environmentally sustainable infrastructure, and mitigating social imbalances.

A High-Level Workshop on "Financing of Cities of Tomorrow" was held concurrently with the Pune meeting, where more than 15 international experts reviewed topics relating to city financing. The workshop focused on the infrastructure and the technical and managerial capabilities required to build Tomorrow's Cities.

16th - 17th January 2023, Global Governance with LiFE, Values and Wellbeing Fostering Cooperation in Framework, Finance and Technology, Bhopal || T20

Over the course of two days, sessions were held to discuss various topics pertaining to Global Governance with LiFE, Values, and well-being. Fostering Cooperation in Framework, Finance and Technology.

The following themes were discussed in five plenary sessions: (i) 'Life, value and development transformation', (ii) Financing resilient infrastructure and sustainable transition towards life, (iii) Towards inclusive G20, (iv) Role of triangular cooperation in localisation of SDGs, (v) New complementarities in trade and value chains.

In total, there were ten parallel sessions, out of which five parallel sessions were held on the topics- (i) Institutional framework for life, (ii) Investing in children as an investment in future, (iii) Financing resilient cities and societies, (iv) Economic systems transformation, (v) One health wellness and traditional medicine. The remaining five parallel sessions were conducted on the topics (vi) Ethics in technology, (vii) Women and youth-led development, (viii) Green energy and logistics, (ix) Industrial transformation, (x) Going beyond GDP-well-being measurement.

16th - 20th January 2023, B20 India Participation at WEF 2023, Davos, Switzerland || B20

The 52nd World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting convened in Davos, Switzerland, from January 16 to 20, 2023, marking the first full meeting of its kind since the pre-pandemic era (winter Davos). The theme for this significant gathering was "Cooperation in a Fragmented World."

India's representation at this milestone year for its G20 Presidency was notable, with one of the largest contingents at the Forum. The ministerial delegation included four cabinet ministers. In addition to the ministers, the Indian Government was represented by top officials. The event also saw strong participation from three State Governments. During the sessions, discussions revolved around the global economy and trade, India's economic growth, digital economy, and initiatives like Ayushman Bharat in the healthcare sector.

17th - 18th January 2023, 14th South Asia Conference: Towards A Resilient South Asia || T20

The conference brought together a diverse group of policymakers, academics, civil society actors, and young professionals from across the South Asian region to examine and debate issues of mutual concern and interest.

Over the course of various sessions, the following themes were discussed: (i) Country Perspectives on Climate, Economic, Gender & Energy Concerns, (ii) Energy Transition, Climate Adaptability, Agricultural Produce, Water Resource and Disaster Management, (iii) Boosting Resilience and Regional Growth, (iv) Looking Ahead.

18th - 20th January 2023, 1st Health Working Group meeting, Thiruvananthapuram || SHERPA TRACK

As the G20 Presidency Chair, India had aimed to build on previous health priorities and key takeaways while highlighting areas needing reinforcement. India intended to achieve convergence in discussions across various multilateral forums engaged in health cooperation and work towards integrated action.

In this meeting, three key priority areas were identified - (i) Health Emergencies Prevention, Preparedness and Response, (ii) Strengthening Cooperation in Pharmaceutical Sector with a focus on Access and Availability to safe, effective, quality and Affordable Medical Countermeasures (Vaccines, Therapeutics and Diagnostics), (iii) Digital Health Innovations and Solutions to Aid Universal Health Coverage and Improve Healthcare Service Delivery.

20th January 2023, Insurance & Pensions Summit, Mumbai || B20

The theme for the Summit was "Insurance and Pensions: A Vehicle for Country's Growth." The topics of discussion covered during the day-long Summit were – (i) Evolving Regulatory reforms for Sustainable long-term growth, (ii) Insurance and Pensions: A Vehicle for Country's Growth, (iii) Digital Commerce – Seizing the distribution opportunity to drive growth, (iv) Global Trends in Insurance and view on Indian Market, (iv) Insurtech: A force multiplier for sustainable, profitable growth.

22nd - 24th January 2023, B20 India Inception Meeting, Gandhinagar || B20

B20 India focused on aligning dialogues to generate consensus and propose resilient and inclusive recommendations to the G20. Operating under the theme "R.A.I.S.E, Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, and Equitable Businesses," B20 India works through taskforces and action councils to craft policy recommendations in line with the broader vision of B20 and G20, emphasizing inclusivity and sustainability as the fundamental drivers of growth.

The B20 India Inception Meeting marked the official commencement of work for the taskforces and action councils under B20 India. It provided a platform for discussions on pressing global issues. The Public Sessions of the Inception Meeting occurred on January 23, 2023, at the Mahatma Mandir, attended by Ministers, senior government officials, business leaders, and influential policymakers.

28th - 29th January 2023, Inception Meeting, Hyderabad || STARTUP20

The aim of the Startup20 Engagement Group is to create a global narrative for supporting startups and enabling synergies between startups, corporates, investors, innovation agencies, and other key ecosystem stakeholders. The engagement group comprises three task forces – Foundation and Alliance; Finance; and Inclusion and Sustainability, where delegates will come together to discuss efficient policy frameworks to promote the scaling up of startups in G20 nations.

The meeting laid the foundation for discussions on crucial G20 nation-level startup issues. Topics included harmonizing startup-related definitions and terminologies, establishing institutional mechanisms to foster alliances within startup ecosystems across G20 nations, promoting patient capital investment in startups, creating a policy framework to streamline investment mechanisms among G20 member nations, enhancing support for women-led startups and organizations, and encouraging startups dedicated to inclusivity and achieving the SDGs.

30th January 2023, Panel Discussion on 'Towards Reformed Multilateralism: Transforming Global Institutions and Frameworks', Pune || T20

The aim of the discussion was to define approaches to strengthen multilateralism. Expanding the representation of the Global South in UN-led multilateral institutions has been at the top of this

agenda. To address this, suggestions were made for implementing reforms at WHO, WTO, and ILO, advancing the multilateral agenda and creating new frameworks for fostering greater digital cooperation.

30th - 31st January 2023, 1st Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting, Chandigarh || FINANCE TRACK

Discussions were jointly driven by the Ministry of Finance, the Reserve Bank of India, and Co-chairs France and Korea. The objective of the meeting was to find ways to make the international economic system more stable and secure, and capable of supporting vulnerable countries. Towards this end, two key approaches were highlighted- (i) Strengthening multilateral development banks, (ii) Address issues associated with heavily indebted countries.

30th - 31st January 2023, Inception Meeting, Puducherry || S20

Under the theme 'Disruptive Science for Sustainable Development,' the S20 Communique addressed key subthemes: 'Clean Energy for a Greener Future,' 'Universal and Holistic Health,' and 'Science for Society and Culture.' These areas aimed to tackle critical challenges and develop science-driven solutions for sustainable development. During the S20 Summit, sessions were dedicated to finalizing the text of the Science20 Communique. This draft Communique provides policymakers with science-driven recommendations, emphasizing the importance of collaboration among G20 nations.

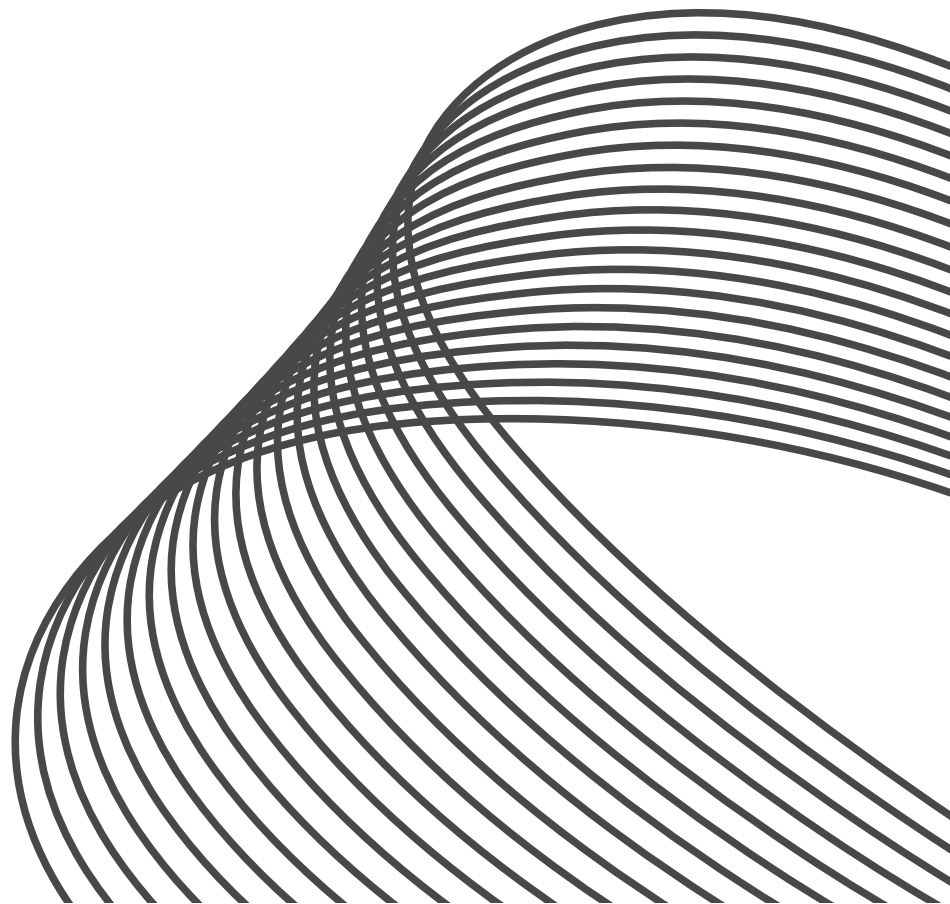
Furthermore, the S20 advocated the launch of a Global Digital Heritage Initiative, focused on preserving global heritage through digital and cyber-physical technologies. This initiative signifies a transformative approach to safeguard and expand access to the cultural and historical treasures of G20 countries and beyond.

Additionally, the S20 recommended establishing an International Platform on Emerging Disruptive Technologies, a pivotal knowledge-sharing platform at the nexus of science, technology, law, and policy.

31st January - 2nd February 2023, 1st Education Working Group Meeting, Chennai || SHERPA TRACK

The meeting aimed to promote research and academic collaboration among educational institutions in G20 member countries. The Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, introduced the four upcoming meetings focusing on priority areas like Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, Tech-enabled learning, Future of work, and Research and Innovation Collaboration. These meetings also featured seminars and exhibitions.

IV.
G20 Meeting
Highlights
February 2023



SHERPA TRACK

2nd February- 4th February 2023

1st Employment Working Group Meeting,
Jodhpur

5th- 7th February 2023

1st Energy Transitions Working Group
Meeting, Bengaluru

7th- 9th February 2023

1st Tourism Working Group Meeting,
Rann of Kutch

9th- 11th February 2023

Environment and Climate Working Group
Meeting, Bengaluru

13th-15th February 2023

Agriculture Working Group Meeting, Indore

13th-15th February 2023

Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG)
Meeting, Lucknow

23rd- 25th February 2023

1st Culture Working Group Meeting,
Khajuraho

FINANCE TRACK

2nd - 4th February 2023

1st Sustainable Finance Working
Group Meeting, Guwahati

22nd - 25th February 2023

1st FMCBG and 2nd FCBD
Meeting, Bengaluru

ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

3rd February 2023 || Think20

Youth Engagement: Geopolitics of
Multilateralism, Kolkata

3rd February 2023 || Think20

Green Investment Dialogue: Accelerating
India's Cleantech Ecosystem & Opportunities
from India's G20 Presidency, Mumbai

6th-8th February 2023 || Youth20

Inception Meeting, Guwahati

8th February 2023 || Think20

Fourth Bilateral Dialogue on India-Israel Ties in
the Evolving Global Order, New Delhi

9th-10th February 2023 || Urban20

City Sherpas' Inception meeting, Ahmedabad

10th February 2023 || Think20

Roundtable on Scaling Up Sustainable Finance
in India, New Delhi

17th-19th February 2023 || Business20

Conference on Opportunities for Multilateral
Business Partnerships in ICT, Medical Tourism,
Healthcare & Handlooms sectors, Imphal

23rd February 2023 || Business20

Green Conclave 2023, Mumbai

25th February 2023 || Youth20

Youth20 Consultation, Vadodara

27th-28th February 2023 || Women20

1st Inception Meet, Aurangabad.

Meeting Highlights

2nd - 4th February 2023, 1st Employment Working Group Meeting, Jodhpur || SHERPA TRACK

The meeting focused on three key thematic areas: addressing global skill gaps, exploring gig and platform economy dynamics, and enhancing social protection with a focus on sustainable funding for social security initiatives.

Outcomes from the discussions included the establishment of an international skill gap mapping portal for skill demand assessment, a framework for skills and qualifications harmonization with common taxonomies, and extending social protection coverage to gig and platform workers.

Additionally, discussions aimed to enhance national statistical capacities for capturing gig and platform work and aid in effective data collection, develop policy options for sustainable financing of social security, and provide prioritized policy recommendations on welfare entitlements based on fiscal space.

2nd - 4th February 2023, 1st Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting (SFWG), Guwahati || FINANCE TRACK

The meeting focused on 3 priority areas:

- Mechanization of timely and adequate resources for climate finance: There was agreement that the public sector and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) could play critical roles in mobilizing finance at scale and at a reasonable cost.
- Enabling finance for the Sustainable Development Goals: To achieve the SDGs by 2030, sustainable finance needs to be scaled up in developing countries. SFWG is working to create an analytical framework for financing specific SDGs and compile case studies of best practices in financing from different countries and organizations.
- Capacity building of the ecosystem for financing sustainable development: The last priority is capacity building of the ecosystem for financing sustainable development based on the recognition that there is a lack of adequate knowledge and a scarcity of skilled professionals and workforce in sustainable finance.

The meeting ended with the decision to develop a G20 Sustainable Finance Technical Assistance

Action Plan (TAAP) by SFGW. It would include identifying and analysing existing capacity-building activities, identifying the existing sustainable finance skill gaps, and giving suggestions to IOs, MDBs, and INGOs for capacity-building services and forming a global network for sustainable finance capacity building

3rd February 2023, Youth Engagement: Geopolitics of Multilateralism, Kolkata || T20

Scholars and students from the Departments of International Relations and Economics attended the event. The event was intended to familiarize students with the workings of the G20 and the reach, impact, and significance of the T20 platform as a G20 Ideas Bank.

In addition to geopolitical concerns, the discussion focused on Regional Trade Agreements and India's growth story, creating an opportunity for a cross-disciplinary discussion on key geopolitical and geoeconomic aspects of India's foreign policy outreach.

3rd February 2023, Green Investment Dialogue: Accelerating India's Cleantech Ecosystem & Opportunities from India's G20 Presidency, Mumbai || T20

The overall dialogue was split into two roundtable discussions focussed on key topics relevant to greening India's financial systems:

- Roundtable 1: Financing India's Emerging Climate Tech Ecosystem
- Roundtable 2: G20 and Climate Finance: Enabling Greater International Finance for India's Green Transition

The dialogue provided an excellent opportunity to advocate for reforms to the international financial architecture that would allow capital to flow to India and the Global South. Accelerated domestic and international capital flows can underpin the pace and success of India's green transition as the country pivots towards a green growth model. The G20 agenda specifies the roles of public and private investment sources in catalyzing green growth in India and calls for reforms to existing Bretton Woods institutions.

5th - 7th February 2023, 1st Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting, Bengaluru || SHERPA TRACK

Participants in the meeting agreed that energy transition should be tailored to each country's energy base and potential.

They acknowledged that fossil fuels will still be used in most countries for the next 15 to 20 years, while renewable energy will gradually increase. Grid connections such as "One Sun, One World, One Grid" were highlighted to utilize available energy sources better. Energy efficiency, managing fuel prices, and reducing carbon dioxide emissions were emphasized. India signed an MoU with the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle Joint Business Council to promote sustainable practices.

6th - 8th February 2023, Inception Meeting, Guwahati || Y20

Youth 20 (Y20) is an official consultation forum where youth from all G20 member. The inception meeting focused on themes of Y20 that is to be discussed in the three day event, which includes, Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st century; Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability as a Way of Life; Peace Building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War; Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance; Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth.

The five themes of Y20 are as follows:

- Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century Skills
- Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life
- Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance
- Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War
- Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth

These themes were discussed over the course of the three-day event, providing an exceptional opportunity for the youth to create, contribute, and collaborate on the G20 development agenda. The goal of the meeting was to consult the nation's youth on ideas for a better tomorrow and outline an action plan based on five identified Y20 themes.

7th - 9th February 2023, 1st Tourism Working Group Meeting, Rann of Kutch || SHERPA TRACK

Themed around 'Rural Tourism for Community Empowerment and Poverty Alleviation', the discussions focused on best practices, success stories, prospects, and issues in rural tourism. The following five priorities were also identified-

- Green Tourism
- Digitalization: Harnessing the power to promote competitiveness and sustainability;
- Skill Development: Empowering youth with skills for jobs and entrepreneurship in the tourism sector;

- Tourism MSMEs: Nurturing tourism MSMEs / Start-ups/ private sector to unleash innovation and dynamism in the tourism sector;
- Destination Management: “Rethinking the strategic management of destinations towards a holistic approach that delivers on the SDGs”.

Speakers highlighted the conservation of Archaeological sites, the challenges faced, and the benefits of promoting archaeological tourism for the sustainable livelihoods of local communities.

9th - 10th February 2023, City Sherpas' Inception meeting, Ahmedabad || SHERPA TRACK

The recent meeting held to discuss the critical issues surrounding the harnessing of cities' economic potential in a sustainable manner was a pivotal gathering that brought together policymakers, experts, and stakeholders from around the world. The meeting took place against the backdrop of two significant international conferences, COP-27 on climate change and COP-15 on biodiversity, which had highlighted the urgency of addressing urban resilience and sustainability in the face of global challenges.

During the meeting, the participants underscored the pressing need to rethink traditional urban planning models. It was recognized that the rapidly growing process of urbanization demands innovative approaches to ensure that cities can not only thrive economically but also become resilient hubs capable of withstanding the impacts of climate change and other global stressors.

9th - 11th February 2023, 1st Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting, Bengaluru || SHERPA TRACK

The meeting had three objectives-

- Arresting Land Degradation, Accelerating Ecosystem Restoration
- Enriching Biodiversity; Promoting a Sustainable
- Climate Resilient Blue Economy and Encouraging Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy.

The session was based on how to improve the Global Biodiversity Framework and repair anthropogenically impacted land-based ecosystems, the development of circular economies in various industries, including steel and bio-waste, and the role of extended producer responsibility. The panelists discussed a wide range of issues, such as marine litter, conservation and enhancement of coastal and marine ecosystems, and marine spatial planning.

The delegates extended their support for the sustainable use of the ocean and acknowledged that

sustaining ocean carbon sequestration capacity, enhancing climate resilience, and fostering a robust blue economy would help sustain the livelihoods of nearby coastal communities that depend on these. The value of the LiFE (Lifestyles for Environment) Principles was highlighted, underlining how adopting new habits will help keep the oceans clean and healthy by promoting the use of sustainable alternatives to single-use plastics and preventing littering.

10th February 2023, Roundtable on Scaling Up Sustainable Finance in India, New Delhi || T20

The roundtable focused on the next steps for scaling up sustainable finance in India. The challenges of achieving sustainable finance targets at the national, regional, and international levels and those affecting specific groups were also discussed. This will contribute to the creation of a toolkit for sustainable finance.

Existing sources of finance will need to be scaled up for India to achieve SDGs while also meeting the energy transition demands. Domestic sources of finance have been observed to be critical for NDC financing, with more than 80% of funds raised domestically. Furthermore, the private sector contributed 59% of NDC-related finance. As a result, it was realised that regulatory and policy responses could serve as enablers.

13th - 15th February 2023, 1st Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) Meeting, Lucknow || SHERPA TRACK

During the 1st DEWG Meeting, India launched several significant initiatives. These include the "Stay Safe Online" campaign, aimed at raising awareness about cyber risks and educating citizens of all age groups on online safety. Another initiative, the G20 Digital Innovation Alliance (G20-DIA), aims to support and recognize innovative digital technologies developed by startups from G20 countries and beyond. It also includes the G20-DIA Summit in Bengaluru, which will focus on critical areas such as Agri-tech, Health-tech, Ed-tech, Fin-tech, Secured Digital Infrastructure, and Circular Economy.

Furthermore, the "Digital Payment" campaign was introduced to promote digital payments across the country, with special events held in cities like Lucknow, Pune, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru as part of the G20's DEWG meetings.

An additional noteworthy development was the launch of the Immersive Digital Mobile Van by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh on February 2, 2023. This van will tour 45 pre-identified destinations

in Lucknow, providing an interactive and immersive experience showcasing India's digital transformation journey, with a focus on financial inclusion, universal healthcare, inclusive education, and more.

13th - 15th February 2023, 1st Agriculture Deputies Meeting (ADM) of the Agriculture Working Group, Indore || SHERPA TRACK

The sessions covered four different themes -

- food security and nutrition
- sustainable agriculture with a climate-smart approach
- inclusive agricultural value chains and food systems
- digitalization for agricultural transformation

Global Framework on Food Security and Nutrition was presented by Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW). Technical sessions were held on different topics like Sustainable Agriculture with Climate Smart Approach, Agricultural Value Chains and Food Systems, and Digitalisation for Agricultural Transformation.

17th - 19th February 2023, Conference on Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnerships in ICT, Medical Tourism, Healthcare & Handlooms sectors, Imphal || B20

The conference focused on opportunities for multilateral business partnerships in ICT, Medical Tourism, Healthcare & Handlooms sectors. It also highlighted opportunities for collaboration and Investments in the Tourism and Hospitality sector. B20 India has scheduled programs in the North East region of India, including the states of Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Sikkim, to showcase investment potential and opportunities for business partnerships in industry sectors where these states have core strength.

22nd - 25th February 2023, 1st FMCBG and 2nd FCBD Meeting, Bengaluru || FINANCE TRACK

The two days meeting was attended by 72 delegates, including finance ministers and central bank governors of the G20 members. The first G20 FMCBG meeting's discussions were intended to provide a strategic roadmap for the various work streams of the G20 finance track in 2023.

They discussed topics such as leveraging digital public infrastructure (DPI) to advance financial inclusion and productivity gains, strengthening multilateral development banks (MDBs) to address

shared global challenges in the twenty-first century, and financing resilient, inclusive, and sustainable "cities of tomorrow."

The G20 countries reaffirmed their commitment to promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth through enhanced international policy cooperation.

While acknowledging ongoing challenges to global growth, the importance of balanced monetary, fiscal, financial, and structural policies was emphasized. It was also recognized that security issues, such as the Ukraine crisis, can have significant economic consequences, although the G20 is not the appropriate forum for resolving such issues. The document stated, "Most members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine and stressed that it is causing immense human suffering and exacerbating existing fragilities in the global economy – constraining growth, increasing inflation, disrupting supply chains, heightening energy and food insecurity, and elevating financial stability risks. There were other views and different assessments of the situation and sanctions."

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23rd February 2023, Green Conclave, Mumbai || B20

The conclave showcased promising solutions and technologies related to sustainable development, providing insights into how going green can benefit industries and organizations. The focus was on success stories in addressing long-term global environmental issues.

Key Sessions included:

- Inaugural Session- Accelerating the Transition to Sustainability
- Session I: Evolution of ESG as a Value Creator for India Inc.
- Session II: The Role of Hydrogen in Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Strategies
- Session III: Sustainable Manufacturing – Driving the Future of Smart & Sustainable Mobility
- Session IV: Focus on Net-ZERO

23rd - 25th February 2023 1st Cultural Working Group meeting, Khajuraho || SHERPA TRACK

In the meeting, India proposed four primary topics for this meeting:

- Sustainable Future's Living Heritage
- Utilization of Digital Technology for the Protection and Promotion of Culture
- Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries and the Creative Economy.

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25th February 2023, Y20 Consultation, Vadodara || Y20

The event comprised four plenary sessions that delved into critical topics, namely the pivotal role of youth in climate change and disaster risk reduction, cutting-edge research and innovation related to climate change, sharing experiences and best practices, and advocating for sustainability as a way of life. Esteemed panellists from diverse fields, including environmental science, climatology, water and natural resources management, and more, graced the occasion. Youth 20 (Y20) is an official consultation forum facilitating dialogues between youth from all G20 member countries.

Y20 strives to encourage youth as future leaders to raise awareness of global issues, exchange ideas, engage in debates, negotiate, and achieve consensus on pertinent matters.

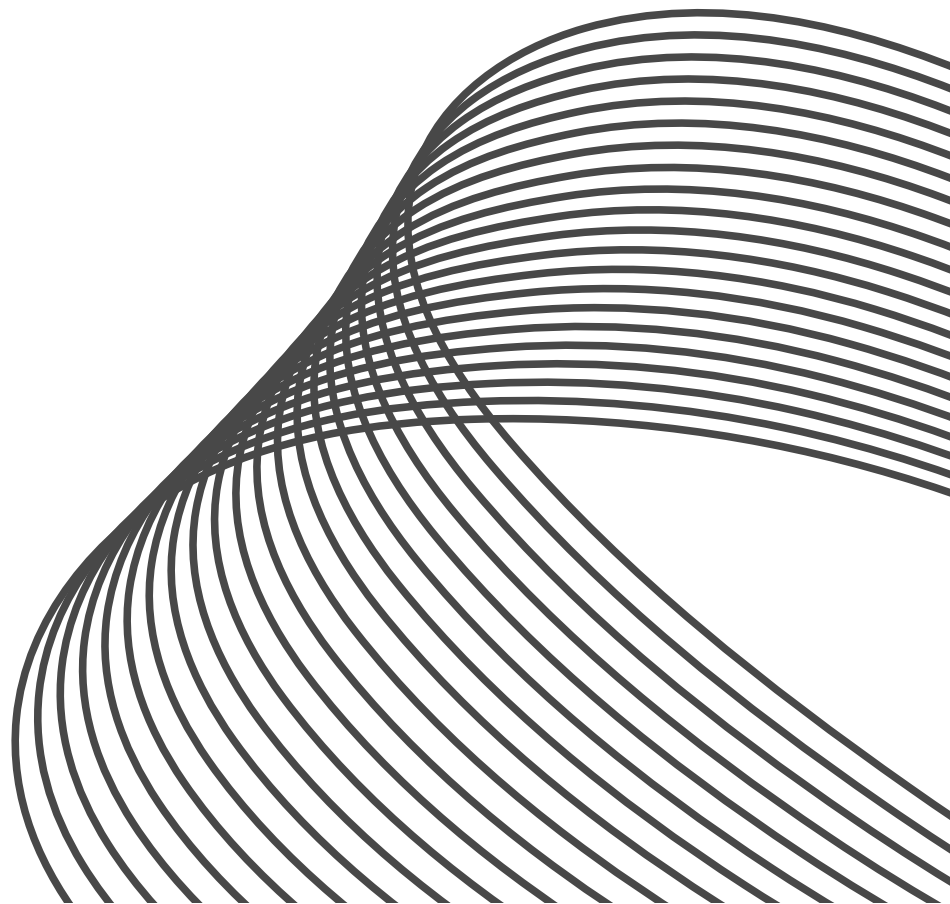
27th - 28th February 2023, W20 Inception Meet, Aurangabad || W20

The W20 inception meeting, which was centered around the theme of "Pursuit of gender equality, equity, and dignity for women-led development," brought together around 100 delegates representing G20 nations, guest countries, and international organizations.

The five priority areas of W20 under India's Presidency were identified as: (i) Women in Entrepreneurship (ii) Women Leadership at the Grassroots (iii) Bridging the Gender Digital Divide (iv) Education & Skill Development and Women (v) Girls as change makers Climate Resilience Action.

The goal of the meeting was to ensure the continuity of the W20 agenda and to establish a more robust W20 global and national network. During various panel discussions, the participants deliberated on empowering women in nano, micro & start-up enterprises; the role of women as change makers in climate resilience action; creating an enabling ecosystem for women leaders at the grassroots; improving access through infrastructure and skill to bridge the gender digital divide; creating pathways for education, skill development and entrepreneurship; and on women-led development in India. The stories of unconventional women in India breaking barriers in different fields, including in the Indian Navy in grassroots entrepreneurship, were also shared with the delegates. The panel discussion had the theme 'Breaking the Barriers: Stories of Unconventional Women', during which Women Officers of the Indian Navy and spouses of senior serving Naval Officers shared their experiences and association with the Indian Navy. The stories were inspirational and embodied Nari Shakti in their true form.

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G20 Meeting
Highlights
March 2023



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1st-4th March 2023

First Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting (ACWG), Gurugram

15th-17th March 2023

Second Educational Working Group Meeting, Amritsar.

27th-29th March 2023

2nd Environment and Climate Working Group Meeting, Gandhinagar

28th-30th March 2023

1st Trade & Investment Working Group Meeting, Mumbai

29th-31st March 2023

2nd Agriculture Working Group Meeting, Chandigarh

30th March- 1st April 2023

1st Disaster Management Working Group Meeting, Gandhinagar

30th March- 2nd April 2023

2nd Sherpa Track meeting, Kumarakom

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6th - 7th March 2023

2nd Meeting for the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion, Hydrabad

20th March 2023 -

2nd Joint Finance-Health Task Force Meeting, Virtual

21st-23rd March, 2023

2nd Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting, Udaipur

24th - 25th March, 2023

2nd Framework Working Group Meeting, Chennai

28th-29th March, 2023

2nd Infrastructure Working Group Meeting, Visakhapatnam

30th-31st March, 2023

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MINISTERS MEETING

1st-2nd March 2023

G20 Foreign Ministers meeting, Delhi

ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

28th February - 1st March 2023 || Business20

CII India Europe Business & Sustainability Conclave, New Delhi

1st March 2023 || Business20

Towards a new carbon market regime: Perspectives from India and the world, Mumbai

1st March 2023 || Think20

Global Economic Governance for Green Industrial Transformation, New Delhi

1st March 2023 || Business20 & Think20

T20-B20-WRI-CII Joint Event on Carbon Markets, Mumbai

1st - 3rd March 2023 || Business20

Conference on Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnerships in Urban Planning, Infrastructure, Bamboo & Skill Development, Aizawl

5th March 2023 || Think20

Global Think Tank Town Hall, New Delhi

10th March 2023 || Business20

16th CII Corporate Governance Summit, Mumbai

11th March 2023 || Youth20

Youth20 Consultation, Pune

13th - 15th March 2023 || Urban20

U20-Y20 National Youth Conclave, New Delhi

13th - 15th March 2023 || Supreme Audit Institutions20

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15th - 17th March 2023 || Business20

DX Summit, New Delhi

18th - 19th March 2023 || Startup20

Sikkim Event: Draft Stage of all Task Forces, Gangtok

19th - 20th March 2023 || Labour20

1st Labour 20 (L20) meeting, Amritsar

20th - 21st March 2023 || Think20

Interlinkage of G20 and SDG Challenges, Solutions and Way Forward, Manipal

20th - 23th March 2023 || Civil20

C20 Inception conference, Nagpur

23rd - 24th March 2023 || Think20

Just Energy Transition Dialogue, New Delhi

24th March 2023 || Business20

CII CFO Conclave, Mumbai

24th March 2023 || Youth20

Youth20 Consultation, Lucknow

Meeting Highlights

28th February - 1st March 2023, CII India-Europe Business & Sustainability Conclave, New Delhi || B20

The Conclave focused on the strategic role of India-Europe partnership in changing geopolitical scenarios, strengthening bilateral engagements, and discussing emerging economic opportunities. It was concluded that given the significant growth in total commerce between India and Europe in recent years, it may be a good time for both nations to step up economic cooperation and advance an ambitious trade agenda designed to further broaden and deepen bilateral ties. Apart from strengthening trade and investment relations, an important focus area is sustainability, enabling India and Europe to combat climate change together and achieve respective climate goals, promote high environmental standards, and expand the green economy.

1st March 2023, Towards a New Carbon Market Regime: Perspectives from India and the World, Mumbai || B20 & T20

B20 and T20 brought together industry leaders and experts from India and around the world to discuss the new carbon market regime and how carbon markets can be crafted to foster industrial decarbonization while addressing concerns from stakeholders and economies.

In the sessions, World Resources India (WRI) shared findings from a carbon market simulation study conducted between 2020 and 2021. The study involved 21 major Indian businesses, which accounted for approximately 10% of India's industrial emissions. The results revealed that when all aspects of a carbon market were implemented, there was a significant 28% reduction in the overall cost of reducing emissions.

1st March 2023, Global Economic Governance for Green Industrial Transformation, New Delhi || T20

The Special T20 Event organized by the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) and the Boston University Global Development Policy Center (BU-GDPC) aimed to address two main themes:

- **Financing the Clean Transition:** The event emphasized that achieving a clean transition and net-zero goals requires significant financial resources beyond the capacity of most developing countries.

Supporting Sustainable Industrial Transformation: The event stressed the importance of supporting developing countries as they transition to clean energy and pursue sustainable industrial transformation. It underscored the need to assist these countries in building productive capacities for their clean transition through policy action.

1st- 2nd March 2023, G20 Foreign Ministers meeting, New Delhi || MINISTERS MEETING

The G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting aimed to address the multi-dimensional challenges facing the world today, including insufficient progress towards SDGs, climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, economic slowdown, debt distress, uneven pandemic recovery, growing poverty and inequality, food and energy insecurity and global supply chain disruptions.

India presented an outcome document following the meeting, which included a comprehensive action plan and agreements aimed at addressing critical global challenges. The document focused on various key areas, including upholding international law, strengthening and reforming multilateralism, and ensuring a sustainable, affordable, and dependable supply chain for food and energy. It also emphasized the need to bolster global health infrastructure in response to the persisting threat of future pandemics.

1st - 4th March 2023, First Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting (ACWG), Gurugram || SHERPA TRACK

The meeting was held to discuss and deliberate on ways to strengthen international anti-corruption mechanisms. The delegates discussed a range of issues, including asset recovery, fugitive economic offenders, information sharing, institutional frameworks, and mutual legal assistance. Enhancing the effectiveness of asset-tracing and identification mechanisms, developing mechanisms for rapid restraint of illicit assets and promoting effective use of open-source information and asset recovery networks were key focal areas.

Here are some of the key outcomes of the meeting:

- The delegates agreed on a set of high-level principles to guide future work on anti-corruption.
- They agreed to establish a new working group on asset recovery.
- They made progress on a number of other issues, including information sharing, institutional frameworks, and mutual legal assistance.

1st - 3rd March 2023, Conference on Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnerships in Urban Planning, Infrastructure, Bamboo & Skill Development, Aizawl || B20

The three-day conference placed a strong emphasis on exploring and capitalizing on the potential of multilateral business partnerships in various sectors, specifically focusing on urban planning, infrastructure development, bamboo industry, and skill development. Alongside these areas, the conference also shed light on the promising opportunities for collaboration and investments in domains such as startups, nursing, and paramedics.

The event underscored the significance of forging partnerships as a means to consolidate resources and facilitate an environment conducive to innovation for startups. By fostering collaboration, these partnerships would empower startups to tackle challenges head-on and devise novel solutions.

5th March 2023, Global Think Tank Town Hall, New Delhi || T20

The primary objective of the meeting was to gather valuable ideas and insights from non-G20 countries on these pressing issues, fostering a collaborative and inclusive approach to address global challenges. The G20 Global Think Tank Town Hall, a full-day conference, served as the platform to launch the T20 India initiative, known as the G20 Global Research Forum. The discussions held during the meeting revolved around crucial G20 priorities for India, with a particular focus on climate action and promoting sustainable lifestyles, fostering digital public infrastructure, advancing women-led economic growth, and achieving SDGs.

6th - 7th March 2023, 2nd Meeting for the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion, Hyderabad || FINANCE TRACK

The meeting saw participation from the Ministry of Finance and Central Bank representatives from G20 and non-G20 countries and International Organisations including GPFI Implementing Partners and Affiliated Partners. The focus of the meeting was primarily on digital payment infrastructure and technological transformations through digital innovations. The meeting also witnessed the announcement of the selection of the new long-term Co-Chairs of the GPFI.

India and Italy were announced as the new GPFI Co-Chairs for a duration of three years and their tenure will commence from 2024. During the Plenary, the GPFI members discussed and agreed on the way forward for important deliverables for the year including those on Digital Financial Inclusion and SME Finance.

A symposium on digital innovations in payments and remittances was also hosted with a panel discussion on adopting digital innovations in payment systems for financial inclusion, resilience, and inclusive growth. The symposium served as a forum for exchanging knowledge and strategies for promoting financial inclusion, inclusive growth and a sustainable payment system.

10th March 2023, CII Corporate Governance Summit, Mumbai || B20

The summit acknowledged five key governance trends, namely, the dynamics between boards and management, the impact of economic volatility, the need for oversight in the realm of artificial intelligence, the importance of focusing on the human aspect, and the significance of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) considerations, as well as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

Additionally, the summit addressed and highlighted the following key points:

- ESG is one of the key post-pandemic governance differentiators and is now mainstreamed into corporate governance.
- Companies and stakeholders need to focus on aspects such as the protection of minority shareholders; accountability of the board of directors and management of the company; timely reporting and adequate disclosures to shareholders; the role of the regulators and corporate social responsibility keeping in view the evolving risks.
- Organisations need to display high agility and adaptability in aligning their strategies and processes with the evolving risks, challenges and the evolving concept of Corporate Governance.
- Some of the most important trends that are likely to shape corporate governance practices this year are Board and Management dynamics, a volatile economy, oversight of artificial intelligence, focus on the human aspect, ESG compliances and diversity, equity and inclusion.
- With the critical role that artificial intelligence is going to play and its benefits, there is a need for effective board education, training, monitoring, compliance and risk management in order to keep up with AI-related developments since cyber security and data governance is still in relative infancy.

11th March 2023, Youth20 Consultation, Pune || Y20

The theme of the fourth Y20 consultation meeting was 'Peace-building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War- the Philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. The consultation focused on 'Vikas Politics' in India as an enabler in conflict resolution; Climate Action; Gender-related conflict and

reforms; Education; Legal Reforms needed for Social Change; Future of work.

13th - 14th March 2023, U20-Y20 National Youth Conclave, New Delhi || U20 & Y20

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports joined forces to organize the two-day Conclave. The primary objective was to convene young minds for in-depth discussions concerning U20 and Y20 priority areas, fostering the leaders of tomorrow.

Key highlights of the conclave included:

- Release of SAAR Compendium 1.0: Fifteen premier colleges from across the country documented over 75 case studies of innovative urban projects under the Smart Cities & Academic towards Action Research (SAAR) program.
- Other Releases: The event served as a platform for the launch of compendiums of articles, case studies, and information by Prajatantra, the Indian Smart Cities Fellow Programme (ISCFP), the National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM), The Urban Learning Internship Program (TULIP), and the National Urban Learning Platform (NULP).
- Launch of SAAR Compendium 2.0: Encouraging smart cities to collaborate with academic and research institutions to create at least three case studies of implemented projects, which would serve as reference documents for replicating innovative urban initiatives.
- Exhibition: Two exhibitions showcased innovative urban projects under the SAAR program and the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG). A Smart Solutions exhibition ran for the duration of the event.
- Plenary Sessions: These sessions facilitated discussions on critical themes such as climate change resilience, governance and planning frameworks, skills development, and innovation for a better urban future.

13th - 15th March 2023 Partnership Summit, New Delhi || B20

The theme of the 3-day event was “Partnerships for Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable and Equitable Businesses”. The objective of the event was to further the agenda of strengthening partnerships and shaping new economic collaborations between countries and among businesses.

The summit focused on how India’s growth story, its reform process and external engagement will help to rebalance the world and impart stability to growth processes. During the summit, high-level discussions broadly along the tracks of, global and Indian economy; G20/B20; competitiveness;;

resilient supply chains; investments; sustainability; start-ups and entrepreneurship; technology; social dimension were held.

13th - 15th March 2023, Senior Official Meeting (First Meet of SAI 20 India 2023), Guwahati, Assam || SAI20

The delegates discussed a range of issues related to these two themes, including:

- The potential of the Blue Economy to contribute to sustainable development and inclusive growth.
- The risks associated with the Blue Economy, such as overfishing, pollution, and climate change.
- The potential of AI to improve public services, economic efficiency, and social welfare.
- The risks associated with AI, such as bias, discrimination, and job displacement.

The delegates concluded the meeting by issuing a joint statement in which they committed to:

- Promoting the Blue Economy in a sustainable and inclusive manner.
- Using AI responsibly and ethically.
- Cooperating with each other to address the challenges and opportunities of the Blue Economy and AI.

15th March 2023, Youth20 Consultation, Amritsar || Y20

Expert-led panel discussions were conducted, addressing various pertinent topics:

- Agri-tech and Food Security: The first-panel discussion explored the intersection of technology in agriculture (Agri-tech) and its role in ensuring food security.
- Emerging Global Job Opportunities through International Relations: The second panel discussion shed light on the potential job opportunities that arise from international relations in today's globalized world.
- Research in Nanotechnology and Material Science in Industry 4.0: The third panel discussion focused on the significance of research in nanotechnology and material science within the context of Industry 4.0.
- Creation of Skilled Workforce for a Sustainable Built Environment in the Real Estate Market: The fourth panel discussion emphasized the importance of developing a skilled workforce to drive sustainable growth in the real estate market, with emphasis on environmental considerations.

15th - 17th March 2023, Conference on Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnerships in Tourism, Hospitality, Pharmaceutical and Organic Farming, Gangtok, Sikkim || B20

The three-day meeting centered around the theme of "Tourism, Hospitality, Pharmaceutical, and Organic Farming," aiming to showcase the vibrant organic farming practices in Sikkim and highlight the untapped potential and opportunities within the region.

The Chief Minister of Sikkim, in his keynote address as the Chief Guest, emphasized that Sikkim has achieved a high SDG index score of 71 among Indian states, showcasing its success in creating sustainable livelihoods through pro-people policies. The inaugural session was preceded by a plenary session that explored opportunities for multilateral business partnerships in the fields of tourism, hospitality, organic farming, and pharmaceuticals.

The meeting primarily focused on discussing the opportunities for multilateral business partnerships in tourism, hospitality, pharmaceuticals, and organic farming. There were discussions addressing the impact of the pandemic on the pharmaceutical and healthcare market. An important agenda of the conference was to deliberate on strategies to reduce the excessive use of chemicals in the food market, highlighting the importance of sustainable and organic practices.

15th - 17th March 2023 DX Summit, New Delhi || B20

The summit focused on the theme "India's Leadership in a Global Hyper-Connected Ecosystem." The summit was particularly significant as it coincided with the B20 task force meeting, providing a platform for business meetings, networking opportunities, and the formation of new partnerships.

The event featured panel discussions on five key themes:

- Bridging the Digital Divide: Addressing the challenges and opportunities of ensuring digital access and inclusivity for all.
- Digital Transformation: The Opportunity for SMBs: Exploring how small and medium-sized businesses can leverage digital technologies to drive growth and innovation.
- Gender Diversity: An Imperative for the Digital Ecosystem: Highlighting the importance of gender diversity in creating a thriving and inclusive digital ecosystem.
- Emerging Technology Roadmap: Hype or Reality!: Assessing the potential of emerging technologies and their impact on various industries.
- Cyberspace in the Age of AI: Exploring the Future of Digital Interactions: Delving into the

implications and possibilities of artificial intelligence in the digital realm.

15th - 17th March 2023, 2nd Education Working Group Meeting, Amritsar || SHERPA TRACK

The Ministry of Education hosted the 2nd Education Working Group (EdWG) meeting in Amritsar, Punjab from 15th-17th March, 2023.

The seminars focused on the topics of "Strengthening Research and Promoting Innovation through Richer Collaboration" and "Research in Sustainable Development Goals."

During the two-day meeting, four priority areas were discussed:

- Ensuring Foundational Literacy and Numeracy especially in context of blended learning
- Making Tech-enabled learning more inclusive, qualitative and collaborative at every level
- Building Capacities, promoting Life-long Learning in the context of Future of Work
- Strengthening Research, promoting Innovation through richer collaboration and partnerships

18th - 19th March 2023, Sikkim Event: Draft Stage of all Task Forces, Gangtok || S20

The second meeting of the Startup20 Engagement Group took place in Gangtok, Sikkim, bringing together delegates from G20 member and invitee countries, representatives from multilateral organizations, and stakeholders from the Indian startup ecosystem. During the meeting, all attendees supported and advanced the agenda that had been finalized during the inception meeting held in Hyderabad on the 28th and 29th of January 2023. The objectives and deliverables of the three task forces—Foundation and Alliances, Finance, and Inclusion and Sustainability—were revised to incorporate suggestions from all delegates.

The task force members of the Startup20 Engagement Group engaged in discussions on the initial draft of the official policy communiqué at the Sikkim Sabha. Additionally, the meeting emphasized the development of an official Policy Communique, a Startup Handbook containing agreed-upon definitions and terminologies, the establishment of a Global Innovation Centre to foster cross-border collaborations, and the promotion of Startup20 as a global point of contact for startup.

19th - 20th March 2023, 1st Labour 20 Meeting, Amritsar || L20

Following two days of extensive discussions, the L20 engagement group inception meeting concluded with the adoption of two joint statements. The first statement emphasized the importance of resolving the portability of social security among G20 nations. The second statement

focused on addressing the gender gap in the global workforce.

On the first day of the meeting, trade union leaders, labor studies experts, and delegates from twenty nations engaged in debates centered around the Universalization of Social Security, a key agenda under India's G20 presidency.

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20th March 2023, 2nd Joint Finance-Health Task Force Meeting (JFHTF), Virtual || FINANCE TRACK

The participants engaged in insightful discussions on several key topics, including finance-health coordination arrangements, enhancing preparedness for large-scale pandemic responses, and conducting a comprehensive review of the development of the G20 EVRF (Enhancing Voluntary Preparedness of the G20 Countries).

It was strongly emphasised that without a designated surge financing mechanism, countries may struggle to allocate sufficient funds during a crisis, causing delays in response, inadequate healthcare infrastructure, and increased vulnerability to the spread of diseases.

20th - 21st March 2023, Interlinkage of G20 and SDG Challenges, Solutions and Way Forward, Manipal || T20

The summit covered several important topics, including:

- Interlinking G20 and SDGs in a Multi-Polar World Order
- Pandemic Treaty at the Intersection of "One Health" approach
- Global Health Governance in the context of conflict and Dynamics of Geopolitics.

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- Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) as a panacea for issues relating to global commons
- Digitalization of Health Infrastructure
- The Interlinkage of Food Security, Sustainable Food Systems, and Agriculture management
- India's views and perspective on the Global Wellness Agenda
- Beyond 2030 – A template for a sustainable universe

20th - 23th March 2023, C20 Inception conference, Nagpur || C20

The objective of the conference was to present the perspectives of civil society, non-government organizations, and the development sector from G20 nations.

During the conference, the participants discussed the work undertaken by the Civil20 (C20) over the past few months. Fourteen themes were selected and discussed in different sessions, covering a wide range of areas such as education, health, technology, environment, arts and crafts, democracy, human rights, and sustainable development. The conference provided a platform for civil society to contribute their insights and ideas to address key global challenges.

21st - 23rd March, 2023, 2nd Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting, Udaipur || FINANCE TRACK

The three-day meeting discussed in greater detail the SFWG workplan during 2023 comprising of three identified priority areas:

- Mechanisms for mobilisation of timely and adequate resources for climate finance
- Enabling finance for the SDGs
- Capacity building of the ecosystem for financing toward sustainable development.

On the priority of mobilising finance for climate action, the G20 members agreed that MDBs play an important role in catalysing private finance and that they must strengthen this role. The catalytic role of the public sector was also stressed. The importance of creating an enabling environment in scaling up finance for climate action was underscored.

On financing the SDGs, the members deliberated upon developing an Analytical Framework for SDG-aligned finance with discussions on best policies and approaches for scaling up wider adoption of social impact investment instruments and necessary frameworks to incorporate nature-related risks and opportunities into investment decisions of financial institutions and companies. Further, the SFWG is working to develop a G20 Technical Assistance Action Plan that would include

the identification and analysis of existing capacity-building activities and identifying the existing sustainable finance skill gaps.

A workshop on Non-Pricing Policy Levers to Support Sustainable Investment was organized on 21st March 2023 to focus on better understanding the effectiveness of non-pricing policy levers in enabling low carbon development with due consideration for national circumstances and nationally defined development priorities.

23rd - 24th March 2023, Just Energy Transition Dialogue, New Delhi || T20

The G20 has emphasized the importance of developing pathways for clean energy, and just, affordable, and inclusive energy transition, to ensure economic growth while addressing climate change challenges. The T29 Engagement Group has formed a Task Force on "Refuelling Growth: Clean Energy and Green Transitions" to conduct deliberations on the subject.

The two-day event aimed to bring together policymakers, eminent officials from India's national ministries and concerned state government departments, members of global South government bodies/commissions, policy experts from India and the Global South (South Africa, Indonesia, and Vietnam), industry leaders, and key financial institutions.

The event was organised by iFOREST, who also released two reports:

- Policy Framework to Support Just Energy Transition in India
- Just Transition Financing and International Cooperation.

These discussions aided India's G20 leadership and complemented the country's proactive engagement in support of the clean energy transition, green growth, and inclusive and equitable development agenda.

24th March 2023, CII CFO Conclave, Mumbai || B20

The CII CFO Conclave focused on the theme 'Tech, Sustainability and Disruption: Opportunities for India' to discuss the pivotal role that can be played by the financial community in driving the intersection of technology, sustainability, and disruption in India. The conclave highlighted the role of the CFO fraternity in bringing sound financial governance. He emphasized that in present circumstances when the regulatory framework for new technologies like artificial intelligence has begun to take shape and the challenges and opportunities associated with it are becoming more apparent, finance professionals need to be more agile. Disruption can only be made a possibility

through continuous investment in the entrepreneurial zest of the Indian population through start-ups to create future world-class organizations.

24th March 2023, Youth20 Consultation, Lucknow || Y20

The Youth20 Consultation on the theme 'Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth', was divided into three sessions:

- **Mental Health:** During the Consultation, an insightful session was conducted on mental health, delving into the complexities of this critical issue. The session aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of mental health, considering its cultural context and exploring various factors that influence mental well-being, particularly screen time.
- **Sports:** The Y20 Consultation dedicated a session to the profound significance of sports in fostering the holistic development of individuals, with a particular emphasis on its positive impact on mental and physical wellbeing.
- **Yoga, Ayurveda and Wellbeing:** The final session aimed to shed light on the potential revival of the ancient practices of yoga and Ayurveda and their relevance in addressing the contemporary health challenges faced by the youth. The insights shared by the speakers served as a call to action, urging stakeholders to revive and embrace these time-tested practices to enhance overall well-being and nurture a healthier future for the youth.

27th - 29th March 2023, 2nd Environment and Climate Working Group Meeting, Gandhinagar || SHERPA TRACK

The three-day meeting focused on thematic areas like mitigating land degradation, accelerating ecosystem restoration & enriching biodiversity; Encouraging resource efficiency and Circular economy and Promoting a sustainable and climate-resilient Blue economy.

The G20 member countries reaffirmed their commitment towards combatting the environment and climate crisis, but with a renewed sense of urgency. All the G20 countries agreed on the pressing need for concerted global efforts and the immediate action required, given the current scenario.

28th - 29th March, 2023, 2nd Infrastructure Working Group Meeting, Visakhapatnam || FINANCE TRACK

The discussions aimed to advance the 2023 Infrastructure Agenda set forth during the Indian G20 Presidency, building upon the foundation laid during the first IWG meeting in Pune in January 2023.

The flagship priority addressed was "Financing Cities of Tomorrow: Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable," alongside other priorities outlined in the 2023 Infrastructure Agenda.

The IWG, in its deliberations, focused on a range of infrastructure investment aspects, including the development of infrastructure as an asset class, the promotion of quality infrastructure investment, and the identification of innovative financial instruments to mobilize resources for infrastructure development.

28th - 30th March 2023 , 1st Trade & Investment Working Group Meeting , Mumbai || SHERPA TRACK

The deliberations specifically revolved around accelerating global trade and investment, while simultaneously progressing towards achieving SDGs. The deliberations focused on making trade work for growth and prosperity, and way forward for building resilient Global Value Chains (GVCs). TIWG's priorities on integrating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in global trade, and building efficient logistics for trade were discussed in the two working sessions.

On the second and third day of the TIWG meeting, while discussing priority issues, G20 member countries realized the need for collective action to integrate transparency in the administration of non-tariff measures, and cooperation among standardization bodies world over. The G20 member countries also noted that there is a need for mapping GVCs for building predictability and for enhancing their resilience.

29th - 31st March 2023, 2nd Agriculture Working Group Meeting, Chandigarh || SHERPA TRACK

The aim of the 2nd AWG meeting was to build consensus on the current challenge of food security and nutrition, sustainable agriculture with a climate-smart approach, inclusive agricultural value chains and food systems, and digitalization for agricultural transformation. The discussions revolved around the Rapid Response Forum (RRF) of Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS).

30th - 31st March, 2023 2nd International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting, Paris || FINANCE TRACK

Key discussions revolved around enhancing the stability and cohesiveness of the international financial architecture, adapting it to address 21st-century global challenges, and finding ways to provide robust support to impoverished and vulnerable nations.

In parallel to the meeting, on January 30, 2023, a G20 side event titled 'Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs): Opportunities and Challenges' was organized. The event aimed to foster knowledge sharing among nations, allowing a deeper understanding of the macroprudential implications of CBDCs. Leading up to this crucial event, several 'Jan-Bhagidari' initiatives were conducted across Chandigarh to raise awareness of the G20 Indian Presidency in 2023, centered around the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth - One Family - One Future." Notably, a seminar on "Central Bank Digital Currencies: The Indian Story" took place on January 25, 2023.

30th March - 1st April 2023, 1st Disaster Management Working Group Meeting, Gandhinagar || SHERPA TRACK

The G20 DRR WG aimed to include considerations for the Sendai Framework's mid-term review, renew multilateral cooperation at all levels, and inform future global policies and initiatives related to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Discussions were held on five priorities:

- Global coverage of Early Warning Systems
- Increased commitment towards making infrastructure systems - disaster resilient
- Stronger national financial frameworks for DRR
- Strengthened national and global disaster response system
- Increased application of ecosystems-based approaches to DRR

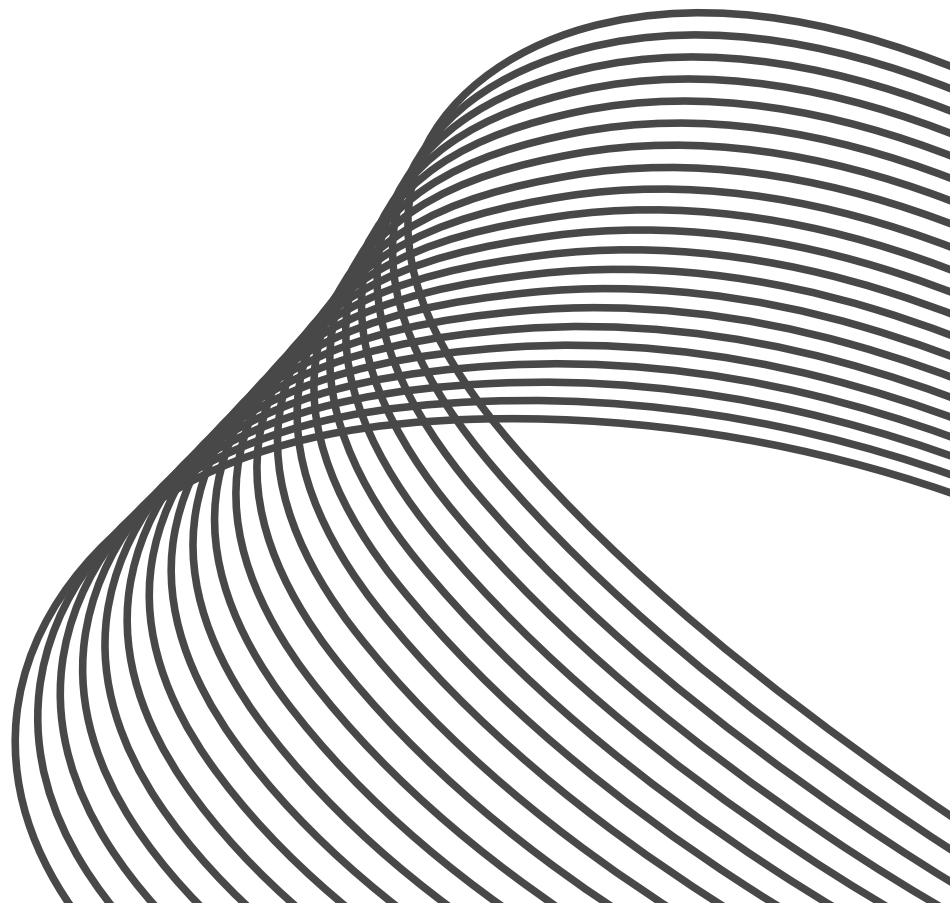
30th March-2nd April 2023, 2nd Sherpa Track meeting, Kumarakom || SHERPA TRACK

Detailed discussions on the main priority areas identified by the Presidency were held, with the first session focusing on technological transformation and the second one on accelerated, inclusive and resilient growth as well as women-led development. Delegates highlighted the relevance of digital public infrastructure, the need to bridge the digital divide and the usefulness of data for development and appreciated the focus accorded by India's G20 Presidency to this area and its relevance for the SDGs. Delegates also emphasized the importance of accelerated efforts to return to a path of resilient growth and recovery which also takes everyone along.

The Sherpas took stock of the progress made in the various G20 Sherpa track working groups of Digital Economy, Health, Education, Tourism, Culture, Agriculture, Trade and investment, Employment, and Anti-Corruption. The Sherpas commented on the various proposed actionable deliverables as well as suggested the way forward on important deliberations being held in these

working groups such as digital public infrastructure, data for development food security, digital health and pandemic preparedness, prevention and response, tech-enabled education, global skill mapping, etc.

VI.
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Youth20 Consultation, Jammu

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Global Dialogue on Food System Transformation, New Delhi

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Sustainable and Resilient Communities Conclave, Gangtok Sikkim

Meeting Highlights

1st-4th April 2023, Tourism Working Group (TWG) Meeting, Siliguri || SHERPA TRACK

The second meeting of the Tourism Working Group (TWG) highlighted five priority areas, namely green tourism, digitalization, skills, tourism MSMEs and destination management. The delegates extensively discussed the theme of "Travel for LiFE," aligning with the G20 Tourism track's objective of promoting SDGs through eco-friendly, inclusive and resilient tourism development.

In a separate panel discussion, G20 representatives discussed the growth of "Adventure Tourism" and its revolutionary potential for reaching SDGs. During the panel discussion, case studies from the UK, Mexico, Canada, Germany, Japan, Brazil, and the Indian state of Uttarakhand were presented.

2nd - 4th April, 2023, 2nd Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting, Gandhinagar || SHERPA TRACK

The second Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting focused on the role of international financial structures and the need to raise the ambitions of multilateral financial institutions. They emphasized the importance of coordinating actions with the Sustainable Finance Working Group under the G20 presidency. The proposed formation of the Global Biofuels Alliance received widespread support. Members reaffirmed their commitment to energy transition by addressing technology gaps and aligning with global organizations like the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM), Mission Innovation (MI), and Research and Development 20 (RD20) to achieve tangible results. The meeting emphasized intellectual property rights and the deployment of clean technologies such as Solar PV.

Additionally, three side events were held during the meeting, focusing on 'Green Hydrogen-Advancing Net Zero Pathways', 'Diversified Renewable Energy Supply Chains for Advancing Energy Transitions', and 'Accelerating Cooling as a Key Enabler Towards Energy Transition'.

3rd - 5th April, 2023, 2nd Employment Working Group Meeting, Guwahati || SHERPA TRACK

The second meeting of the Employment Working Group (EWG) took place in Guwahati, Assam, under India's G20 Presidency. This meeting played a significant role in establishing agreement and consensus regarding the priority areas for the EWG in 2023. These areas include addressing global skill gaps, exploring the gig and platform economy along with social protection measures, and ensuring sustainable financing for social security.

4th April 2023, ORF-NUJS T20 Youth Engagement | Home and the World: India and the G20, Kolkata || T20

The National University of Juridical Sciences (NUJS) and ORF hosted a Think20 (T20) Youth Engagement event at NUJS themed 'Home and the World: India and the G20', bringing together scholars, academicians and university students to familiarize young adults with the workings of the G20, as well as the role and significance of the T20 Engagement Group as the G20's "Ideas Bank."

The programme began with an introduction to the T20 process and mode of operation before delving into the significance and possibilities of multilateral trade in the context of a rapidly changing global order. The session also examined the concept and uses of digital public infrastructure (DPI), which has rapidly emerged as a key G20 goal.

04th - 06th April 2023, Conference on Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnerships in Agriculture and Food Processing, Kohima || B20

The B20 India initiatives have been heavily focused on India's Northeast area, with four conferences scheduled around the region to demonstrate the region's huge potential and prospects. The first three conferences were successful in their goal of highlighting the Northeast's latent potential.

The fourth and last B20 India event discussed the theme of Opportunities for Multilateral Business Partnerships in Agriculture and Food Processing, Tourism and IT. In addition to the discussions and plenary sessions, there were also B2B (Business-to-Business) and B2G (Business-to-Government) meetings conducted. The important activities and advances in these industries were highlighted, with an emphasis on investment prospects.

5th April 2023, Internet of Things Summit for Digital & Make in India Northern Region, New Delhi || B20

Internet of Things Summit aimed to explore how IoT can unlock the value of virtual worlds and professes to change the very nature of traditional industries and usher in a paradigm shift in business models.

To discuss the challenges and opportunities in the IoT sector the Summit brought together diverse stakeholders including telecom service providers, startups, digital & internet service providers, technology suppliers & users, etc.

6th April 2023, Youth20 Consultation, Kanpur || Y20

Five core themes were identified for the Y20 Summit 2023: “Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation, & 21st Century Skills”; and “Health, Well-being & Sports: Agenda for Youth”. During the consultation panel discussions were also held with invited dignitaries and entrepreneurs on the topics of “Future of Health”, “Technologies for Sustainable Future”, and “Innovation in Future of Work”.

6th April 2023, Conference on Inclusive Rural Growth & Development, New Delhi || B20

The conference was intended to investigate several multifaceted methods for rural development and associated issues, such as effective healthcare systems, infrastructure development, and so on. The need for an enabling support structure for entrepreneurship and employment in rural India was a prominent topic highlighted during the conference.

The speakers highlighted the need for organizations to focus on sustainability and limiting negative environmental consequences while conducting business. They also emphasized the necessity of corporate and government partnership in addressing the issue of funds availability and scaling up national initiatives towards a holistic, social, and economic growth model.

6th - 7th April 2023, 06th Asian Cities Summit, New Delhi || U20

The meeting brought together local government leaders by providing a platform for knowledge sharing and mutual learning. The theme of the conference was ‘Inclusive and Resilient Cities’ and focused on bringing forward cities’ achievements in the policy and infrastructure development space. A book titled Urban75 written by Indian urbanists was also unveiled on the first day of the summit.

6th - 9th April, 2023, 2nd Development Working Group Meeting, Kumarakom || SHERPA TRACK

The focus of the meeting was on G20's role in accelerating progress on the following:

- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE)
- Digital Principles and Capacity Building for Data for Development
- Globally Just Green Transitions

- Women-Led Development
- Improving International Coordination and Partnerships

The ambition and priorities of India for the DWG, notably the G20 Action Plan on accelerating progress on the SDGs, the High-level Principles for LiFE, and the Capacity Building Network on Data for Development received widespread support from other countries.

There was agreement over the necessity of multilateral efforts and the G20's crucial role in solving the current developmental issues. Everyone agreed that strong and focused action must be encouraged to achieve the development, environment and climate agenda in a balanced way. The use of data in enabling sustainable development, women's empowerment and their role in attaining holistic development and the role of the G20 in utilizing opportunities from just global transitions to a greener economy were also discussed.

11th April 2023, SteelZero India Conclave 2023, New Delhi || B20

The SteelZero India Conclave brought together leaders from business, government and civil society to discuss opportunities for steel decarbonization in the country through demand-side action and policy. The discussions at the event were divided into different forums. The SteelZero Forum focused on showcasing the business case for achieving net-zero steel production in India. The forum also presented the latest findings from the India Net Zero Steel Demand Outlook report. Another important forum was the ResponsibleSteel Forum, which included a panel discussion moderated by ResponsibleSteel, the Climate Group's global partner on SteelZero.

This dialogue involved various stakeholders crucial to the decarbonization of the steel industry, such as steel suppliers, financial institutions, and policy think tanks. The aim of this forum was to raise awareness about ResponsibleSteel and its role in establishing international standards and certification programs. The discussions focused on increasing demand for net-zero steel through procurement, promoting circularity with scrap materials, and scaling up new technologies and transitional finance.

13th April 2023, National Conference on Women Engendering B20, New Delhi || B20

Some of the key concepts expressed at the CII IWN National Conference on Women Empowerment: Engendering B20 emphasized the crucial importance of incorporating the gender perspective into all policies and frameworks, comprehending the specific local context to ensure a fair transition in

the energy sector, enhancing women's skills to seize emerging opportunities and leveraging digitalization to establish an equitable environment. The Conference brought together corporate leaders, policymakers and gender experts to deliberate on emerging trends such as increased digitalization and energy transition to devise a roadmap for equitable development.

During the sessions, various discussions were held on the following topics:

- **Gender-Diverse MSMEs:** The panelists explored strategies to overcome gender-related obstacles and enhance the capabilities of gender-diverse MSMEs.
- **Financial Inclusion for Economic Empowerment of Women:** The panelists deliberated on approaches to expedite the inclusion of women in the sector, aiming to empower them economically.
- **Capitalizing on Opportunities: Focusing on Skilling and Building an Accessible Digital Economy:** The discussions revolved around ensuring equal access to opportunities and the pivotal role of digitization and skill development in attaining inclusive economic growth.

13th - 14th April 2023, Women20 International Meet, Jaipur || W20

During the two-day meeting, discussions and thought-provoking sessions were conducted, addressing a wide range of topics including economic empowerment, education, healthcare, political representation, digital inclusion, climate action, and sustainability. The meeting served as a platform for sharing ideas, experiences, and best practices, fostering collaboration, and generating innovative solutions to promote gender equality and ensure women's active participation in all spheres of life.

The participants recognized the need for comprehensive and transformative policies that dismantle barriers and empower women economically, socially, and politically. They emphasized the significance of digital inclusion and the role of women in leveraging technology for their advancement.

Moreover, the meeting highlighted the critical role women play in addressing climate change and achieving sustainability, underscoring the importance of gender-responsive environmental policies. The Women20 International Meeting in Jaipur showcased the commitment of diverse stakeholders in championing the cause of gender equality and women's empowerment. It served as a catalyst for fostering partnerships, mobilizing resources, and advocating for meaningful change on a global scale.

The outcomes of the meeting, including comprehensive policy recommendations, will contribute to shaping future agendas and accelerating progress towards a more inclusive and equitable world for all.

13th April 2023, Harnessing Living Heritage for a Sustainable Future, Virtual || SHERPA TRACK

The one day webinar on the topic of “Harnessing Living Heritage for Sustainable Future” was organized by the Culture Working Group (CWG) and was facilitated by UNESCO Experts from 29 nations, including G20 members, guests and a number of international organizations. The webinar addressed the value of living heritage and its contribution to sustainability. Additionally, it promoted open discussion and facilitated in-depth debate from an expert-driven perspective on utilizing living heritage for a sustainable future.

The discussion encouraged exchange of knowledge, tapped into best practices and experiences, and found possibilities and needs for utilizing living heritage practices. This further demonstrated the G20 members' careful consideration in devising tangible and feasible outcomes.

14th - 15th April 2023, Youth20 Consultation, KIIT, Bhubaneshwar || Y20

The Y20 India Consultation in 2023 acted as a platform for the global youth to reflect on the priority areas and suggest policy recommendations for consultations with the G20 member states.

The delegates addressed five main themes:

- Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation and 21st Century Skills
- Peace building and Reconciliation: Ushering in an Era of No War
- Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life
- Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance
- Health, Wellbeing and Sports: Agenda for Youth

16th April 2023, Digital Health Summit, Goa || B20

The theme of the summit was ‘Building One Health together – Improving Health equity’, with the objective of gathering policy makers, industry leaders, and global healthcare experts and thought leaders to discuss key issues impacting the digital health area.

The event aligned with India’s G20 Health Working Group agenda on Digital Health Innovations and

solutions to aid Universal Health Coverage and improve healthcare service delivery towards One Earth, One Family, One Future. The importance of digital health innovations was also highlighted recognizing that digital innovations are powering game changers in exponential medicine, including 3D printing, point-of-care diagnostics, robots, bioinformatics and genomics. It is emerging as an enabler and equalizer.

During the sessions discussions on key areas like 'Leveraging and compiling Health Data towards realizing the Vision of 'Health for All'; Innovating in Digital Health as well as Driving Investments in the future of Digital Health also took place.

17th - 19th April, 2023, 2nd Health Working Group Meeting, Goa || SHERPA TRACK

The thematic discussions on the second HWG were on three priorities identified under G20 Health Track:

- Health Emergencies Prevention, Preparedness and response (with focus on One Health & AMR)
- Strengthening Cooperation in Pharmaceutical Sector with focus on Access and Availability to safe, effective, quality and Affordable Medical Countermeasures (Vaccines, Therapeutics and Diagnostics)
- Digital Health Innovations and Solutions to Aid Universal Health Coverage and Improve Healthcare Service Delivery

17th - 19th April, 2023, 2nd Digital Economy Working Group Meeting, Hyderabad || SHERPA TRACK

The event featured discussions on topics like high-speed mobile broadband, digital inclusion, sustainable digital infrastructure, and digital skilling. Delegates also visited IIT-Hyderabad and experienced India's path-breaking projects and cutting-edge research in the field of digital & telecom technologies such as 5G Products, 5G base stations, 6G system prototypes, Autonomous Navigation testbed, and AI-powered RNA- electronic test kit.

17th - 19th April, 2023, Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists, Varanasi || SHERPA TRACK

The Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS) of G20 nations, which centered around the theme of "Sustainable Agriculture and Food System for Healthy People and Planet," concluded in Varanasi.

MACS 2023 supported the launch of MAHARISHI, which encompasses various initiatives including :

- Establish mechanisms to connect researchers and institutions working on identified grain crops to enhance the dissemination of research findings, and identify research gaps and needs.
- Establish web platforms to connect researchers, exchange data, share communication products and thematic briefs to encourage research and information sharing.
- Organize capacity-building activities and international workshops and conferences.
- Performance identification and recognition to scientists

During the G20 MACS event, bilateral discussions took place with France, the United Kingdom, Argentina, and Germany regarding future agricultural research collaborations. Similar discussions were held with FAO in Rome, Italy. In a specific bilateral meeting between India and Germany, the focus was on addressing food loss and waste prevention, particularly in the SAARC region.

19th April 2023, Youth20 Consultation, Jammu || Y20

The aim of the consultation was to provide opportunities for collaboration and networking with other stakeholders and contribute to the development of young people. All relevant stakeholders are expected to take advantage of this opportunity to learn, network and engage with one another through active participation and make this a meaningful and exciting event.

Three themes were discussed.

- Facilitating Global Consensus on Conflict Prevention and Peace Building
- Regulating Non-State Actors Through Concerted Efforts
- Empowering Youth for their active role in peace building

19th April, 2023, Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries and the Creative Economy, Virtual || SHERPA TRACK

The webinar's objectives were to promote open communication and enable a thorough discussion from an expert-driven viewpoint. In the meeting, data showing how much the creative economy contributes to each country's GDP was shared by the delegates. The discussion explicitly underlined the revolutionary shifts brought about by the digital revolution and, more recently, by the COVID-19 pandemic's effects, particularly in relation to emerging business models and cutting-edge technologies.

A number of nations have put regulations into place that are intended to raise the status of cultural practitioners, encourage fair compensation and improve inclusivity and equity in the cultural sector. Additionally, these nations are aiming to improve data gathering in the creative industry, especially through culture satellite accounts and investing in formal education, professionalization and talent development to increase the number of jobs in the cultural sector.

The recommendations made regarding the methodologies emphasized the need to establish a clear and unified definition of the creative economy, drawing internationally agreed definitions and examples from specific national cultural policies. Other recommendations called for a focus on measuring the creative sector's contributions to GDP and its impact on sustainable development in G20 countries, in collaboration with specialized international organizations, building upon their existing statistical and methodological frameworks.

20th April 2023, Leveraging Digital Technologies for the Protection and the Promotion of Culture, Virtual || SHERPA TRACK

The aim of the meeting was to discuss and share best practices on digitization of cultural heritage. It also explored the growing need for a broader dialogue on a collaborative and participatory framework approach for synergies with international organizations, universities, technology firms, and communities to support the accessibility and discoverability of cultural content online.

It was also recognized that the constantly evolving nature of digital technologies presents challenges for memory institutions, particularly in the areas of digital preservation. This challenge requires an agile, context-specific, and global framework for the digitization and digitalization of culture. The potential of emerging technologies to transform the way we engage with culture is immense, and memory institutions need to be proactive in leveraging these technologies to achieve their mission of preserving and disseminating cultural heritage by exploring opportunities for collaboration among the various stakeholders for digitalization and digitization of culture, especially with private technology firms.

20th - 21st April 2023, Global Dialogue on Food System Transformation, New Delhi || B20

The first day of the Global Dialogue featured a number of themed sessions focused on topics affecting food systems, such as nutrition, data science, agro-ecology, food waste, food safety and so on. On the second day, the inaugural session and three plenary sessions centered on the themes of People, Planet, and Prosperity were held.

The Global Dialogue on Food Systems Transformation was organized with the goal of engaging industry stakeholders in G20 nations to define the future of food systems and exhibiting implementation models for food system transformation.

The food systems approach is gained traction during the meeting as an ideal way of providing nutritious, affordable and sustainable food to the world's growing population. Food systems approach, as opposed to the production and market approaches, adopts a holistic approach and can therefore enable accomplishing the SDG targets through the integrated lens of People, Planet, and Prosperity.

21st April 2023, Climate Finance Resilience and Environment responsible behavior, Bengaluru || U20

In an effort to shape G20 priorities and develop the next steps for accelerating climate action in India and beyond, the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) gathered national and international partners to discuss mainstreaming climate action in cities.

The event aimed to strengthen city-to-city engagement and promote cross-sector learning. Apart from the individuals who participated digitally, there was a physical attendance of 135 people, including experts, funders and partners who actively took part in the event.

22nd - 23rd April 2023, GED Working Group Summit, Bhubaneswar || C20

The C20 Working Group on Gender Equality and Disability Summit was scheduled as part of the process of refining and prioritizing suggestions to be submitted to the C20 Sherpa for consideration for inclusion in the C20 Policy Pack.

The GED WG Coordinators gathered four key policy recommendations to include in the GED WG Policy Brief based on an anticipated output of three recommendations per sub topic. GED's eight subthemes are as follows:

- Economic Empowerment & Sustainable Livelihoods
- Education & Skill Development
- Engaging Men & Boys

- Environment & Disasters
- Physical & Mental Health
- Safety & Security
- Society & Culture
- Disability

26th April 2023, Global IP Convention, Delhi || B20

The Global IP Convention aimed to establish a strong and resilient IP system in the G20 countries. It promotes the exchange of IP best practices, IP advances in India as well as worldwide and IP concerns confronting the industry. This year's convention anticipated participation from IPOs from B20 countries who touched on their experiences during the sessions.

Key Highlights:

- Launch of IP certificates.
- Release of India Report on 'Women in IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity'.
- Release of new IP certificates online.
- Recognition of top 3 women performers in the NIPAM.
- Women-centric thematic discussions and deliberations on the World IP Day theme.
- Awarding WIPO Medals.

26th - 28th April 2023, Pre Summit, Leh || Y20

The Summit provided a platform for open discussions, presentations and interactive sessions that focused on addressing the challenges faced by young people and formulating a road map for their development. The Pre-Summit also had parallel Deliberation and negotiation sessions on each of the Y20 themes.

26th - 28th April 2023, 3rd Education Working Group Meeting, Bhubaneswar || SHERPA TRACK

The three-day seminar of the third Education Working Group Meeting focused on ensuring the betterment of learners with respect to skilling and reskilling. The conference consisted of three panel discussions, each dedicated to a specific theme.

The panel topics included:

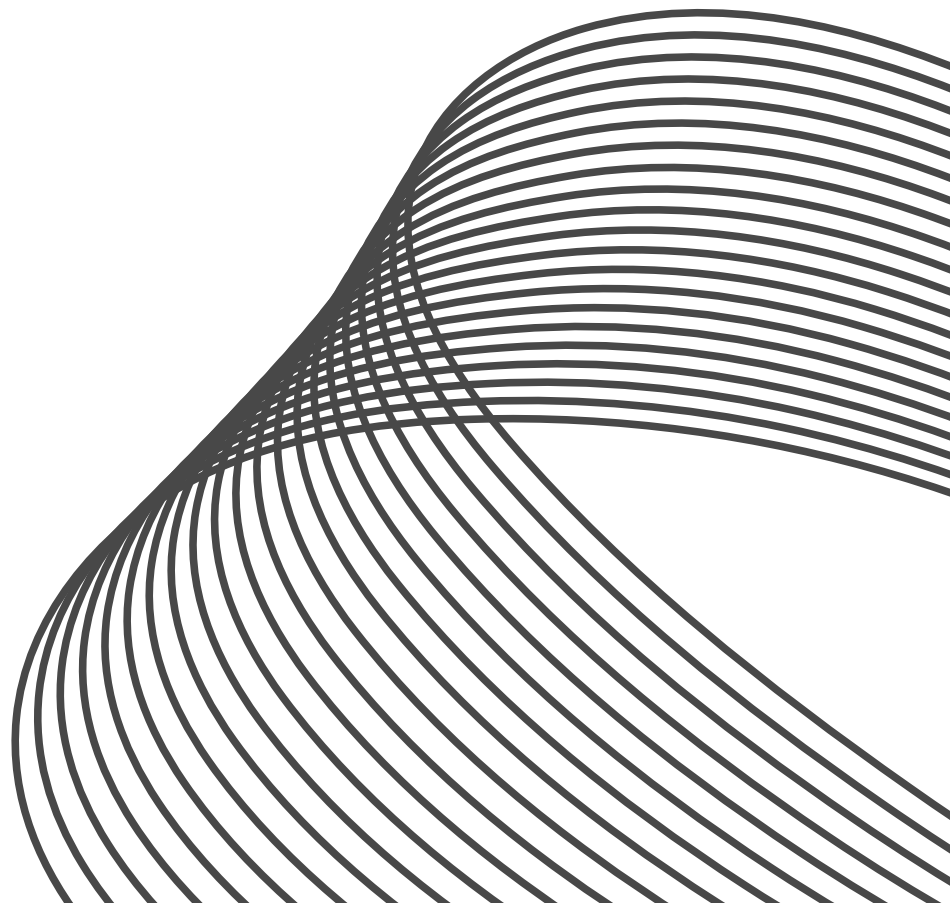
- "Developing a flexible response to meet the demands of labor markets and enhance institutional capacity building in the context of the future of work, with a focus on enabling high-quality technical and vocational education."
- "Establishing pathways between higher education and vocational education."
- "Equipping children with a diverse range of future skills to ensure their lifelong learning journey."

The event commenced with a seminar on the future of work in collaboration with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

29th - 30th April 2023, Sustainable and Resilient Communities Conclave, Gangtok || C20

The conclave was organized in partnership with the Sikkim State Government. It aimed to provide a platform for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) from around the world working in the fields of climate, environment and energy to express the goals of their constituents to G20 world leaders, as well as a platform for delegates from around the world to engage in deeper dialogues to address the challenges and gaps in the areas of climate resilience, social justice, environmental sustainability and net zero emission management.

VII.
G20 Meeting
Highlights
May 2023



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8th-11th May 2023

3rd Development Working Group Meeting, Goa

14th-17th May 2023

2nd Culture Working Group Meeting,
Bhubaneswar

15th-17th May 2023

3rd Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting,
Mumbai

21st-23rd May 2023

3rd Environment and Climate Sustainability
Working Group, Mumbai

22nd - 24th May, 2023

3rd Tourism Working Group Meeting, Srinagar

23rd-25th May 2023

2nd Trade & Investment Working Group
Meeting, Bengaluru

23rd-25th May 2023

2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group
Meeting, Mumbai

25th-27th May 2023

2nd Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting,
Rishikesh

ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

1st-2nd May 2023 || Science20

Thematic Conference on Universal Holistic Health,
Bangaram Island

2nd May 2023 || Business20

Accelerating through Global Collaborations, Delhi

3rd May 2023 || Labour20

Global Skill gaps & Skill training: Role and
Responsibilities of Stakeholders, Raipur

4th May 2023 || Think20

India's Leadership of G20 and Global Priorities,
Bhubaneswar

4th May 2023 || Youth20

Y20 Consultation, Imphal

5th May 2023 || Youth20

Y20 Consultation, Rishikesh

9th May 2023|| Think20

Joint Engagement Groups Roundtable on Women-Led
Development, Goa

10th-11th May 2023 || Youth20

Y20 Consultation, Kashmir

10th-12th May 2023 || Think20

T20 Mid-Year Conference, Mumbai

11th May 2023 || Labour20

Women & Employment | Digital Public Goods, Nagpur

ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

14th May 2023 || Labour20

Future of work | Sustainable livelihoods | Human Centric Development , Guwahati

16th May 2023 || Labour20

Gig & Platform Economy and Social Security, Mumbai

18th-19th May 2023|| Business20

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24th May 2023 || Business20

CII National Annual Startup Summit, New Delhi

25th May 2023 || Business20

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26th May 2023 || Think20

Components and Particularities of India's Think20 Engagement Group, Bengaluru

30th May 2023 || Labour20

Social Security for Informal Sector Workers

Meeting Highlights

1st - 2nd May 2023, Thematic Conference on Universal Holistic Health , Bangaram Island || S20

The S20 is one of the engagement groups within the G20 framework, focusing on issues related to science, research, and innovation. The meeting focused on achieving greater global health by addressing various aspects beyond medical infrastructure and access to healthcare. It highlighted the importance of long-term practices that could positively impact global health norms.

The event primarily focused on enhancing agricultural practices, ensuring wider access to nutritious food, promoting healthier eating habits, and creating opportunities for ecologically sustainable food production. This approach recognized that a holistic approach to health involved not only medical care but also nutrition and sustainable food systems. It also emphasized the need to revisit traditional practices and integrate them into modern life, acknowledging the wisdom of the past in promoting well-being.

Additionally, the meeting highlighted the importance of making advanced healthcare technology accessible through global knowledge exchange. It aimed to foster a collaborative ecosystem that connected international academia and industry to ensure that cutting-edge healthcare technologies benefited people worldwide.

2nd May 2023, Accelerating through Global Collaborations, Delhi || B20

Confederation of Indian Industry – the B20 secretariat for India hosted a Global Science, Innovation & Research Summit at IIT Delhi with a theme: ‘Accelerating through Global Collaborations’ under the aegis of India’s G20 Presidency.

The Summit aimed at the following multifold objectives: Encouraging National and Industry Investment in R&D; fostering Industry- Academia-Research-Startup (National Research Quad) collaboration by bridging the valley of death; and encouraging Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

3rd May 2023, Global Skill gaps & Skill training: Role and Responsibilities of Stakeholders, Raipur || L20

The focus of the conference was to address the skill gaps present in the global workforce and explore the role and responsibilities of stakeholders in providing skill training. The conference

involved discussions on the importance of upskilling and reskilling to meet the demands of the rapidly evolving job market. It aimed to foster collaboration among various stakeholders, including governments, employers, educational institutions, and labor organizations, to develop effective strategies for bridging skill gaps and promoting inclusive economic growth.

4th May 2023, India's Leadership of G20 and Global Priorities, Bhubaneswar || T20

The focus of the event was to delve into India's leadership role within the G20 and the key priorities it establishes on a global scale. It aimed to explore India's contributions to the G20 agenda and its endeavors in tackling global challenges. The event encompassed discussions on various crucial areas, including sustainable development, economic growth, climate change, trade, and global governance.

This event provided a valuable platform for experts, researchers, and policymakers to exchange ideas and insights regarding India's impact on shaping the global agenda through its leadership in the G20. The event also fostered meaningful discussions on the obstacles confronted by India and other countries, as well as potential solutions and policy recommendations.

4th May 2023, Y20 Consultation, Imphal || Y20

The event featured the participation of five esteemed speakers representing G20 member countries, along with 25 youth delegates from G20 nations and an additional 25 delegates from various parts of India.

The roster of speakers included 13 notable individuals from India, including one recipient of the Padma Shri Award and one Arjuna Awardee. The intended audience for the event comprised of academicians, scholars, students, and young people.

The seminar focused on four sub-themes, namely:

- Youth in Legislature and Politics
- Youth in Policy Making and Governance for a Shared Future
- Youth in Democracy and Governance
- Institutionalizing Leadership and Governance: Training Youth in Community Governance

5th May 2023, Y20 Consultation, Rishikesh || Y20

The Youth 20 Consultation summit took place at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh, with the aim of inspiring young participants to generate recommendations for establishing partnerships and addressing various pressing global challenges.

8th - 11th May 2023, 3rd Development Working Group Meeting, Goa || SHERPA TRACK

The formal segment of the DWG commenced with a side event on women-led development, featuring notable experts from academia, think tanks, and civil society. The event focused on women's leadership in the uniformed services and their potential as agents of change in climate resilience and food systems.

Subsequently, the DWG deliberated on inclusive solutions and collective actions to address diverse global development challenges. Detailed discussions were held on India's proposed development priorities, which laid the groundwork for the development ministerial meeting in June. Topics such as the G20 Action Plan for SDG acceleration and the G20 High-level principles on lifestyle for the environment were explored, intending to provide the necessary political impetus and momentum to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

9th May 2023, Joint Engagement Groups Roundtable on Women-Led Development, Goa || T20

Three roundtable sessions were conducted, covering the following topics:

Roundtable 1: The G20's objective is to decrease the gender gap in labor force participation by 25% by 2025. The discussions revolved around encouraging women's entrepreneurship and addressing the impact of digitalization and automation on their participation in the formal economy. It was acknowledged that women's engagement in the workforce and business leads to increased expertise and market competition, which benefits developing economies. The G20 explored measures to enhance women's workforce participation and facilitate better access to finance for women-led businesses and SMEs.

Roundtable 2: The session highlighted the underrepresentation of women in STEM fields compared to the care economy. A collaborative report by the G20, ILO, and OECD provided recommendations to improve women's representation in STEM. These suggestions included early exposure to STEM education, improved access to financing for higher education, and the provision of care facilities in workplaces. The discussions focused on developing a shared action plan with specific time-bound targets to increase women's presence in STEM.

Roundtable 3: The discussions in this session centered on women's leadership in social and political contexts, as well as its alignment with the SDGs and the Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) agenda. The G20's emphasis on ESG, particularly through climate change standards, was emphasized. The talks aimed to promote the social and governance aspects of ESG within the G20, ensuring the implementation of gender-sensitive policies.

10th - 11th May 2023, Y20 Consultation, Kashmir || Y20

The purpose of the Y20 Consultation was to engage young people in discussions and gather their ideas for creating a better future. The main focus was on addressing climate change and reducing disaster risks to promote sustainability.

The event brought together 17 youth delegates from G20 countries, including Indonesia, Mexico, Turkey, Russia, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States, Brazil, and Nigeria. Additionally, 108 students from the University of Kashmir, 34 students from schools in Jammu and Kashmir, 57 students from colleges in Srinagar, 11 students from colleges and universities in Jammu, 33 delegates from the Department of Youth Affairs, 25 delegates from the Y20 Secretariat, and 25 student activists also participated in the consultation.

The Y20 Consultation featured four panel discussions centered around the theme of "Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life."

The four plenary session focused on the following;

- Impact of Climate Change on Biodiversity and Human Well-Being
- Disaster Risk Reduction for Safe Tomorrow
- Green Energy- Innovations and Opportunities
- Water Resources: Challenges and Prospects

10th - 12th May 2023, T20 Mid-Year Conference, Mumbai || T20

The Mid-Year Conference of the T20 served as a preliminary event leading up to the forthcoming T20 Summit scheduled for August. The conference covered a wide range of discussions encompassing topics such as health, sustainable growth, technology's role in development, reforming multilateralism, the intersection of gender with green transitions, and the future of work.

The insights and recommendations derived from these discussions played a significant role in guiding policy decisions and shaping the agenda for the final T20 Summit. One important objective of the conference was to facilitate in-person meetings of the Task Forces, allowing them to finalize their Task Force Statements. These Statements will serve as the cornerstone for the T20 Communique, which outlines the collective perspectives and proposed actions of the T20 community.

11th May 2023, Women & Employment | Digital Public Goods, Nagpur || L20

Two conferences took place in Nagpur under the L20 framework. One conference focused on "Women & Employment," while the other centered around "Digital Public Goods." The conference on Women & Employment addressed the challenges and opportunities for women in the workforce, including gender equality, empowerment, and access to decent work opportunities. The conference on Digital Public Goods explored the importance of open-source technologies, digital infrastructure, and knowledge sharing for driving inclusive and sustainable development.

14th May 2023, Future of work | Sustainable livelihoods | Human Centric Development , Guwahati || L20

The conference focused on three key themes:

- Future of work
- Sustainable livelihoods
- Human Centric Development

The discussions revolved around the changing nature of work in the digital age, the importance of promoting sustainable livelihoods, and the need for development strategies that prioritize human well-being. The conference aimed to explore innovative approaches, policies, and collaborations to address the challenges and opportunities in these areas.

14th - 17th May 2023, 2nd Culture Working Group Meeting, Bhubaneswar, Odisha || SHERPA TRACK

The 2nd Culture Working Group's discussion was focused on the 3rd and 4th priority areas outlined by the CWG: 'Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries and Creative Economy' and 'Leveraging Digital Technologies for the Protection and Promotion of Culture'. The discussions offered valuable insights, which are expected to culminate into tangible and action-oriented recommendations that have the potential to shape the cultural sector and policy frameworks globally.

It was mainly focused on 4 key priority areas under the Culture Track of India's G20 Presidency:

- Protection and Restitution of Cultural Property
- Harnessing Living Heritage for a Sustainable Future
- Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries and Creative Economy
- Leveraging Digital Technologies for the Protection and Promotion of Culture

15th - 17th May 2023, 3rd Energy Transitions Working Group (ETWG), Mumbai || SHERPA TRACK

The meeting involved comprehensive discussions on the draft Ministerial Communique. There was consensus on proposals related to energy transitions, aligning with India's G20 Presidency. Throughout the three-day meeting, eight side events took place, involving policymakers, multilateral organizations, financial institutions, business organizations, and subject experts. These events facilitated the exchange of knowledge and ideas on topics such as renewable energy transition, financial management, and decarbonization.

The workshops and seminars generated innovative ideas like utilizing offshore winds, implementing small module reactors (SMRs), and establishing a Global Biofuels Alliance similar to the International Solar Alliance. The progress made during the meeting, including discussions on the draft Ministerial Communique, will be carried forward in the 4th Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting scheduled for June 2023.

16th May 2023, Gig & Platform economy and Social Security, Mumbai || L20

The conference focused on the topics of "Gig & Platform Economy" and "Social Security." The conference explored the implications of the gig and platform economy on the labor market, discussing issues such as job security, workers' rights, and social protection.

The discussions revolved around finding ways to ensure fair and inclusive conditions for gig workers while addressing the challenges posed by the evolving nature of work. Additionally, the conference aimed to examine strategies and policies for providing adequate social security measures that protect workers in the gig and platform economy, promoting their well-being and socio-economic stability.

18th - 19th May 2023, 19th edition of Green Cementech, Hyderabad || B20

CII-Godrej GBC and the Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA) jointly organized the 19th edition of Green Cementech - an annual conference for the cement industry. Cement industry professionals from across the globe participated in this conference. The conference was addressed by leading cement manufacturers, technology providers, and cement experts from India and abroad. Leading research institutions and cement technology providers from B20 nations like Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway participated in the conference.

As a part of the conference, CII-GBC also brought out a technology booklet on 'Cement Industry - Energy Consumption Benchmarking' (version 6.0). The publication covered the best numbers and

performance (energy and best practices) of cement plants across B20 countries including major Indian cement plants

22nd - 24th May, 2023, 3rd Tourism Working Group Meeting, Srinagar || SHERPA TRACK

The 3rd Tourism Working Group Meeting addressed critical aspects of tourism, with a focus on promoting SDGs and leveraging film tourism and ecotourism. During the meeting, Shri Arvind Singh, Secretary, the Ministry of Tourism, announced that all G20 member countries would submit their suggestions by May 26, 2023, which would contribute to the final roadmap in collaboration with the UNWTO. This roadmap will be presented at the 4th Tourism Working Group Meeting in Goa.

The G20 Tourism Working Group centered its efforts on five interconnected priorities: Green Tourism, Digitalization, Skills, Tourism MSMEs, and Destination, all of which are integral to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The meeting also highlighted the potential of Jammu and Kashmir as a film tourism destination. Additionally, discussions on ecotourism revealed the importance of sustainability in the tourism sector, with the launch of the 'Travel for LiFE Programme' underscoring this commitment.

23rd May 2023, India's G20 Presidency: Furthering India-Africa Ties, New Delhi || T20

The Roundtable brought out inputs on the theme "India's G20 Presidency: Furthering India-Africa Ties". Ambassadors, High Commissioners of African countries to India, eminent scholars, and experts from India were in attendance. The event emphasized the importance of India-Africa relations and maintaining pan-African interactions. South-South collaboration was highlighted, particularly in clean technology, climate-resilient cultivation, gender equality, and democratizing global institutions. The significance of institutionalized mechanisms like the India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) and India-Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD) in fostering India-Africa relations was reiterated.

Experts in the panel discussion emphasized Africa's potential, India's consultative partnership, and collaboration in trade, healthcare, infrastructure, and agriculture. They discussed initiatives like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and the Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable. The panelists proposed strategies to further enhance the India-Africa Partnership, including elevating the African Union to a G20 member, hosting the India Africa Forum Summit, and promoting student exchange programs.

The roundtable aimed to strengthen India-Africa ties through collaboration, mutual respect, shared values, inclusive growth, sustainable development, and cooperation in addressing global challenges for a promising future.

23rd - 25th May, 2nd Trade & Investment Working Group Meeting, Bengaluru || SHERPA TRACK

The 2nd Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG) Meeting focused on key topics such as reforming the multilateral trading system, integrating MSMEs into global trade, resilient global value chains (GVCs), making trade contribute to growth and prosperity, and enhancing trade logistics efficiency.

The first day of the TIWG meeting included a seminar on Trade and Technology, where themes related to the impact of technology on trade and its role in driving inclusive growth were discussed in panel sessions featuring experts and practitioners.

On May 24th, discussions centered on the reform of the World Trade Organization (WTO), a key priority during India's G20 Presidency. The focus was on reaffirming WTO's foundational principles, emphasizing open, inclusive, and transparent operations, and a presentation by the Knowledge Partner.

In the subsequent days, presentations were made on various deliverables, including the digitalization of paper documents critical for cross-border trade, the creation of a Meta Information Portal for MSMEs, the framework for mapping GVCs, and best practices on Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) and G20 Regulatory Dialogue.

23rd - 25th May, 2nd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Meeting, Mumbai || SHERPA TRACK

The Second DRRWG meeting of the G-20 Council concluded with a focus on the importance of Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and Financing for Disaster Risk Reduction. Delegates emphasized the need for an institutional framework that encourages investments in infrastructure projects, avoids fragmentation, and promotes their execution within the national legal frameworks of G20 countries. The role of social protection systems in mitigating the impact of disasters on vulnerable populations was also discussed, along with the exchange of best practices and case studies from G20 nations.

The meeting saw participation from government delegates, DRR specialists, UN agency officials, community-based organizations, multilateral development banks, financial groups, and research organizations. The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) was actively involved in the discussions. A side event on Eco-Based Approaches for Disaster Risk Reduction was organized by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with knowledge partners like the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), UN Major Group on Children and

the youth, UNEP, and others.

A Round Table with Private Sectors focused on Financing Disaster Risk Reduction, aiming to understand the private sector's challenges in finding the DRR space lucrative. The G20 countries discussed a roadmap for DRRWG for the next three years during technical sessions. The Indian Presidency hopes to instill ownership among the Troika countries and South Africa to mainstream disaster risk reduction in policy space and shift the paradigm from disaster response to anticipatory action and risk reduction.

24th May 2023, International Labour Mobility & Portability of Social Security Funds, Thiruvananthapuram || L20

The conference focused on "International Labour Mobility & Portability of Social Security Funds." It addressed the challenges and opportunities associated with labor mobility across borders and the need for the portability of social security benefits.

Discussions centered around issues such as migrant workers' rights, access to social protection, and the transferability of social security funds. The conference aimed to explore strategies and policies that facilitate the movement of workers while ensuring their social security entitlements are protected and portable. It fostered dialogue among stakeholders to promote fair and inclusive labor mobility and address the complexities of social security in an increasingly globalized world.

24th May 2023, India Sustainable Transitions through Greentech & Digitalization, New Delhi || B20

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC), Government of India, and under the aegis of B20 India, organized a conference at New Delhi on chemical and petrochemical with the theme "Sustainable Transitions through Greentech & Digitalization".

The conference brought together experts, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders from the chemical and petrochemical industry to discuss the latest trends, technologies, and strategies for achieving sustainability in the industry.

The conference focused on:

- Sustainability in the Chemical Industry
- Pathways to Achieving Net Zero / Sustainability
- R&D, Technology, and Digital Transformation

Inclusive & Adaptive Skills for a Sustainable Ecosystem.

24th May 2023, CII Annual Startup Summit, New Delhi || B20

To highlight and deliberate on the key areas of collaboration for corporate – startups in unlocking innovations and avenues for corporate-startup collaboration. the discussion revolved around the strategies and benefits of corporate-startup partnerships. Attendees explored how established companies could leverage the innovation and agility of startups to drive product development, stay competitive, and open up new markets. The meeting delved into specific case studies, success stories, and best practices in this area, highlighting the potential for mutually beneficial collaborations.

25th May 2023, CII's Annual Session 2023 - DX Secure (4th edition), Innovations in Cyber-security: Building a Safer Digital Infrastructure, New Delhi || B20

CII-Tata Communications Center for Digital Transformation (CDT) organized the 4th Edition of DX Secure under CII's Annual Session. The theme of DX Secure was "Innovations in Cyber-security: Building a Safer Digital Infrastructure." This conference brought together experts in the field of cyber-security to share their knowledge, insights and experiences on the latest trends and innovations in cyber-security.

The conference consisted of four sessions, each focused on a critical aspect of cyber-security. These sessions were designed to provide valuable insights into the latest technologies and best practices that can help organizations better prepare for the threats and challenges of the ever-evolving cyber-security landscape.

25th - 27th May 2023, 2nd Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting, Rishikesh || SHERPA TRACK

The meeting covered important topics such as asset recovery, fugitive economic offenders, information sharing, institutional framework, and mutual legal assistance. The delegates reached a consensus on strengthening international cooperation in law enforcement, emphasizing the need to develop new strategies and reinforce existing mechanisms for tracking and recovering assets obtained through corrupt practices.

Additionally, a side event on "Gender and Corruption" highlighted the crucial connection between women's empowerment and anti-corruption efforts. Experts and practitioners emphasized the importance of gender-sensitive governance and policy-making in tackling corruption effectively.

26th May 2023, Components and Particularities of India's Think20 Engagement Group, Bengaluru || T20

Discussions were held on the following topics:

- Education's role and India's responsibility for stability and peace
- Convergence of financial development and ethics in development discourse
- Evolving a framework for macro-fiscal-monetary coordination
- Refueling growth through a clean energy transition
- Importance of building Digital Public Infrastructure

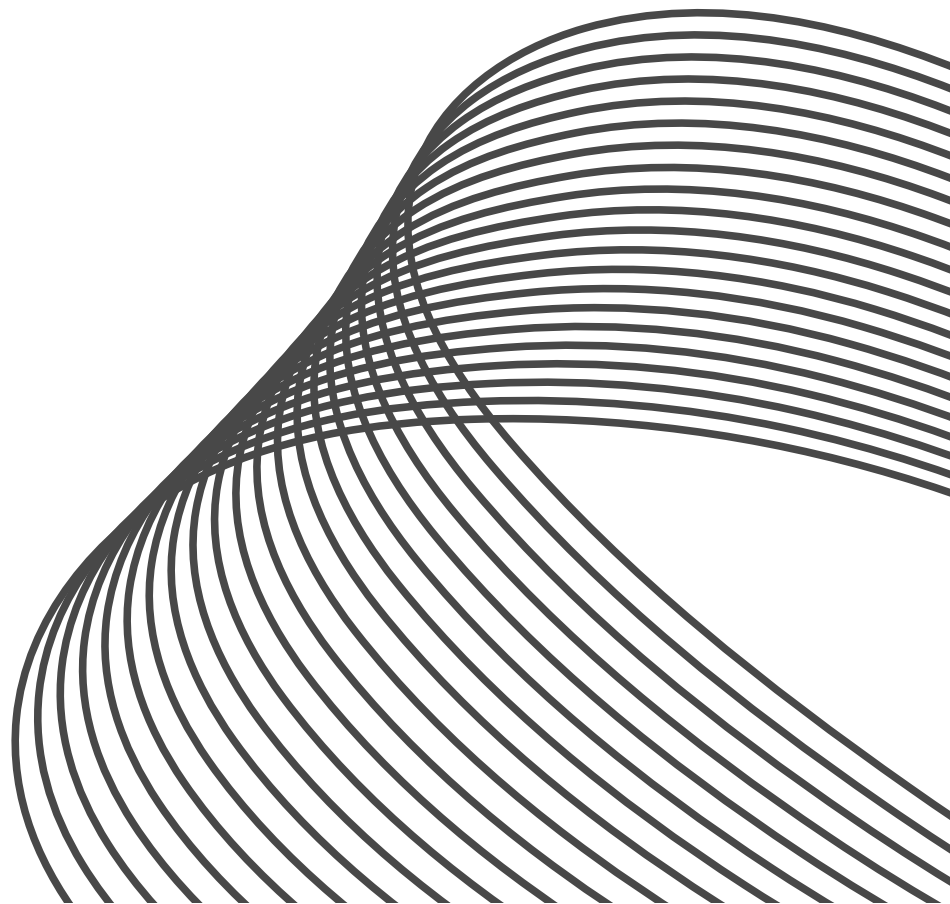
During the event, students made presentations on a wide range of topics. These included gender, startups, digital technology, doughnut economy, sustainable tourism, blended finance, agriculture, and data for development, among others. The presentations showcased the students' depth of knowledge and their ability to generate innovative ideas to address the emerging challenges. The diverse themes covered by the students highlighted the multifaceted nature of the issues at hand and demonstrated the potential for finding comprehensive solutions within the G20 framework.

30th May 2023, Social Security for Informal Sector Workers || L20

The conference addressed the pressing issue of providing social security to workers in the informal sector who often lack access to formal employment benefits and social protection schemes.

Discussions revolved around the challenges faced by informal sector workers, such as low wages, lack of job security, and limited access to healthcare and retirement benefits. The conference aimed to explore innovative solutions, policies, and collaborations to extend social security coverage to informal sector workers, ensuring their well-being, socio-economic stability, and inclusive development. It provided a platform for stakeholders to exchange ideas, share best practices, and propose strategies to address the specific needs and vulnerabilities of this important segment of the workforce.

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31st May - 2nd June 2023

3rd Employment Working Group Meeting,
Geneva

4th - 6th June 2023

3rd Health Working Group Meetings,
Hyderabad

6th - 9th June 2023

4th Development Working Group Meeting, New
Delhi

12th - 14th June 2023

3rd Digital Economy Working Group Meeting,
Pune

19th - 20th June 2023

4th Tourism Working Group Meeting, Goa

20th - 21st June 2023

4th Education Working Group Meeting, Pune

FINANCE TRACK

5th - 7th June 2023

3rd International Financial Architecture Working
Group Meeting, Goa

13th - 14th June 2023

3rd Framework Working Group Meeting, Kochi

19th - 21st June 2023

3rd Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting,
Mahabalipuram

22nd June 2023

3rd Joint Health-Finance Task Force Meeting, Virtual

24th-26th June 2023

3rd Meeting for the Global Partnership for Financial
Inclusion, Bali

26th-28th June 2023

3rd Infrastructure Working Group Meeting, Rishikesh

ENGAGEMENT GROUPS

1st June 2023 || Youth20

Y20 Consultations. Amarkantak

3rd-4th June 2023 || Startup20

3rd Startup20 Engagement Group Meeting, Goa

7th June 2023 || Think20

LiFE, Resilience and Values, Virtual

9th June 2023 || Business20

The Cloud Summit, New Delhi

9th June 2023 || Civil20

Education and Inclusion, Zurich

12th-14th June 2023 || SAI20

Supreme Audit Institutions-20 Summit, Goa

14th - 16th June 2023 || Women20

Women 20 Summit, Mahabalipuram

14th-16th June 2023 || Business20

18th CII - Exim Bank Conclave on India - Africa Growth Partnership, New Delhi

15th June 2023 || Business20

Manufacturing Conclave, Kolkata

16th-17th June 2023 || Science20

Connecting Science to Society & Culture, Bhopal

20th June 2023 || Business20

Conference on Building Workforce for Industry 4.0: The Demand Supply Conundrum, Mumbai

21st-23rd June 2023 || Labor20

Labour 20 Summit, Patna

23rd June 2023 || Business20

Post Harvest and Logistics Summit, New Delhi

24th June 2023 || Youth20

Y20 Consultation, Bengaluru

29th June - 1st July, 2023 || Business20

Surface and Coating Expo 2023, Chennai

30 June 2023 || Business20

Conference on Jobs and Mobility, Bengaluru



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MINISTERS MEETING

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4th Education Working Group Meeting, Pune

Meeting Highlights

31st May - 2nd June 2023, 3rd Employment Working Group Meeting, Geneva || SHERPA TRACK

The three-day meeting took place at the International Labor Organization headquarters in Geneva. During the meeting, all G20 members voiced a commitment to providing adequate social protection for gig and platform workers and ensuring sustainable financing of social protection measures.

Three priority areas were underscored:

- Development of an International Reference Classification of Occupations by Skill and Qualification Requirement
- Mutual Recognition of Skills and Qualification
- Extension of Coverage of ILO and OECD's Skills for Jobs Database to G20 Countries

The meeting concluded with broad agreements on these priority areas as outlined in its outcome document, with a focus on fostering global skills mapping and cooperation.

1st June 2023, Y20 Consultations, Amarkantak || Y20

The theme of the consultation was "Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a Way of Life." It aimed to engage youth in shaping the future, leveraging India's role as the G-20 chairman to influence global priorities and address key issues. The consultation centered around various critical subjects, including climate change, disaster risk reduction, and sustainability.

3rd - 4th June 2023, 3rd Startup20 Engagement Group Meeting, Goa || STARTUP20

During the two-day meeting held in Goa, participants engaged in extensive discussions aimed at reaching a consensus on the Draft Policy Communique put forth by Startup 20. The event included a startup showcase along with talks from the startup20x series. Deliberations focused on the practical implementation of the ideas outlined in the Draft Policy Communique.

4th - 6th June 2023, 3rd Health Working Group Meeting, Hyderabad || SHERPA TRACK

Over three days, the discussions focused on creating a strong research network for early-stage

research and accessible medical countermeasures. This led to the establishment of a "Global R&D Network" to enhance pandemic preparedness and response. A panel discussion on "Envisaging a Global R&D Network for Research in VTDs to Enhance PPR" was conducted on the final day of the conference. Panelists from several organizations gave their insights on the need for innovation and R&D as well as the development of manufacturing networks for a healthier future.

5th - 7th June 2023, 3rd International Financial Architecture Working Group Meeting, Goa || FINANCE TRACK

The meeting involved in-depth discussions on the key priorities of the IFA Working Group. These priorities encompassed strengthening Multilateral Development Banks to tackle global challenges, managing global debt vulnerabilities, bolstering the Global Financial Safety Net, following up on the IMF's general SDR allocation, enhancing financial resilience through sustainable capital flows, and assessing the macro-financial implications of Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) in the context of climate change policies.

The delegates also addressed the pressing issue of debt vulnerabilities on a global scale and emphasized the need for pragmatic solutions and coordinated policy action to address the worsening debt situation.

Furthermore, a seminar titled "Towards Orderly Green Transition - Investment Requirements and Managing Risks to Capital Flows" was held on the final day of the conference. The seminar provided a platform for enriching panel discussions focused on the risks associated with capital flows stemming from climate transition policies.

6th - 9th June 2023, 4th Development Working Group Meeting, New Delhi || SHERPA TRACK

Over the course of three days, the meeting primarily centered on finalizing the details of the outcome documents, which will be presented during the ministerial meeting. Alongside the discussions, the event also featured showcases highlighting Indian Handicrafts and Indian Digital Payments, as well as captivating cultural performances.

7th June 2023, LiFE, Resilience and Values, Virtual || T20

A specialized expert discussion took place, focusing on India's G20 Presidency, with particular emphasis on the T20 outreach program and its distinctive task force named "LiFE, Resilience, and Values for Wellbeing." The group consisted of international scholars and think tank experts, who shared valuable insights into various aspects of the G20's endeavors amidst growing geo-economic.

The discussion was centered around multilateralism and the current opportunities to drive meaningful change towards a more resilient, secure, and prosperous future. Key considerations included sustainability, distributive justice, and animal welfare. Additionally, the debate explored the role of the Global South and liberal values in the context of global governance, with special attention to the needs and constraints of German/European business interests. The overarching goal of the discussion was to offer solution-oriented perspectives on these critical subjects.

9th June 2023, The Cloud Summit, New Delhi || B20

The CII Cloud Summit is an annual conference that brings together professionals in the cloud computing industry to discuss advancements, best practices, and networking opportunities.

The key takeaways from the summit included the adoption of hybrid cloud infrastructure, the importance of cloud security, the rise of multi-cloud strategies, the significance of cloud-native applications, the integration of AI and ML in cloud services, the mainstream acceptance of edge computing, and the criticality of effective cloud management. These trends address the need for flexibility, security, scalability, innovation, real-time data processing, and optimized performance in cloud environments, reflecting the evolving landscape and demands of the industry.

9th June 2023, Conference on Education and Inclusion, Zurich || C20

The conference aimed to foster dialogue among educators, policymakers, and stakeholders to develop strategies and initiatives that ensure equitable access to education and promote inclusive learning environments. It emphasized the importance of education in empowering individuals, reducing inequalities, and fostering socio-economic development. Discussions covered topics such as access to quality education, inclusive teaching methods, educational policies, and bridging the digital divide.

11th - 13th June 2023, Development Ministers Meeting, Varanasi || MINISTERS MEETING

The meeting covered concerns regarding the mounting developmental challenges that have been further aggravated by the economic slowdown, debt distress, impacts of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, growing poverty and inequality, food and energy insecurity, cost-of-living crisis, global supply-chain disruptions, and geo-political conflicts and tensions. It also focused on working towards a roadmap for achieving SDG Goals and fostering synergies between the development, environment and climate agendas while avoiding costly trade-offs that hold back progress for the developing countries.

The meeting consisted of two main sessions, one on “Multilateralism: Collective Actions for Accelerating Progress towards SDGs” and the other on “Green Development: A LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) Approach”.

An Outcome document was also released where the countries promised to take measures towards a zero-waste, circular economy, take other innovative approaches and create and implement policies to reduce gender discrimination. It also stated enhanced South-South and North-South Cooperation for dealing with global challenges as well as work towards the fulfillment of SDGs and accepting the TOSSD Framework that was newly introduced by the UN.

12th - 14th June 2023, 3rd Digital Economy Working Group Meeting, Pune || SHERPA TRACK

The priority areas covered in the meetings included ‘Digital Public Infrastructure’, ‘Digital Skilling’, and ‘Cybersecurity in Digital Economy’. The concept of ‘One Future Alliance and One Future Fund’ emerged, along with ideas such as enabling principles for Good DPI, the need to provide opportunities, and upskilling individuals for the successful implementation of DPI in Low and Middle-Income countries.

India signed an MoU with four countries on sharing INDIA STACK, i.e. successful digital solutions implemented at population scale. The DPI summit consisted of several sessions with industry experts and policymakers who discussed Digital Infrastructure, Digital Education, and the need to create a Digital Ecosystem in different sectors.

The DPI Exhibition showcased 14 experience zones comprising successfully implemented DPIs related to Digital Identity, Fast Payment, DigiLocker, Soil Health Card, E-National Agriculture Market, Unified Mobile App for New-Age Governance, and many more.

12th - 14th June 2023, Supreme Audit Institutions 20 Summit, Goa || SAI20

The summit centered on the key priority areas of the SAI 20 Engagement group: Blue Economy and Responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI). India presented comprehensive compendiums on both subjects, incorporating valuable contributions and experiences from SAI20 members and other SAIs.

In the face of global challenges, consensus was achieved on the role and responsibilities of SAI20, which aims to foster accountability in governance and strategically partner with them to respond to global issues. The findings of the meeting will supplement the takeaways from the “Voice of the Global South Summit” which was hosted earlier this year and the United Nations SDG Summit in New York in September.

12th - 14th June 2023, 3rd Framework Working Group Meeting, Kochi || FINANCE TRACK

The meeting primarily focused on the macroeconomic implications of food and energy insecurity, climate change, and transition policies. Additionally, risks to the global economy, including inflation, financial globalization, and financial (in)stability, were thoroughly discussed.

Both the IMF and World Bank provided their insights on the global economic outlook, contributing valuable information to the draft G20 Reports on the macroeconomic effects of food and energy insecurity, as well as the impact of climate change and transition pathways. These reports aim to explore opportunities for global cooperation to support countries' domestic efforts in addressing food and energy security, climate change, and transition pathways.

Throughout the 3-day meeting, several side events were conducted, including a panel discussion on "Financial Globalization - Opportunities and Risks," expertly moderated by Prof. Eswar Prasad of Cornell University. This discussion offered valuable perspectives on the challenges that countries face in the realm of macroeconomic policy amidst financial globalization. Furthermore, the Reserve Bank of India organized Jan Bhagidari events to actively involve the local population. These events encompassed financial literacy programs, an awareness campaign on the G20, a painting competition, slogan writing, a note exchange mela, and various other engaging activities.

14th - 16th June 2023, Women 20 Summit, Mahabalipuram || W20

The theme of the W20 summit was 'Women-Led Development- Transform, Thrive and Transcend'. It included an exhibition, a Janbhagidari or Citizen's connect event, 8 sessions and a closed-door meeting. The exhibition offered a platform for women entrepreneurs to showcase their skills and innovation and also included exhibits by W20 Argentina and W20 Indonesia. India's commitment to women-led development was reiterated, and initiatives emphasizing women's financial literacy, digital literacy, healthcare, and sanitation as well as empowering women at the grassroots level were highlighted.

14th - 16th June 2023, 18th CII - Exim Bank Conclave on India - Africa Growth Partnership, New Delhi || B20

The 18th CII-Exim Bank Conclave focused on strengthening economic ties and fostering growth between India and African nations. The discussions covered various aspects such as trade, investment, infrastructure development, technology transfer, and capacity building. The conclave provided a platform for policymakers, industry leaders, and stakeholders from both regions to

exchange ideas, explore collaboration opportunities, and discuss strategies to enhance bilateral trade and investment. It aimed to deepen the economic partnership between India and Africa and promote sustainable and inclusive growth in both regions.

15th June 2023, Manufacturing Conclave, Kolkata || B20

The conclave focused on exploring opportunities, challenges, and strategies to enhance manufacturing capabilities and competitiveness. The meeting encompassed various aspects of manufacturing, including technological advancements, innovation, supply chain management, and skill development. It provided a platform for industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to exchange ideas, share best practices, and propose solutions to drive the growth of the manufacturing sector. It aimed to foster collaboration, promote investment, and identify policies and initiatives that can facilitate the expansion and modernization of manufacturing industries, contributing to economic development and job creation.

15th - 17th June, 2023, 3rd Agriculture Deputies Meeting and Agriculture Ministers Meeting, Hyderabad || MINISTERS MEETING

Agriculture ministers from the G20 member countries, delegates from invited countries, and the Director Generals from International Organizations participated in the three-day meeting.

On the first day, an exhibition on the Achievements of India in the field of agriculture was organized. It was followed by the Agriculture Deputies Meeting (ADM). Two side events were also conducted on the first day, "Managing Agribusiness for Profit, People and Planet" and "Connecting the Digitally Disconnected: Harnessing the Power of Digital Technologies in Agriculture". The side events witnessed the participation of top Indian agriculture-based companies and start-ups.

The Ministerial level discussions focused on "Sustainable Agriculture for Food Security and Nutrition" and other crucial issues such as women-led agriculture, sustainable biodiversity, and climate solutions.

The final day of the meeting concluded with the release of the outcome document. It reiterated the ideas of sustainable practices and adaptation to the acceleration in climate change. It also covered the need for Digitization for Agricultural Transformation. The document provides a set of new principles under the heading of "Deccan High-Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition 2023". The declaration covered the ideas of humanitarian assistance, strengthening of safety nets, food value chains, and collaboration on sustainable practices.

16th - 17th June 2023, Connecting Science to Society & Culture, Bhopal || S20

Two-day meeting focused on the topic of 'connecting science to society and culture'. Discussions revolved around the use of science and technology for education and skill, law and governance, heritage and culture. Discussions were also held on understanding the impact of Artificial Intelligence.

19th - 20th June 2023, 4th Tourism Working Group Meeting, Goa || SHERPA TRACK

Extensive discussions took place on the 5 priorities of Green Tourism, Digitalization, Skills, Tourism MSMEs and Destination Management. There were insightful presentations by G20 member countries, shedding light on their contributions to the five priority areas.

A number of side events exploring sustainable and diverse tourism were conducted. They were based on various themes such as Rural Tourism, Archaeological Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Film Tourism, Eco Tourism and Cruise Tourism. A thematic discussion on 'Public Private Dialogue: Importance of Travel and Tourism to the G20 Economies' also took place during the meeting.

The roadmap document, "Goa Roadmap", which was drafted by the UNWTO was also released. The document contains objectives in the five priority areas and utilizes tourism as a driver for achieving the SDGs. It also contains survey reports which involved all participating countries.

20th June 2023, Conference on Building Workforce for Industry 4.0: The Demand Supply Conundrum, Mumbai || B20

CII organized a Conference to initiate discussions on the future of work and building a skilled workforce aligned to industry 4.0 on a global scale, especially among G20 countries.

The following topics were discussed:

- Future of Manufacturing: Developing an Effective Workforce for Industry 4.0
- Co-creation of value in service ecosystems: Catalyzing Industry 4.0
- Embracing 'Skill-First' approach: What Business, Govt and Academia can do to equip the workforce with right skills.
- Role of MSMEs in driving economic growth and job creation in India: How Government can support these businesses to remain competitive in a rapidly evolving market.

19th - 21st June 2023, 3rd Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting, Mahabalipuram || FINANCE TRACK

The meeting centered on the crucial task of finalizing the recommendations for the key deliverables outlined in the SFWG 2023 work plan. The focus was on drafting the G20 Sustainable Finance Roadmap, which addressed priority areas such as:

- Mechanisms for mobilization of timely and adequate resources for climate finance.
- Enabling finance to support the achievement of the SDGs.
- Capacity building in the financial ecosystem to foster sustainable development financing.

The discussions revolved around formulating effective strategies and mechanisms to ensure the availability of sufficient resources for climate-related initiatives, facilitate financial support for achieving SDGs, and strengthen the financial ecosystem's capacity to promote sustainable development.

Two workshops were organized during the meeting which were:

- G20 Workshop on policy measures and financial instruments for catalyzing the rapid development and deployment of green and low-carbon technologies.
- G20 Workshop on transition finance, data and metrics for climate-aligned investments and sustainability data issues.

20th - 21st June 2023, 4th Education Working Group Meeting, Pune || SHERPA TRACK

On the first day of the 4th EdWG meeting, productive discussions were held with the G20 delegates regarding the draft ministerial declaration. During the meeting, important insights were presented by prominent International Organizations (IOs) such as UNICEF, OECD, and UNESCO, as they shared their education working group report. The Education Working Group Report and Policy Compendium contained valuable information about the policy measures and programs undertaken by G20 nations to enhance literacy and education systems within their respective countries. These comprehensive reports were closely aligned with the objectives of the Indian Presidency.

As part of the event, a meeting and seminar centered around the theme of "Ensuring Foundational Literacy & Numeracy, especially in the context of Blended Learning" were organized. Moreover, a multimedia exhibition was hosted at Savitribai Phule Pune University, with the participation of over 80 exhibitors. Delegates had the opportunity to witness engaging presentations on initiatives related to Foundational Literacy & Numeracy and interact with the exhibitors.

21st - 22nd June 2023, Tourism Ministers Meeting, Goa || MINISTERS' MEETING

The Ministerial Meeting was centered on the key findings from the Working Group meetings and the outcomes of the RoadMap Document, which was unveiled by the UNWTO during the 4th Working Group Meeting.

The outcome document underscored the imperative of embracing Sustainable Tourism practices. It recognized the establishment of a statistical framework to measure the sustainability of tourism.

21st - 23rd June 2023, Labour 20 Summit, Patna || L20

At the summit, a resolution was reached on establishing a multilateral mechanism among G20 member states and other associated countries. This mechanism pertains to the portability of social security which would benefit migrant workers.

The summit witnessed in-depth discussions on a multilateral agreement aimed at ensuring totalization and exportability of social security benefits for migrant workers, encompassing both major migrant-source and migrant-destination countries. This agreement aims to provide comprehensive benefits to migrant workers, promoting their well-being and economic security.

In addition to addressing social security issues, participants of the summit recognized the significance of creating safer workplaces for women and preparing global labor forces for the dynamic and evolving landscape of the 'future of work.'

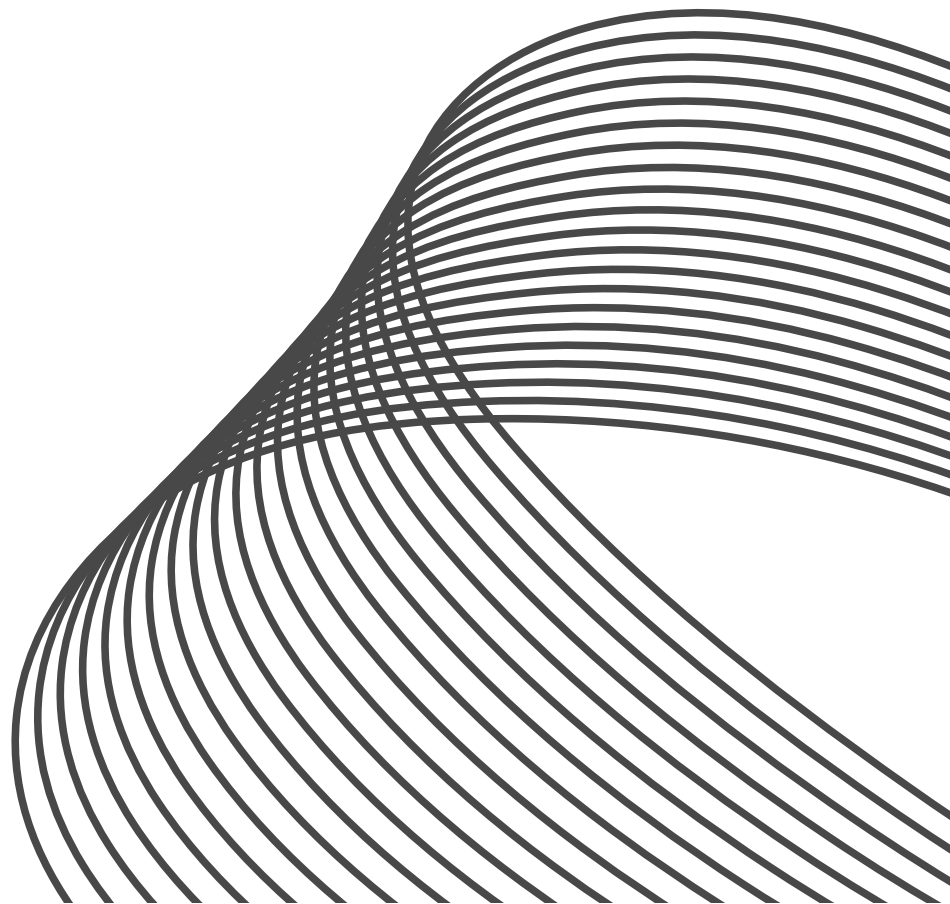
22nd June 2023, 3rd Joint Health-Finance Task Force Meeting, Virtual || FINANCE TRACK

G20 India Presidency's 3rd Health Working Group (HWG) meeting commenced in Hyderabad, focusing on three key priorities: health emergencies prevention, pharmaceutical sector cooperation, and digital health innovations. The meeting emphasized research, development, and innovation in the health sector, particularly in pharma, vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics. Co-branded events addressed emerging aspects like Medical Value Travel, Climate Change's impact on health, and the role of Traditional Medicine. Deliverables included establishing regional networks for medical countermeasures and a global coordination platform.

India's contributions to global health through initiatives like Co-Win and Vaccine Maitri were highlighted. Technology-enabled solutions, such as tele-medicine and the Co-Win platform, aim to ensure equitable healthcare access, especially for under-served populations. Side events explored frameworks for research, development, and innovation, leveraging global networks. A co-branded

event on Global Vaccine Collaborative and a visit to Genome Valley showcased India's advancements in research, development, and pharmaceutical manufacturing.

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20th July 2023 || Business20

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20th - 21st July 2023 || Business20

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28th - 30th July 2023 || Youth20

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Meeting Highlights

1st July 2023, B20 Surat Meet 2023, Surat || B20

This conference focused on the theme 'Two key B20 Task Forces- Inclusive Global Value Chains (GVCs) for Resilient Global Trade and Investment & Financial Inclusion for Economic Empowerment' in Surat, Gujarat. The event sought to facilitate dialogue and networking among business leaders in order to address key challenges and opportunities in the global economy; develop policy recommendations to promote sustainable economic growth, innovation, and inclusivity. The event also showcased Surat City's entrepreneurial ecosystem and investment opportunities to international delegates. It strived to foster partnerships and collaborations between global business leaders and local entrepreneurs.

2nd July 2023, Y20 Talks || Y20

The one-day Y20 Talk held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, with the theme "Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance," aimed to empower and engage young individuals in discussions related to democratic values, governance, and their role in shaping the future. The talk was organized in collaboration with Studio Matrix, an initiative that promotes youth engagement and advocacy.

Throughout the event, interactive sessions provided a platform for young attendees to voice their opinions, share experiences, and exchange ideas on democratic principles, governance challenges, and opportunities for youth engagement.

3rd - 4th July 2023, Startup20 Shikhar: The Summit Meeting, Gurugram || 20

A two-day event was organized in Gurugram, Haryana, marking the successful completion of Startup20's inaugural year. It represented a major milestone in the global startup ecosystem.

An integral part of the summit was the Startup Conclave, where startups showcased their innovative products and services, engaged in investor pitches and mentoring sessions, and networked with industry professionals. The event also incorporated art and cultural elements, creating an enriching experience for all participants. The delegates' efforts culminated in the final Policy Communiqué, which laid the groundwork for a transformative and advanced future through joint action and inclusive startup ecosystems.

5th - 6th July 2023, Research Ministers Meeting, Mumbai || SHERPA TRACK

In the two-day meeting in Mumbai, the Research Ministers of the G20 members and invitee countries re-affirmed the critical role of research and innovation in enabling inclusive and sustainable development, and resolved to support all efforts in transforming research and innovation systems so that they become more responsive to the changing world of the 21st century and address the challenges of tomorrow.

An "Outcome Document and Chair's Summary" was released following the meeting based on the interactions and discussions that took place on the priority areas of Materials for Sustainable Energy, Circular Bio-Economy, Eco-Innovations for Energy Transition, and Sustainable Blue Economy during a series of meetings with the overarching theme of "Research and Innovation for an Equitable Society."

The recommendation to upgrade the Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) to the status of a formal Working Group was met with unanimous approval from all G20 Research Ministers. As a result, the newly established G20 Research and Innovation Working Group (RIWG) will now be part of the Sherpa Track within the G20 framework.

The elevation of RIWG signifies a more structured and focused approach toward harnessing the collective expertise and resources of G20 member countries in the fields of research and innovation. By becoming an official Working Group, RIWG gains increased visibility, influence, and coordination capabilities within the G20 forum.

6th July 2023, Manufacturing Conclave Eastern Region, Jharkhand || B20

The theme of the conclave was "Integrating the Global Value Chain through Competitiveness - Sustainability - Technology." The event focused on discussing and promoting the manufacturing sector's role in India's economy, along with exploring opportunities for growth, sustainability, and technological advancements in the industry.

Various speakers, including government officials, industry leaders, and experts, addressed topics related to manufacturing, economic growth, inclusive and sustainable development; and the potential of different manufacturing spaces, such as pharmaceuticals and solar energy in contributing to India's exports and global competitiveness.

The conclave also highlighted the significance of MSMEs in generating employment and fostering

socio-economic development.

7th - 8th July 2023, U20 Mayoral Summit 2023, Ahmedabad || U20

The two-day Mayoral Summit saw the participation of more than 20 Mayors from across the world and about 25 Mayors from Indian cities. Besides the deliberations among the Mayors, one of the highlights of the event was the four thematic sessions focusing on U20 priorities. Spotlight sessions scheduled during the Summit focused on aspects such as urban resilience, city readiness for investments, inclusion, circular economy and data-driven governance, thus showcasing the research works being undertaken by organizations in various cities across India and the world.

The key outcome of the U20 Mayoral Summit was the handover of the U20 Communiqué by the attending Mayors to the G20 leaders. The U20 Communiqué is an action-oriented collaboratively prepared document that brings to the fore the role that cities can play in taking forward the G20 agenda and includes recommendations and endorsements from a number of cities.

09th - 12th July 2023, 3rd Culture Working Group Meeting, Hampi || SHERPA TRACK

The 4-day meeting saw discussions on the 4 priority areas of Protection and Restitution of Cultural Property; Harnessing Living Heritage for a Sustainable Future; Promotion of Cultural and Creative Industries and Creative Economy; and Leveraging Digital Technologies for the Protection and Promotion of Culture.

The Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Shri Govind Mohan informed the delegates in the meeting, about the Cultural Property Agreement being negotiated between India and US, enabling US authorities to intercept smuggled goods and artefacts and return them expeditiously. He reported that around 150 Artifacts were expected to return from the US in the following three to six months. The house was also informed about an exhibition titled "Woven Narratives" being organized as part of the 3rd CWG meeting in Hampi from 14th July to 14th August, bringing into focus the role of hand weaving in India.

Under the campaign of 'Culture Unites All', the Culture Working Group, Ministry of Culture has set a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Display of Lambani Items', with over 450 Lambani women artisans and cultural practitioners associated with Sandur Kushala Kala Kendra Kendra (SKKK) coming together to create these items using GI-tagged Sandur Lambani embroidery having 1755 patchworks.

10th - 12th July 2023, 3rd Trade & Investment Working Group Meeting, Kevadia || SHERPA TRACK

During the three-day meeting, over 75 delegates representing G20 member states, invitee countries, and international organizations gathered to participate in crucial discussions centered around global trade and investment-related matters. The meeting provided a platform for high-level exchanges of ideas, with the delegates engaging in insightful deliberations aimed at identifying common solutions to expedite global trade and investment.

One of the significant topics that captured attention during the event was the role of logistics in expanding global value chains, particularly concerning the integration of MSMEs worldwide. Participants explored the ways in which robust logistics systems and well-developed trade infrastructure can enhance the participation of MSMEs in international markets. By streamlining supply chains and reducing transportation barriers, countries can create opportunities for MSMEs to thrive in the global economy.

An exhibition was also organized to showcase the success of PM Gatishakti. Another exhibition showcased the benefits of millet crops.

12th - 13th July 2023, GreenCo Summit 2023, Pune || B20

A two-day event aimed at promoting green initiatives and sustainable practices. It sought to bring together businesses committed to sustainability and Space StartUps and Space entrepreneurs. The conference emphasized the need for a net zero approach, value chain de-carbonization, a circular economy, climate change and risk management, Environmental, Social and Governance (ESGs), resource efficiency in terms of energy, water, material and Product stewardship, and the life cycle approach. The Focus areas were (manufacturing sector) automobile, cement, chemicals, engineering, Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG), foundry, glass, iron and steel, non-ferrous, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, pulp & paper, sugar, textiles, tires; (service sector) airports, buildings, financial firms, hotels, IT, logistics and retail.

13th - 14th July 2023, Crime and Security in the age of NFTs, AI and Metaverse, Gurugram || SHERPA TRACK

The two-day conference addressed the challenges of cyber security in the wake of new technologies including NFTs, AI, and Meta-verse. The conference focused on the necessity of global cooperation to tackle the threats of cyber attacks. The conference placed a strong emphasis on the necessity of discouraging both state and non-state actors from using Information and

Communications Technology (ICTs) for terrorist activities. The need for international conventions on ICT crimes was also stressed. It also emphasized the importance of global collaboration, information exchange, and reciprocal legal support in the fight against cyber crime. The participating experts recommended capacity building, public-private partnerships, awareness, and education to build cyber resilience and security.

13th – 15th July 2023, Yi G20 YEA India Summit and Leadership Assembly 2023, Delhi || B20

A three-day Summit on the theme “HUM-together we are one” was organized by G20 Young Entrepreneurs Alliance in New Delhi. “Hum” represents Humanity, symbolizing interdependence and unison. The G20 YEA agenda seeks to bring transformative changes to the future. It believes in the power of working together to bring great changes. The summit was built around 5 tracks, namely, Digital Economy, Agri tech, Tech in Manufacturing, Lifestyle for Sustainability and Inclusion & Equal Opportunity.

13th – 16th July 2023, 3rd Sherpa Meeting, Hampi || SHERPA TRACK

Over 120 delegates from G20 members, invitee countries, and various international and regional organizations came together to jointly draft and co-create the New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration in Hampi.

The three days of negotiations resulted in 5 priorities in the draft – Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), green development, multilateral development banks (MDBs) reforms, digital public infrastructure, and gender equality – to be endorsed in September 2023.

In a historic move, the Indian Presidency proposed the African Union's membership to the G20. Bilateral sessions with several delegations by India, as well as sofa talks in an informal setting also took place.

14th – 18th July 2023, 3rd FMCBG and FCBD Meeting, Gandhinagar || MINISTERS MEETING

The first event, the FCBD meeting, commenced with a roundtable session on strengthening Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) as experts engaged in discussions concerning policy issues related to bigtech, fintech, and strategies for promoting growth-friendly climate action. Cross-border payments were also a key topic of consideration.

Following this, the G20 Infrastructure Investors' Dialogue was held on July 16th, aiming to explore funding and financing mechanisms for the cities of tomorrow. In this dialogue, a panel discussion

delted into de-risking projects, urban planning, blended finance innovations, technological advancements, and the development of climate-resilient and sustainable city infrastructure.

Additionally, on the same day, the G20 High-Level Tax Symposium took place concurrently with the FMCG meeting. This symposium brought together esteemed panelists, including Heads of FATF and OECD, the European Commissioner for Economy, and the Finance Minister of Indonesia, to discuss strategies for combating tax evasion, corruption, and money laundering, with a focus on the need for enhanced collaboration in tackling financial crimes.

Also, G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting was organized on July 17th and 18th. Chaired jointly by India's Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, and the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Shri Shaktikanta Das, the meeting witnessed the participation of over 500 delegates, including Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors from G20 member countries, Invitee Countries, and Heads of various International Organisations.

19th - 20th July 2023, 4th Employment Working Group Meeting, Indore || SHERPA TRACK

The 4th Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting focused on finalizing the Ministerial Declaration and outcome documents. The EWG delegates deliberated and concluded their discussions at the G-20 Labor and Ministers' Meeting (LEM), where they gathered to discuss and adopt these results. A total of 86 delegates participated in the discussions. During the meeting, the G20 took note of India's overwhelming success story in accelerating the transition from informality to formality and enhancing social protection. India's recent key initiatives in legal reforms; systemic transformation; Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises; and social protection were highlighted.

19th - 20th July 2023, 4th Energy Transitions Working Group Meeting, Goa || SHERPA TRACK

The final meeting of the Energy Transitions Working Group was successfully concluded on 20th July. Over 115 delegates representing G20 member countries and nine invitee countries participated in discussions on the challenges of sustainability and equity in global energy transitions. India had proposed a Green Hydrogen Innovation Center and the launch of a Global Bio-fuel Alliance. India also proposed a voluntary action plan for doubling the pace of energy efficiency by the year 2030. The outcome of the working group meeting was presented to the Energy Ministers for the declaration during the Energy Transitions Ministerial Meeting scheduled for 22nd July.

The Working Group featured the release of 13 global studies focusing on advancing energy transitions, providing valuable insights and guidance for collective efforts in achieving transition

goals. Out of these, eight studies had already been released, and the remaining five were planned to be released during the coming days.

The studies included topics such as low-cost finance for energy transition, renewable energy supply chain, vulnerability of the supply chain of oil and gas energy sources, the role of transnational grid interconnections, doubling the pace of energy efficiency, the importance of bio-fuels in the energy mix, global best practices for a just transition in the coal sector, and the critical role of small and modular reactors in energy transition.

Fifteen side events on various topics such as E-mobility and solar energy were organized during the meeting, attracting more than 2,000 participants

20th July 2023, B20 Conference on Future of Work, Skilling and Mobility, Madhya Pradesh || B20

A one day conference on the theme of 'Future of Work, Skilling and Mobility', organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the International Organization of Employers (IOE) and Deloitte, took place at Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The main focus was on strategies for facilitating the shift from informal to formal sector and promoting inclusive and diverse workforce. High equality, diversity and inclusion are linked with greater innovation, productivity and performance, talent recruitment and retention and workforce well-being.

21st July 2023, Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting, Indore || MINISTERS MEETING

Over 176 delegates, including 26 ministers from G20 and guest countries, participated in the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting. The meeting also saw the presence of 15 Heads and Representatives of International Organizations, namely OECD, ISSA, ILO, and World Bank, further enriching the discussions.

The meeting commenced with a video message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting the significance of a mobile workforce in driving economic growth. An update was provided on the progress made by G20 countries towards achieving the 'Brisbane and Antalya Goals' by Deputy Secretary-General of OECD and Director-General of ILO.

During the meeting, the delegates unanimously adopted four Outcome Documents, namely the G20 Policy Priorities on Strategies to Address Skill Gaps Globally; G20 Policy Priorities on Adequate and Sustainable Social Protection; and Decent Work for Gig and Platform Workers; and G20 Policy Options for Sustainable Financing of Social Protection. These documents represented the collective

efforts and commitments of the G20 member countries towards addressing crucial labor and employment challenges on a global scale.

In addition to the Outcome Documents, the Ministers also adopted the Chair's Summary, summarizing the key discussions and agreements reached during the meeting. These documents would serve as guiding principles for future actions and policy implementations to foster inclusive and sustainable economic growth while prioritizing social protection and decent work for all.

21st - 22nd July 2023, Science20 Summit Meeting 2023, Coimbatore || S20

The two-day summit on the theme 'Disruptive Science for Sustainable Development' was organized in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. It was chaired by Prof Ashutosh Sharma, Co-Chair S20 and President of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA). The Final Communiqué consisted of sub-themes like, 'Clean Energy for Greener Future', 'Universal and Holistic Health,' and 'Science for Society and Culture.'

The importance of international cooperation was recognized. Consensus was reached regarding the establishment of a Mission Energy Access to advance clean energy access efforts across the developing world, which would ensure that no one gets left behind. A Global Digital Heritage Initiative was brought about with the aim of preserving global heritage through the usage of digital and cyber-physical technologies.

The summit further recommended the establishment of an International Platform on Emerging Disruptive Technologies to generate and disseminate knowledge along the interface of science, technology, law and policy.

22nd July 2023, Energy Ministers Meeting, Goa || MINISTERS MEETING

The G20 Energy Transitions Ministerial Meeting was held in Goa with the aim to share and collaborate in accelerating clean, sustainable, just, affordable, and inclusive energy transitions, as a means of enabling secure, sustainable, equitable, shared and inclusive growth. While the ministers of France, Russia, and Mexico attended the conference virtually, all other countries were represented physically at the conference. The meeting also had the participation of energy ministers of guest countries and representatives of international organizations namely ADB, CEM, ERIA, IEA, IEF, IRENA, ISA, OPEC, SE4ALL, UNEP, UNIDO, World Bank, World Economic Forum and GECF.

The meeting was concluded with a press conference where the Meeting Chair and Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India, Shri R. K. Singh lauded the success

of the conference. He stated complete agreement on 22 out of 29 paragraphs, and seven paragraphs constitute the Chair summary. An Outcome Document, Chair Summary and High-Level Voluntary Principles on Hydrogen were adopted. On hydrogen, there was an agreement on five principles, that free and open trade will be encouraged so that zero and low-carbon hydrogen is used more, enabling transition in hard-to-abate sectors. The Clean Energy Ministerial and Mission Innovation Meeting discussed technologies that needed to be accelerated, such as technologies for storage.

24th - 26th July 2023, 3rd Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group Meeting, Chennai || SHERPA TRACK

The 3rd and final Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) meeting involved extensive negotiations to finalize the relevant action points under the five priority areas: Global Coverage of Early Warning Systems, Disaster and Climate Resilient Infrastructure, Financing Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Disaster Response System, and the Ecosystem-based Approach to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). During the meeting, the members collectively agreed to accelerate their efforts in enhancing the universal coverage of multi-hazard early warning systems and transforming them into early action mechanisms. Recognizing the significance of disaster and climate resilient infrastructure, the members emphasized the importance of adhering to the G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment. Additionally, they voluntarily contributed to a compendium of good practices on disaster resilient infrastructure.

As part of their commitment to improve disaster risk financing, G20 members agreed to enhance existing national inclusive financing strategies for DRR, aiming to enhance coordination between disaster risk financing and DRR financing through a tiered approach. They also collectively decided to develop and promote the use of assessment tools to better analyze and quantify the economic impact of disasters, thereby enabling more effective responses.

26th - 27th July 2023, 4th Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting, Chennai || SHERPA TRACK

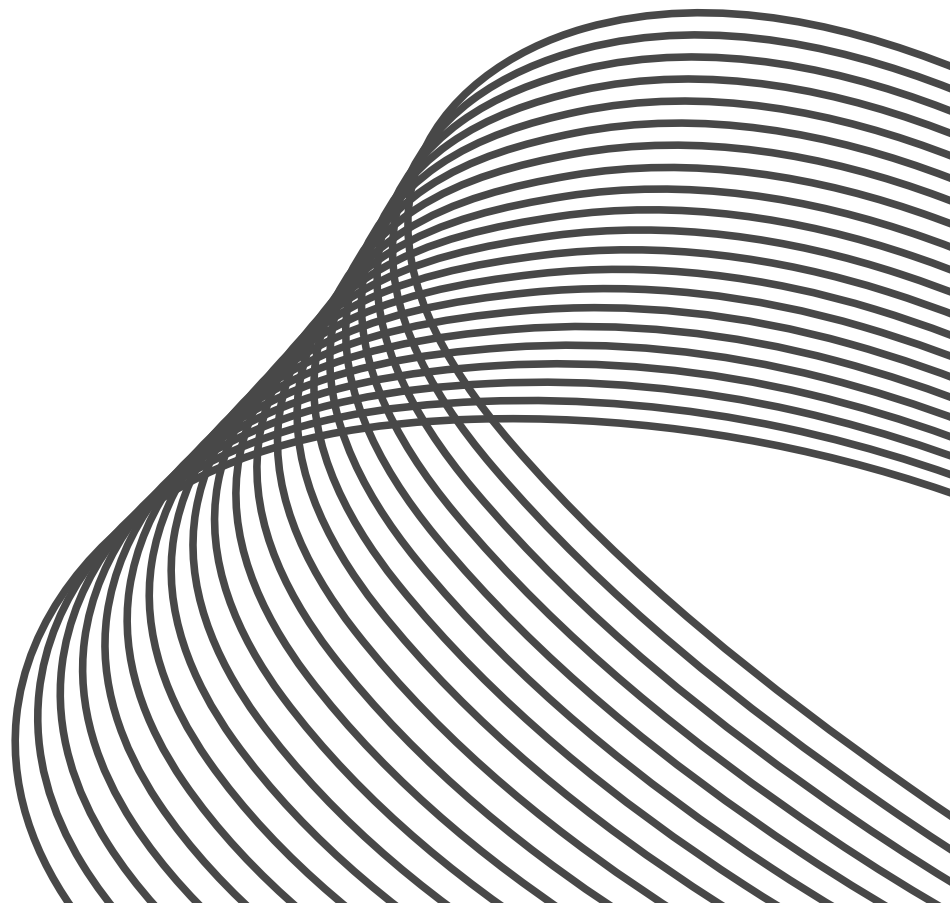
The final Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group meeting concluded in Chennai on 27th July. During the meeting, delegates engaged in parallel discussions on the outcome documents under the climate and environment track. While the climate track focused on identifying solutions to tackle climate degradation and building a sustainable blue economy, the environment track focused on topics such as land degradation and biodiversity. Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav launched the Resource Efficiency Circular Economy Industry Coalition to unite nations and industries to accelerate the circularity agenda.

28th July 2023, 4th Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers Meeting, Chennai || MINISTERS MEETING

The Environment and Climate Sustainability Ministers Meeting was attended by over 225 delegates, including 41 ministers from G20 member and guest countries, along with heads and representatives of 23 international organizations, including UNEP, UNFCCC, COP28, and UNCCD.

During this session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared a special video message, highlighting the significance of Mission LiFE – Lifestyle for Environment, a movement encouraging individual and collective action for environmental preservation. The delegates and ministers reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to creating a sustainable and resilient future. Throughout the meeting, a total of 10 Presidency documents and an outcome document – the Chennai High-Level Principles for Sustainable and Resilient Blue/Ocean-based Economy – were developed. These documents represented the collective efforts of the participants to address pressing environmental and climate challenges and foster sustainable practices.

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02nd - 04th August 2023, Ministerial Meeting on Women Empowerment, Gandhinagar || MINISTERS MEETING

The G20 Ministerial Conference while focusing on women-led development presented an opportunity for accelerating achievement towards Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and achieving SDG 5 concerning gender equality.

The meeting involved deliberations across five ministerial sessions on subjects of education and digital skilling for women's empowerment, skilling opportunities for women, and women in emerging technologies. Ministerial-level discussions were held on topics such as women and space, power of culture and women's empowerment, climate resilience action-impact on women's health and farming, and women and girls as change-makers in climate resilience action among others.

09th - 11th August 2023, 3rd Anti-Corruption Working Group, Kolkata || SHERPA TRACK

The third and final meeting of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) under India's Presidency was held in Kolkata. Over 154 delegates from G20 Members, 10 invitee countries, and various international organizations attended the meeting.

Under India's G20 presidency, ACWG was able to achieve significant progress on anti-corruption cooperation regarding action against fugitive economic offenders and return of assets, guided by the Nine Point Agenda for Action Against Fugitive Economic Offences and Asset Recovery.

The meeting in Kolkata gave direction to the future work of ACWG and furthered the commitments made on law enforcement cooperation, strengthening asset recovery mechanisms, and enhancing the integrity and effectiveness of anti-corruption authorities during India's G20 presidency.

It also enabled the exchange of valuable insights and best practices related to combating corruption across different sectors by G20 members, invitee countries and international organizations (IOs)

10th - 11th August 2023, Water Tech 2023, Delhi || B20

The CII Water Institute organized WATER-TECH, a two-day Conference & Expo centered on Emerging Technologies in Water and Wastewater Management.

The primary goal of this conference was to bring together leading experts, researchers, and practitioners from across the nation. It aimed to facilitate discussions, showcase the latest advancements in water and wastewater management, and provide a platform for the exchange of best practices and global insights. The conference will also feature a dynamic expo hosting technology providers, spotlighting cutting-edge innovations, and offering new approaches to address challenges in this critical field.

Topics to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

- Recent developments in water and wastewater treatment
- Innovations in water reuse and recycling
- Emerging technologies for water quality monitoring
- Strategies for sustainable water management

12th August 2023, Anti-Corruption Ministers Meeting, Kolkata || MINISTERS MEETING

The meeting presented an opportunity to demonstrate the collective and strong political will to lead the global fight against corruption. India's zero-tolerance approach to corruption guided the approach toward international cooperation for combating corruption.

The G20 Anti-Corruption Ministerial meeting in Kolkata also released High-Level Principles on:

- Strengthening Law Enforcement-related International Cooperation and Information Sharing for Combatting Corruption
- Promoting Integrity and Effectiveness of Public Bodies and Authorities Responsible for Preventing and Combatting Corruption
- Strengthening Asset Recovery Mechanisms for Combatting Corruption

The Anti-Corruption Ministerial Meeting came to a conclusion with Ministers' reaffirming their commitment to strengthen collective actions towards countering corruption. A Chair's Summary and Outcome Document along with the documents on Enhancing the Role of Auditing in Tackling Corruption and Accountability Report on Mutual Legal Assistance were released.

15th August 2023, Taskforce meeting, II W20

The W20 Taskforce meeting convened to address critical global challenges affecting women, including entrepreneurship, the gender digital divide, education and skill development, and climate change. The discussions focused on empowering women entrepreneurs, bridging the digital gender

gap, enhancing access to quality education and skills, and addressing the disproportionate impact of climate change on women. This platform allowed the participants to share insights, explore innovative solutions, and forge partnerships to drive meaningful change.

15th August 2023, Demystifying Artificial Intelligence: A conversation with AI insiders and Social || W20

The session discussion brought together leading women in AI and champions of gender equality to unravel the complexities of artificial intelligence in the context of women's empowerment. Participants explored how AI holds the potential to transform and advance various facets of women's lives.

The session also underscored the critical importance of making AI more accessible and comprehensible to women worldwide. It emphasized AI's pivotal role in driving positive change for women, such as addressing gender disparities, promoting women's economic empowerment, and fostering sustainable development.

By nurturing an insightful conversation between AI experts and advocates for women's empowerment, this session truly embodied the spirit of the W20 Summit – leveraging technology to enhance the lives of women and society at large.

16th - 18th August 2023, 4th Digital Economy Working Group, Bengaluru || SHERPA TRACK

Over 100 foreign delegates from G20 members, 9 invited countries and 5 International Organizations namely OECD, ITU, UNDP, World Bank and UNESCO attended the meeting.

It identified three priority areas namely:

- Digital Public Infrastructure
- Security in the Digital Economy
- Digital Skilling.

The meeting emphasized on inclusive, decisive, ambitious, and action oriented priority areas. Detailed deliberations on the draft "G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration" were held regarding the priority areas such as 'Digital Public Infrastructure' and 'Security in the Digital Economy'.

17th - 19 August 2023, 4th Health Working Group and Health Working Group Ministers Meeting, Gandhinagar, Gujrat || MINISTERS MEETING

The focus of the G20 Health Deputies' Meeting was to finalize the draft of the Outcome Document that would be adopted by the Health Ministers' meeting to be held subsequently. The draft focused on the three key priorities of the Health Working Group:

- Health Emergencies Prevention Preparedness and Response (HEPPR)
- Strengthening Cooperation in the Pharmaceutical Sector
- Digital Health Innovations and Solutions

Three parallel summits were organized, on the topics of AYUSH, medical tourism advantage India, and pharmaceuticals and medical equipment. The meeting of health ministers had sessions on "Health Emergencies Prevention, Preparedness and Response (with a focus on One Health and AMR), a panel discussion with WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit, and a panel discussion with 'One Earth One Health Advantage Healthcare India 2023'

17th - 19th August 2023, CII India INNOVERGE 2023, Bengaluru || B20

The 19th edition of CII India Innovation Summit 2023 with the theme "Impacting Global Agenda through Local Innovation" focused on the Indian ecosystem for innovation excellence and with the discussions deliberating on India's role in shaping global policies, scaling up research & development, talent, tools, technology & overall impact on globalization.

The Innovation Summit focused on encouraging an innovation ecosystem and culture, to look beyond the present and discuss the future. The objective of the sessions was to deliberate on the creation an ecosystem for innovation superiority and quality in the nine sectors of Manufacturing, Automobile and transportation, Healthcare and med Tech, Aerospace and space, Tourism and hospitality, Energy and sustainability, Finance, Retails & Commerce, Agri & Food

17th - 20th August, Youth20 Summit || YOUTH 20

This gathering, as a crucial part of India's G20 Presidency, set significant milestones on the global stage. During the summit, the Y20 Communiqué was meticulously discussed and subsequently signed with unanimous consent.

Key recommendations outlined in the Communiqué include:

- Empowering Lifelong Learning

- Preparing the Global Workforce for Global Challenges
- Strengthening International Research Collaboration
- Promoting Universal Gig Worker Rights
- Implementing Accessible Sustainable Financing and Mentoring

The Communiqué was officially released by the Troika countries, symbolizing the transition of leadership from Y20 India to Brazil. This summit's outcome, in the form of the Y20 Communiqué, represents the culmination of months of discussions and embodies the shared vision across the five identified Y20 themes. It ensures that the voices of young people are heard by top global decision-makers.

19th August 2023, Digital Economy Working Group Ministers Meeting, Bengaluru, Karnataka || MINISTERS MEETING

Detailed deliberations on the draft "G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration" were held regarding the priority areas: Digital Public Infrastructure, Security in the Digital Economy and Digital Skilling. The declaration for the consideration and acceptance in the Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting was undertaken. Various issues relating to digital information, service delivery to citizens, and the growth of the digital economy were discussed. A joint statement on the outcome summarizing the agreement on the challenges and opportunities of digital economies was issued.

19th August 2023, Joint Health Finance Ministers meeting, Gandhinagar || MINISTERS MEETING

The discussions revolved around updates regarding global health within the context of the emerging and post-pandemic scenarios. Additionally, the activities of the Pandemic Fund were also a key focus of the conversation.

A presentation was made on the key deliverables brought out under the Indian Presidency:

- The Framework for Economic Vulnerabilities and Risks (FEVR)
- The Report on Mapping Pandemic Response Financing Options and Gaps
- The Report on Best Practices on Finance Health Institutional Arrangements during Covid-19.

Some of the views expressed by countries in the discussions were suggestive of future courses for the Task Force including the development of an operational playbook to ensure swift and adequate pandemic response financing; the development of pandemic stress tests; strengthening the

supportive role of Task Force to WHO in global health architecture while duly considering country-specific circumstances.

21st - 22nd August 2023, 4th Trade and Investment Working Group, Jaipur || SHERPA TRACK

During the two-day meeting, senior trade and investment officials from G20 member states, invitees, and international organizations deliberated on five priority issues, including trade for growth and prosperity, making international trade simple and easy, and promoting the role of small and micro enterprises in global trade. Apart from this, issues like promoting the use of technology in making business easier and reforming the World Trade Organization were discussed in detail. The deliberations focused on building consensus on global trade and investment-related issues, along with accomplishing action-oriented proposals put forward by the Indian Presidency.

22nd - 23rd August 2023, 18th Sustainability Summit, Delhi || B20

The B20 Summit India 2023 kicked off in New Delhi today, centered around the theme of B20 India R.A.I.S.E: Responsible, Accelerated, Innovative, Sustainable, Equitable Businesses. India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant, highlighted India's rapid economic growth and its imminent position as the world's third-largest economy. He stressed four key priorities for the G20 presidency: promoting strong, sustainable, inclusive, and balanced economic growth, reducing protectionist measures, accelerating progress toward SDGs, focusing on climate action and financing in the global south, and advancing women-led development.

The summit's first day featured seven sessions, including discussions on B20 India's priorities and global recommendations, with participation from prominent global and Indian business leaders. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend a special session as Chief Guest on Sunday.

22nd - 23rd August 2023, Safety Symposium and Exposition 2023, Kolkata || B20

The 17th Safety Symposium & Exposition, organized by CII Eastern Region, took place in The symposium's core theme revolves around "Synergizing OHS with ESG Goals." The primary aim of this symposium is to facilitate discussions and insights into how Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) professionals can spearhead cultural transformation, foster cross-functional collaboration, and demonstrate their value in enhancing organizational Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) management. This alignment is crucial to achieving overarching objectives, such as delivering exceptional Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) performances.

24th - 25th August 2023, 4th Culture Working Group Meeting, Varanasi || SHERPA TRACK

The meeting aimed to arrive at actionable outcomes while positioning culture at the heart of policy-making by building upon the success of the previous three CWG meetings in Khajuraho, Bhuvaneswar, and Hampi, as well as the four Global Thematic Webinars. The insights and recommendations from the expert-driven Global Thematic Webinars on the priority areas of the CWG were collated in a comprehensive report titled "G20 Culture: Shaping the Global Narrative for Inclusive Growth".

The CWG, under India's G20 presidency, launched the 'Culture Unites All' campaign to highlight India's unwavering belief in multilateralism based on peaceful coexistence among diverse cultures and communities. The CWG also released a special stamp to commemorate the campaign on 26 August 2023. The 'Culture Unites All' postage stamp was crafted as a distinctive emblem combining the ideas of connectivity, communication, and journey representing a cultural exchange and establishing cultural context.

24th -25th August 2023, Trade & Investment Ministers Meeting, Jaipur, Rajasthan || MINISTERS MEETING

The focus of the G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting (TIMM) was on easing barriers to international trade and investment; helping boost productivity and output and fostering economic growth and prosperity for all.

On the first day, two sessions were organised on the following themes:

- Multilateral Trade for Global Growth & Prosperity
 - Trade for Growth & Prosperity
 - WTO Reforms
- Inclusive & Resilient Trade
 - Trade & Resilient GVCs
 - Integrating MSMEs in World Trade

Under India's Presidency, the G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial reached a groundbreaking consensus on five concrete and action-oriented deliverables which have been adopted in the Outcome Document of the Trade Ministerial Meeting.

G20 Ministers acknowledged the importance of mutual dialogues to reduce regulatory divergences and associated trade costs and also to prevent unnecessary trade frictions, monitor trade and

investment-related measures, and solve existing irritants. A G20 Standards Dialogue in 2023 was also finalized.

24th August 2023, BloombergNEF Summit, Delhi || B20

The BNEF Summit offered valuable insights, ideas, and networking opportunities to craft successful strategies, harness technological advancements, and shape a cleaner and more competitive future. During the session titled "Women in Energy, Mobility, and Finance," key outcomes included discussions related to achieving net-zero emissions in the global and Indian markets. The session drew insights from the BNEF New Energy Outlook modeling, highlighting the sectors, technologies, and timing required for this goal.

24th August 2023, Economist Impact Forum, Delhi || B20

This event took place on the eve of the B20 Summit and aimed to delve into pertinent issues with the help of fresh, research-driven insights from Economist Impact and the collective wisdom of distinguished speakers.

The salon sought to address the following key questions:

- **Contours and Realities of the New Globalisation:** Participants explored the evolving landscape of globalization, examining its current contours and realities in a rapidly changing world.
- **Mapping and Harnessing Global Innovation Ecosystems:** The discussion centered around the strategies and opportunities for mapping and leveraging global innovation ecosystems to drive progress on a global scale.
- **Sharing Insights Across Sectors:** Leaders from diverse sectors came together to share their insights and experiences, fostering cross-sectoral learning and collaboration.
- **Advancing Sustainable, Equitable, and Inclusive Societies:** The salon aimed to bring leaders closer together in their efforts to accelerate the creation of more sustainable, equitable, and inclusive societies, with an emphasis on the importance of global cooperation.

26th August 2023, Cultural Ministers Meeting, Varanasi || MINISTERS MEETING

Under the aegis of the Ministry of Culture, the G20 Culture Working Group (CWG) under India's Presidency engaged in shaping tangible action-oriented outcomes for the four priority areas articulated by India's CWG. This engagement was achieved through continuous deliberations via the CWG meetings, bilateral sessions, and a series of Global Thematic Webinars. CMM was a culmination of all the discussions, deliberations and initiatives of the previous meetings.

This was followed by the welcome remarks by Hon'ble Minister for Culture, Tourism and DoNER, Shri G Kishan Reddy. In his remarks, Shri G Kishan Reddy shared, "Under India's Presidency, we have tried to capture the spirit of our collective vision and commitment to progress together. Through our combined wisdom and shared responsibility, we can transform the challenges that lie before us into opportunities, raising the profile of culture within our public policies while consolidating the positioning of culture as an engine for sustainable and inclusive development."

The G20 Culture Ministers agreed to harness the transformative power of culture to address today's multifaceted development challenges such as climate change, rising inequalities and the impact of the digital transformation among others, laying forth the need to shape more inclusive societies, grounded in the full respect for and recognition of the diversity and equal dignity of all cultures.

27th - 29th August 2023, 2nd Chief Science Advisors Round Table, Gandhinagar || SHERPA TRACK

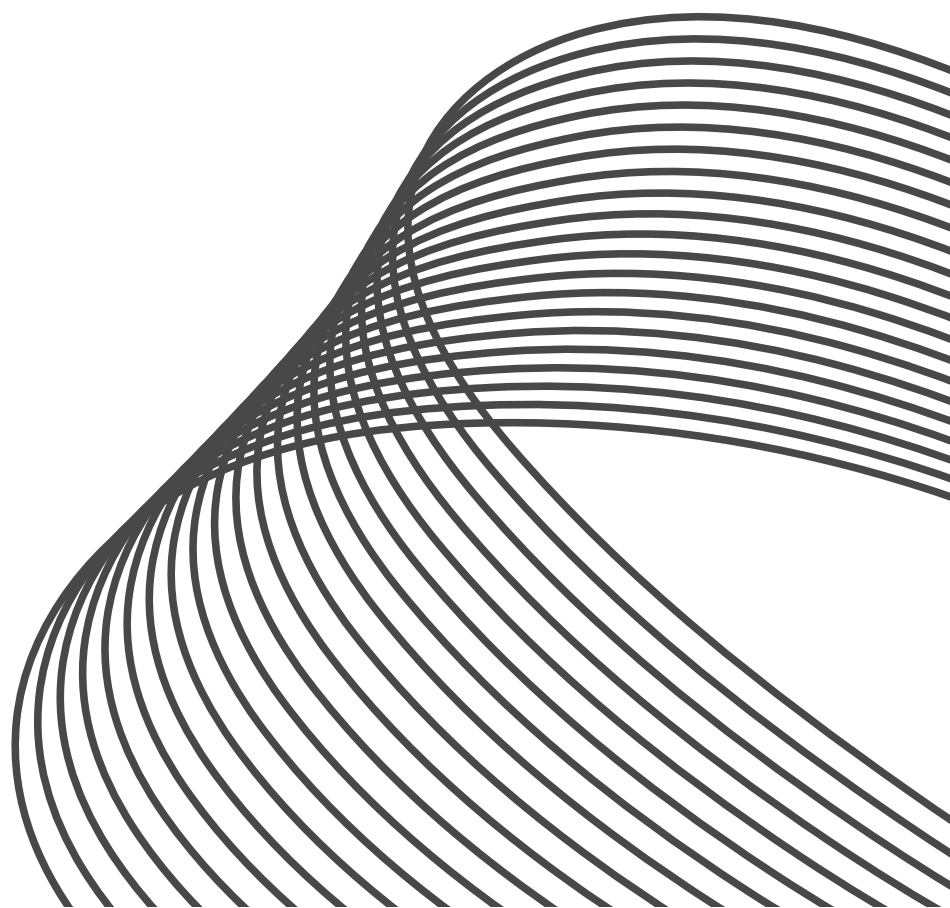
G20-CSAR attempts to synergize global science advice mechanism in an inclusive and action-oriented manner to enable evidence-informed policy-making, as well as strengthening science advice at national and international levels.

The key priorities areas that were discussed during the day-long deliberations were:

- Leveraging opportunities in One Health, for better disease prevention, control, and pandemic preparedness
- Synergizing global efforts to expand access to scholarly scientific knowledge
- Ensuring equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in Science and Technology Ecosystem, as well as known and unknown emerging priorities.
- Creating an Inclusive, Continuous and Action-Oriented Global Science Advice Mechanism.

The G20 countries aim to use the G20-CSAR platform to pave the way for further discussions and deliberations wherein members and international organizations could converge on multidisciplinary issues, impart synergistic science advice and use Science Diplomacy to enhance synergies between various stakeholders.

XI. Essays



INDIA'S DISPOSITION AND TAKEAWAYS FROM THE G20 SUMMIT IN BALI

The Group of 20, an intergovernmental forum consisting of the world's largest economies, convened in Bali, under the presidency of Indonesia, on 15th and 16th of May 2022, to discuss and take on collective action to address and mitigate a wide gamut of global issues.

The listed priorities of the Indonesian Presidency of the G20 were as follows:

- Strengthening the global health architecture vis-a-vis inclusivity, equity and responsiveness to crises.
- Digital transformation and the rapid digitalization of the global economy.
- Sustainable energy transitions towards clean energy sources and investments and platforms.

The essence of the outcome of this summit, i.e., the Bali Declaration, is summarized in the next few paragraphs. The group agreed upon focusing attention on critical areas such as food security, energy security, sustainable infrastructure, nature-based solutions, ecosystem-based approaches, healthcare and the Pandemic, digital public infrastructure, transparent financing, global trade and supply chains, human rights and labor markets, migration, access to education, gender equality and anti-corruption, among other things, to ensure inclusive growth and sustainable development.

With respect to food security, there was consensus on strengthening agricultural markets, supply chains, agriculture, diversity of food crops and climate change resistant and/or neutral agricultural practices and crops.

Energy Systems

Diversifying energy systems and committing to net zero objectives were agreed upon as being critical to achieving energy security. The intersection of climate, energy and geopolitics was emphasised as the reason for its pertinence. Supporting developing countries is also a central focus of this effort in providing access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy. Ensuring capacity building and access to affordable latest technologies within the public domain, mutually beneficial technology cooperation and financing mitigation actions in the energy sector were also key focus areas. The importance of adopting policies to transition towards low-emission energy systems by rapidly scaling up clean power generation through promoting renewables and phasing down of coal-based power was also acknowledged. Investment in sustainable infrastructure and industry and innovative technologies was promoted.

Alleviating impacts of Environmental hazards

The necessity of reducing the impact of environmental hazards by changing unsustainable consumption and production patterns was recognized. Adopting nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches, supporting climate mitigation and adaptation, enhancing environmental conservation and protection, promoting its sustainable use and restoration, responding to natural disasters, reducing ecosystem degradation, and enhancing ecosystem services were agreed upon as ways to address issues affecting the environment. The group also advocated for sustainable financing systems that realigned themselves to incorporate this into their models of functioning. The Delhi Declaration carried this legacy forward through Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)

Flexibility in Fiscal Policy Reforms

Ensuring flexibility in fiscal policy response, possessing the ability to adapt to changing circumstances, and avoiding high inflationary *prices* were agreed upon as means to ensure stability in economies, which would in turn, allow for the slow progress toward the goals discussed above. The independence of central banks was acknowledged as critical to achieving price stability. Implementing standards for tax transparency internationally was also deemed critical to the process. The group encouraged the coordination and cooperation of Multilateral Development Banks.

Rules-based, Non-Discriminatory, Free, Fair, Open, Inclusive, Equitable, Sustainable and Transparent Multilateral Trading System (MTS)

The Group also called for a rules-based, non-discriminatory, free, fair, open, inclusive, equitable, sustainable and transparent multilateral trading system (MTS), with the WTO at its core. They asserted that this is indispensable to advancing the shared objectives of inclusive growth, innovation, job creation and sustainable development in an open and interconnected world and supporting the resilience and recovery of a global economy currently under strain due to COVID-19 and global supply chain disruptions. Revitalizing international trade and investment was found critical to addressing supply chain and trade disruptions. Mitigating current trends in the labor market, reducing inequalities and responding to opportunities in the automation and digital technologies sector were acknowledged as means to promote trade progress in development.

Promoting Gender equality, Human and Fundamental Rights of Migrants and Workers

The Group also declared that promoting gender equality along with human rights and fundamental rights of migrants as well as workers regardless of their status, should be at the core of any and all attempts to address the objectives agreed upon. Social protection for all and maximizing skill development was agreed upon as being the most conducive manner for labor markets to flourish and for the global economy to do so as well. Alignment with the 2030 targets of the SDGs was impressed upon as being critical to building inclusive and sustainable recovery and resilience. Building adaptive social protection, green economies and blue economies are requisite.

Access to Education and Gender Equality

Providing access to education has been acknowledged as central to economic progress and stability. Gender equality and women's empowerment are also at the core of inclusive recovery and sustainable development. The group acknowledged that women were disproportionately affected by Covid19 and other crises. Eliminating gender-based violence, enhancing social, health-care and educational services, and overcoming gender stereotypes were understood to be critical in ensuring overall development.

Sustainable Tourism and Community

The Group promoted the role of sustainable tourism and community-based approaches for a sustainable and resilient global sector. It was agreed upon that *promoting MSMEs* was a way in which culture could enable and be the driver of sustainable development. This would provide beyond social and economic benefits. The group recognizes that the protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of our people, including local communities and indigenous people, were integral to inclusive and sustainable progress and growth.

Anti-Corruption Efforts through Legally Binding Instruments

The Group finally emphasized its commitment to anti-corruption efforts through legally binding instruments. The group renewed their commitment to zero tolerance for corruption, strengthening

international cooperation and legal frameworks for combating economic crimes, including corruption related to organized crime and money laundering, terrorism financing and proliferation financing, strengthening engagement with stakeholder and promoting active participation in fields such as academia, civil society, media and the private sector, to advance a culture of integrity.

India's Disposition

Over the two days of the G20 summit, Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's speeches addressed various interconnected issues.

- The failure of multilateral and intergovernmental institutions in post-covid collaboration. PM Modi stated that the path of return to peace, after the war in Ukraine and after the pandemic – vis-a-vis climate change as well – are challenges that have not been successfully addressed by multilateral institutions. He impressed upon the gathering that the onus of creating a better world after the pandemic was upon them. He pointed out that their gathering in Indonesia, the land where the philosophical teachings of Buddha and Gandhi were eminent, made their message of peace so much more significant.
- The matter of exports from Ukraine also brought up pre-existing issues of food security and fertilizer security. PM Modi stated that “today's fertilizer scarcity is tomorrow's food scarcity.” He implored nations to focus on global supply chain issues and ensure mutual agreements to maintain supply chains of both, manure and food grains.
- Prime Minister also highlighted the importance of sustainable food security and presented that India was turning a focus on natural farming, millet, and traditional food grains.
- Energy security, renewable energy, clean energy and the environment were also focused upon in Prime Minister's remark. He asserted that stability in the energy market is being threatened by the EU's sanctions and the G7's price cap on Russian oil. He insisted that India's energy security was critical to the growth of the global economy, given India's position within it. Stating that India continues to purchase discounted Russian oil, he argued that there should not be any promotion of restrictions on energy supply. To ensure inclusive energy transitions, PM emphasized that time-bound, affordable finance and sustainable supply of technology must be made available to developing countries.
- In conjunction with technological transfers, PM Modi also brought up the existing digital divide at the international level. He pointed out that India was actively working towards providing digital access to its public. He emphasized how critical digital solutions were to finding solutions to climate change. He stated that digital architectures possess the ability to be inclusive and thus solve issues of socio-economic changes too.

For this reason, he posited that digital public goods had in-built democratic principles. Data for development was a core idea that was promoted. He implored that digital transformation's development and benefits should not be confined to small parts of the human race, particularly because they were force multipliers in the global fight against poverty.

- The Prime Minister also addressed that the compounded effects of the various crises in the world were affecting the poorest of citizens.



INDIA'S BILATERAL TALKS

On the sidelines of the main events of the G20 Summit, there were several bilateral talks held between different heads of states. Some aspects of their focus are discussed below:

- **India-US:** President Biden and Prime Minister Modi exchanged interests in the deepening of India-US talks and cooperation, specifically about critical and emerging technologies through various engagements like Quad and India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States (I2U2).
- **India-UK:** PM Sunak and PM Modi held bilateral talks to discuss securing the Indo-Pacific region. There were talks about raising the scope of security cooperation and defense reforms. Discussions about furthering negotiations on the trade deal between India and the UK and increasing commercial linkages also occurred. The two heads of state discussed their Migration and Mobility partnership, with specific reference to the UK-India Young Professionals Scheme. According to PM Sunak, the impetus is to establish stronger ties with the Indo-Pacific while also potentially securing a trade deal with India worth about 24 Billion pounds.
- **India-France:** PM Modi and President Macron held bilateral discussions to boost cooperation in defence, nuclear energy and food security.



- **India-Singapore:** India and Singapore held talks to make negotiations that ensure cooperation and collaboration in areas such as a green economy, fintech and renewable energy – also as a part of India's Act East policy.
- **India-Germany:** PM Modi and Chancellor Scholz discussed bilateral economic engagement and furthering defence collaboration.

- **India-Italy:** The heads of government, Narendra Modi and Georgia Meloni held discussions about working closely in sectors like energy, defence, and culture and boosting climate change solutions while also enhancing economic partnerships.
- **India-Australia:** The two Prime Ministers, Modi and Albanese, discussed collaboration across different sectors such as defence, trade, education, clean energy and people-to-people ties. Institutional partnership in education, especially in higher education, vocational education, training and capacity building, was also discussed.

While there were no Bilateral talks between India and China, Modi and Xi exchanged words over the G20 dinner. There have been no bilateral talks between the two nations since the events in Samarkand in May 2022. To some, it seems there may be none until both parties return to normalcy vis-a-vis disengagement and de-escalation of military activity.

Conclusion

One of the most significant statements provided by the Indian Prime Minister, as recognized by those present at the summit, was one that has been maintained throughout India's stance on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, "this era is not of war."

The presidency of G20 was officially handed over by Indonesian President Joko Widodo to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. After this, Modi outlined the issues that the Indian Presidency of the G20 would focus on. The PM's speech encapsulated how the G20 presidency under India would focus on "inclusive, ambitious and decisive collective action." India's theme for its G20 presidency, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", means 'One Earth. One Family. One Future'. The theme essentially affirms the value of all life - human, animal, plant, and microorganisms - and their interconnectedness on the planet Earth and in the wider universe. Modi also emphasised the spotlight that would be cast on women-led development alongside the LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) campaign.

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ENGAGEMENT GROUPS OF G20

In the months leading up to the actual summit itself, the work done by the G20 is divided into the Finance Track and the Sherpa Track, as a means to ensure thematized and relevant outcomes from the various groups involved in working on the same. Apart from Working Groups, through the Sherpa Track, several Engagement Groups participate in the discussion and formulation of recommendations provided on the specific agenda set by the G20 each year.

To honour the commitment made by the G20 to consult with relevant stakeholders and communities, the G20 Engagement Groups – non-governmental participants and independent collectives from each G20 member – draft recommendations and solutions which are then considered during the policy-making process. These Engagement Groups include the Business20 (B20), Civil20 (C20), Science20 (S20), Think20 (T20), Labor20 (L20), Women20 (W20), Youth20 (Y20), Urban20 (U20), Startup20 and Parliament20 (P20)

Business20 (B20) (CII)

Established in 2010, the B20 is the official dialogue forum for the global business community. The B20 is tasked with formulating recommendations on designated issues and presenting them to the G20 Presidency during the B20 summit, which usually occurs prior to the G20 summit itself.

This year, the B20 was organised by the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce (KADIN) secretariat of B20 India is the Confederation Of Indian Industry. The B20 consists of 6 different Task Forces and one Action Council to deliver policy recommendations on the following topics:

- Trade and Investment
- Energy, Sustainability and Climate
- Digitalization
- Finance and Infrastructure
- Future of Work and Education
- Integrity and Compliance
- Women in Business Action Council

There is an appointed Secretariat that oversees the Task Forces and Action Councils to ensure consistency between their work and the agenda set by the G20. The Secretariat is also responsible for the operational management of the B20. Besides the Chairperson and Co-chairperson(s) and the Advisory Board and International Advisory Caucus, the B20 also usually has several sponsors, networks and knowledge partners that contribute to supporting the B20 Summit.

Civil20 (C20)

Established in 2013, the C20 is a platform for various Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to participate in the decision-making process of the G20.

The Steering Committee (SC) is the executive body that is in charge of leading the entire process and ensuring the setting of agendas and meetings amongst its working groups and government representatives. The SC is also the body that is tasked with ensuring that the C20 is an open, diverse and inclusive space that allows for the transmission of a broad range of civil society views to the G20. The SC works alongside the International Advisory Committee (IAC). The IAC comprises international civil society organisations with prior experience working with the G20. Its key responsibilities are to advise the SC on strategic decision-making and disseminate the recommendations of the C20 among various stakeholders. Further, along with the SC, the IAC is also responsible for developing an advocacy strategy and plan. As stated on the official website of the C20 Indonesia, "The SC and the IAC are part of the institutional structure of the C20 and are composed of civil society organisations with expertise in various areas of C20 engagement, invited by the Chair and Co-Chair based on two major criteria: experience of working at C20/G20 level, and geographic and thematic representation."

Science (S20)(IISc)

Established in 2017, the S20 is one of the youngest Engagement Groups of the G20. The purpose of this platform is to aid the G20 by facilitating engagement and dialogue with the scientific community, which was earlier the task of the national science academies of the host nations. The S20 exists in order to present consensus-based and science-driven recommendations to policy-makers, formulated through task forces made up of international experts. Similar to the G20, the S20 also has a non-permanent rotating secretariat that operates as a forum. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is the Secretariat for Science 20.

Think20 (T20) (ORF)

The Think20 is the official engagement group that brings together research centers and think tanks around the world, to enter into dialogue and provide ideas and research-based policy solutions for various issues discussed by the G20 leaders. The T20 summit was held as a capstone event for T20 Indonesia, in order to discuss and formulate policy options on global health architecture, digital transformation and energy transitions. Observer Research Foundation is the secretariat for Think20.

Labour20 (L20)

The L20 was established to represent the interests of the workforce at the G20 level by bringing together trade unions from G20 countries and Global Unions to provide input to the G20. The L20 was formed by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC). The priority issues of the L20 in 2022, among others, were labour protection for digital platform workers, climate change with a fair transition, decent work and universal social security coverage.

Women20 (W20)

Established during Turkey's presidency of the G20 in 2015, W20 is the official engagement group whose objective is to ensure that gender considerations are mainstreamed in the discussions of the G20. The translation of these considerations onto the G20 Leaders' Declaration as policies and commitments to gender equality and women's economic empowerment is the core impetus of the W20. There was a W20 summit in 2022, prior to the G20 summit, which included a series of conferences and policy dialogues that focused on gender equitable policy making, women's economic empowerment, addressing intersectionality for inclusive economic growth for rural women and women with disabilities, gender lens investing, and business mentoring and networking.

Urban20 (U20)

The U20 was launched in 2017, under the leadership of Mayor Larreta of Buenos Aires and Mayor Hidalgo of Paris to bring together mayors from major G20 cities to inform the discussions of national leaders at the G20.

The purpose of the U20 is to raise the profile of urban issues in the G20 agenda and establish a forum for cities to formulate a collective perspective that informs G20 negotiations. This platform

platform was set up keeping in mind that effective global action given the issue requires coordination at all levels – from international to local – of government. Urban spaces are critical in this engagement as the world is now more urban than ever.

Youth20 (Y20)

Y20 is the official forum for youth from all G20 members. The purpose of the Y20 is to encourage

uth as future leaders and raise awareness of global issues, exchange ideas, argue, negotiate, and reach a consensus. Y20 in 2022 was organised by the Indonesian Youth Diplomacy, appointed by the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The priority issues raised were: A Sustainable and Livable Planet, Youth Employment, Digital Transformation, Diversity and Inclusion.

Parliament20 (P20)

The various parliaments of the G20 are part of the Engagement Group. As representatives of the people and of all interests in society, the P20 exists to fulfil the need to actively engage in the discussions of the G20. Parliaments can and should provide substantial inputs and recommendations to the G20. The Parliamentary Speakers' Summit, or the P20, provides a "valuable opportunity to deepen the recognition of each country's efforts and ideal methods of international collaboration in related policies by discussing pressing issues faced by the global community."

Startup20

Startup 20 Engagement Group has being initiated under G20 India presidency of 2023 which aspires to create a global narrative for supporting startups and enabling synergies between startups, corporates, investors, innovation agencies and other key ecosystem stakeholders.

The purpose of this group is to provide a common platform for startups from G20 member countries to come together to develop actionable guidance in the form of building of enabler's capacities, identification of funding gaps, enhancement of employment opportunities, achievement of SDG targets & climate resilience, and growth of an inclusive ecosystem.

THINK20 AND ITS TASK FORCE

Think20, an engagement group of the G20, functions as a hub for ideas to aid with the deliberation and formulation of recommendations to the leaders of the G20. Bringing together a variety of think tanks with high levels of expertise in their respective fields, the research-based policy recommendations made by the T20 are later synthesised into policy briefs for presentation to working groups, ministerial meetings and leaders' summits.

Under the Indian presidency of the G20, the Think20 engagement group has launched seven separate task forces to identify details of various problems and solutions that impact our world. These task forces aim to address issues of trade and livelihood, digital public infrastructure, lifestyle for environment and resilience, clean energy and green transitions, global financial order, achievement of the SDGs and reforms in multilateral and institutional frameworks. These task forces are detailed below.

Task Force 1 - Macroeconomics, Trade, and Livelihoods: Policy Coherence and International Coordination

Chaired by Poonam Gupta of the National Council of Applied Economics Research and N.R. Bhanumurthy of Dr B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University, this task force has primarily been established to achieve enhanced inter-state and intra-state coordination for cohesion in monetary and fiscal policies. Ensuring employment and better livelihoods, economic recovery and growth in general, and particularly through the strengthening and promotion of MSMEs, requires that nations possess macroeconomic stability. For this reason, this task force seeks to discern the interrelationships between monetary, trade, fiscal and investment policies at the national and international levels. The three workstreams that this task force will address are

- Monetary Synchronisation and Fiscal Space;
- Trade, Investment and Supply Chain Resilience; and
- Economic Growth, Employment and Livelihoods.

Task Force 2 - Our Digital Future: Affordable, Accessible and Inclusive Digital Public Infrastructure

This task force has been established to look into affordable, accessible and interoperable systems for payment, lending and entrepreneurship and to ideate and create frameworks for the global digital commons. The task force also seeks to address manners in which Digital Public Infrastructure (DPIs) can contribute towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Ensuring equitable and accountable digitalisation across various sectors is also significant to Task Force 2. Discussions about securing uninterrupted and resilient supply chains to support the digital commons and promoting inclusive entrepreneurship and employment in the digital domain are also a part of its agenda. Task Force 2 is chaired by Sharad Sharma of iSPIRIT and Anirban Sarma of the Observer Research Foundation. The workstreams that this task force will engage with are

- Affordable and Accessible Digital Public Infrastructure;
- Digital Financial Inclusion and Social Protection;
- Interoperability of Digital Services and Standard Setting; and
- Digital Entrepreneurship, Skills and Jobs.

Task Force 3 - LiFE, Resilience and Values for Well-being

Deliberation over the necessity of mass movements for sustainable consumption and production for ensuring green transitions is at the center of this task force's objectives. This task force is aimed at questioning the manners of technologies, finance, skills, etc, required to reduce burdens faced by developing countries and communities. Making recommendations to ensure linkages to capital and capacity for disaster reduction and resilience in critical and vulnerable ecologies and nations are also within this task force's ambit. The integrity of banking, finance and insurance systems is going to be addressed with the aim of creating more robust, just and inclusive values and ethics-based approaches to economic systems.

A new measurement matrix to evaluate overall well-being aside from socio-economic development is also to be explored. Chaired by Sachin Chaturvedi from the Research and Information System for Developing Countries and Sujana R. Chinoy from the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies

and Analyses, the task force will engage with the following workstreams:

- LiFE and Promoting Sustainable Consumption;
- Building Integrity and Ethics into the Architecture of Financial Institutions;
- Growth Measurement and Approaches on well-being; and
- Catalysing Investments for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, Cities and Societies.

Task Force 4 - Refuelling Growth: Clean Energy and Green Transitions

This task force is chaired by Samir Saran of the Observer Research Foundation and Vibha Dhawan of The Energy and Resources Institute. With the **acceleration of clean energy transitions** as the focal area, this task force exists to address urgent and inclusive financing for green transitions. The task force seeks to outline how the G20 can reduce fossil fuel dependence and provide technical assistance to achieve the former. Securing sustainable energy choices and green transitions in a manner that is equitable is of primacy.

The instruments and institutional requirements for this also fall under the scope of this task force's discussions. It aims to find ways to embed green growth solutions into national development pathways. The workstreams through which this task force will engage these subjects are

- Technology Transfer for Green Transitions;
- Climate Mainstreaming and Embedded Green Transition Policies;
- Role of Multilateral Development Banks, Blended Finance, New Instruments, and Private Capital;
- Assessment of Emerging Energy and Fuel Choices; and
- G20 and International Partnerships.

Task Force 5 - Purpose and Performance: Reassessing the Global Financial Order

The Group then finally emphasised its commitment to anti-corruption efforts through legally binding instruments. The group renewed their commitment to zero tolerance for corruption, strengthening international cooperation and legal frameworks for combating economic crimes, including corruption related to organised crime and assessing how the global financial architecture - which is dominated by institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank - can be reformed to reflect modern realities is at the core of this task force's objectives. Creating suitable and sustainable global

multilateral collaboration frameworks to grant greater access to development finance to address the widening financing gap is a critical agenda of this task force. This task force also seeks to address the gaps in expectations between MDBs, Central Banks and the IMF by pushing for collaboration, coordination and fundamental changes in the mandates and functioning of these institutions.

Removal of institutional and regulatory barriers to allow for greater access to finance for developing countries and encouraging investments from multilateral institutions and the developed world into the developing world is also a key area of discussion that will be taken on by this task force. This task force is chaired by Deepak Mishra of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations and Ashima Goyal of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research. The workstreams through which the task force will engage with these issues are

- Enhancing Access to Infrastructure and Development Finance;
- Towards More Innovative Financing Mechanisms;
- Reform of Bretton Wood Institutions and MDBs; and
- Need and Role of Regional Plurilateral Financing Institutions.

money laundering, terrorism financing and proliferation financing, strengthening engagement with and promoting active participation by stakeholders such as academia, civil society, media and the private sector, in order to advance a culture of integrity.

Task Force 6 - Accelerating SDGs: Exploring New Pathways to 2030 Agenda

Issues such as climate-smart agriculture, sustainable blue economy, biodiversity and water conservation are critical to assessing policy implementation that addresses the achievements of SDGs. This task force is responsible for responding to the challenges ranging from food and nutrition to universal and holistic healthcare and formulating recommendations for how the G20 can strengthen their approaches to addressing the same.

Leveraging traditional systems of medicine and ensuring women-led development is also a part of this task force's scope of deliberations. The focus on societal resilience, science, technology and technology facilitation to invigorate development after the post-pandemic economic crisis is key to achieving the SDGs for 2030. The chairs of this task force are G.A. Tadas from the Research and Information System for Developing Countries and Kalpana Sastry Regulagedda from the Ag-Hub Foundation.

The work-streams that this task force will engage with are:

- Food Security, Nutrition, and Climate Smart Agriculture
- Water Security and Conservation;
- Promoting Holistic Outcomes in Health;
- Preserving Biodiversity and Blue Economy;
- Gender-sensitive SDGs programmes and Investing in Children; and
- Agenda 2030, AAAA (Addis Ababa Action Agenda) and Partnerships.

Task Force 7 - Towards Reformed Multilateralism: Transforming Global Institutions and Frameworks

This task force will address the successes and failures of the UN system amidst global crises and consider methods to revive international institutions such as the WHO, WTO, ILO, etc. The reformation of such institutions and their mechanisms are expected to serve as solutions to threats such as high inflation, recessions and disruptions in supply chains.

This task force is responsible for assessing better pathways for multilateralism to work in a multi-polar world and managing a digital future with several digital threats and challenges.

The chairs of this task force are Sujan R. Chinoy of the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses and Vijay Thakur Singh of the Indian Council of World Affairs. The work streams this task force will engage with are

- Policy coordination between Multilateral Groupings;
- Towards a more equitable, transparent and effective WTO;
- A G20 proposal for UN reform for a multi-polar world; and
- Global Digital Governance and Institutional Frameworks.

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EXPANSION OF INDIAN FOREIGN POLICY WITH G20

The leadership and control of most international institutions have been hegemonized by the western world. The headquarters of most such offices and organisations are either in the US or in Europe. India being a revisionist state in the international regime aims to essentially become a greater power in international politics. Post the change in leadership of India in 2014, there is a conscious effort to build India as a brand and establish better ties with the developed and developing world to strengthen its position as a world leader.

Currently, India is put in a tricky situation due to volatility in the international system considering the background conditions of the Ukraine–Russia war, the tensions in Taiwan, economic instability across the world, the quarrelsome nature of North Korea etc. Thus, the G20 presidency comes across as a crucial opportunity for India to expand its foreign policy, work on economic progress and deal with the issues that it faces in the Indo–Pacific. It also gives India a platform to advocate the concerns of the Global South countries in the economic domain to promote inclusive growth in the region.

Commercial liberalism is a branch of liberal international relations theory that advocates free trade and economic interdependence as the path to peace. It is supported by global financial institutions and multinational corporations (Biddens 2022). As per the World Bank, intense trading with neighbours reduces the duration and intensity of the conflict. This trade, like inter-state wars, reduces the incentives for neighbouring countries to fuel civil conflict with their neighbours.

G20 serves as a premier forum for International economic cooperation among nations. It strengthens the existing agreements under WTO and further provides a forum for deliberation and cooperation for the G20 countries. India's presidency thus allows her to drive these discussions in coherence with Indian culture and values, meanwhile establishing for herself a stronger position in such a volatile economic and political set-up. This will increase India's role in multilateral cooperation with an India-focused point of view. It will strengthen India's partnership with other countries and international institutions viz. IMF, WTO, World Bank etc. This gives India an edge in economic diplomacy, giving it leverage in future bilateral or multilateral agreements.

Influence of India's G20 Presidency on China

Aadil Brar (2022) from The Print comments on how India's G20 presidency is indeed a hot topic in Beijing. India and China are two key players in both the regimes of the Global South and the Indo-Pacific. A few days after India assumed the presidency of the G20 summit, a skirmish broke out between the Indian and Chinese troops, when Chinese troops attempted to dislodge an Indian Army outpost and claimed it to be a routine patrol. Since it comes in after the Bali Declaration where leaders of both countries exchanged pleasantries, and while India is supposed to lead the G20 summit there is an attempt to sway India's attention away from it by inducing tensions on the border. An eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation is a pressurising position for India currently since there is an expectation of another COVID-19 outbreak, along with the responsibility of G20. Chinese aggression towards Taiwan also comes across as an important issue since the visit of Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan, it has become a global issue. According to Chinese state media, Beijing wants to prevent the border dispute from being brought up at the G20 Summit and suppress India's position in the United Nations Security Council as India also assumes non-permanent membership at the UNSC. India will be able to establish a more nuanced stance on Chinese military hostilities in Taiwan and India considering the powers India has as the G20 president nation and UNSC non-permanent member and thus influence the status quo of Indo-Pacific and the Global South.

India as the narrative leader for the Global South

The developing world or now referred to as the Global South constitutive of almost 78 countries (commonly referred to as 77 countries + China) as per the records by the United Nations' Finance Center for South-South Cooperation. Cooperation amongst these nations can play a paramount role in the development initiatives of these countries. Having the G20 presidency India can lead the narrative for the Global South countries and put forward a development plan for them. Along with the presidency what is also essential is that it is showing positive macro-economic growth when countries like the US and UK are facing massive inflation. As per data collected by the world bank, in 2022 India's real food inflation was less than 2% whereas the US, UK and EU faced retail inflation even greater than 5% in some countries.

India thus sets an example of how to work its way through volatile economic conditions amidst pressure including the pandemic, cross-border conflict etc. Considering India's current political and economic capabilities with its influence across various international institutions, and economic stability India can manage the messy regional politics that can have a detrimental impact on the development of the Global South.

India's Foreign Policy Expansionist Regime

G20 is one step up in the league of international regimes, however, India has been able to successfully expand its political avenues in more such organisations. Madhuparna Das (2022) from the Print reports the Prime Minister's office which ideally had 3-4 IFS officers now has inducted 7 officers in total which is a substantial increase in the numbers. This comes across as a logical appointment in the background of the G20, which shows India's readiness to expand its influence. India currently along with the G20 presidency is set for more such roles. India is an elected member of 4 bodies of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for the years 2022-2024.

India is also serving as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and had its presidency in the month of December. Moreover, India also has the Chairmanship of the Eurasian political, economic, and social organisation Shanghai Cooperation's Summit for the year 2023. India is also supposed to assume the chairmanship for the Wassenaar Agreement which is a voluntary export agreement control regime established in July 1996. "WA is a multilateral export control regime, which, through regular information exchange among members on transfers of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies, seeks to promote transparency and greater responsibility in such transfers and prevent destabilising accumulations," according to a press release by the Ministry of External Affairs. India joined the agreement in the year 2017 as the 42nd member country and will assume its presidency on 1st January 2023.

With the current opportunities that India has with a major impetus provided by the G20, she now has the power to set for herself an even more significant spot in the multipolar world order. G20 gives India the ability to enhance Economic Diplomacy which consequently helps strengthen multilateral ties between countries. The presidency can have a remarkable impact on India's relations and position in the Indo-Pacific and the Global South as with a coherent vision that India holds for the G20 it can help enhance security, economic development, and rule-based governance in the region.

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G20: OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE INDIA'S SOFT POWER

"India's presidencies in SCO, G20 to strengthen world stability" – Vladimir Putin, President of Russia
The words most commonly associated with world politics are war, peace, military, and threat. These ideas were propelled by the Realist according to whom, the behavior of states is theorized to be dictated by basic primal emotions based on fear and aggression. In contrast to this, the Liberal school of Thought puts forward the idea of rejecting power politics, mentioning it as the only root cause of problems while promoting the idea of international cooperation. Soft power is an idea very similar to the Liberal School of Thought. Both, Soft power and Cultural diplomacy are concepts that revolve around the idea of using culture as an influencing factor and a tool to impact global politics.

This article shall attempt to elaborate upon the theoretical concepts of Liberalism and Soft power in the contemporary context. While also analyzing how India can use the G20 presidency to enhance its soft power across the world by the means of cultural democracy.

Soft Power and Cultural Diplomacy

The term soft power was coined by Joseph Nye to emphasize the importance of persuasion, attraction, and emulation in world politics. Rather than attempting to force people to do what they want through coercion or military force. According to Joseph Nye (Nye 2005), Soft power will supersede hard coercive power in importance, and the concentrations of liberal power will end up enticing rather than repelling. While power had always been considered in the context of military capabilities and had even risen to the idea of economic strength. The crucial aspect now is that soft power can act as a force that might seem intangible but can exert a massive influence on global affairs.

In general terms, soft power can be defined as the influence that a country's heritage and culture has on other countries by means of fluid elements like media, literature, films etc. Furthermore, Soft Power has three components according to him, viz. Culture, Ideology and Foreign Policy. This helps build connections among nations and their citizens at an interpersonal level which then has an impact on the security and policies of those countries. Soft power has the prowess to impact global public opinion which in turn helps the country advance its national interests. Nye and other thinkers believe that states do not always just seek security but rather seek prosperity. Cultural Diplomacy is indeed the pursuit of using culture in an attempt to facilitate national interests.

Use of soft power as a unifying force

The theme of this year's G20 summit is "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth, One Family, One Future". This idea lies in the core of Indian values and culture. Assuming the G20 presidency, the Indian government has set the calendar of the summit. The meeting venues are spread across the country in a way that ensures cultural engagement throughout. Shubhajit Roy (Roy 2022) from the Indian Express reports how the GoI has planned a 'cultural splash' in the context of the various cultural events lined up for the G20 representatives. A part of the plan includes "an interaction with 75 educational institutions, lighting up 100 monuments with the G20 logo, showcasing G20 at the Hornbill festival in Nagaland, and sand artist Sudarshan Patnaik etching the 20-nation global forum's logo on Puri beach, among others." As reported by the Indian Express, sources informed that this will be the beginning of India's activities as it prepares to host more than 200 meetings across the country at more than 50 locations alongside various festivals. Under the 'One District, One Product' initiative G20 delegates will be presented with local products which will help promote these goods.

India's Soft Power Capabilities

Since India is internationalized by the integrity and diversity of its culture, the G20 presidency provides India with an excellent opportunity to strengthen its cultural diplomacy and soft power. (Srinivas, 2019) in his article explores the idea of how Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed the role of the Indian diaspora in Indian foreign policy. Indian Foreign Ministry's spokesperson Syed Akbaruddin said that 'India's soft power diplomacy now goes beyond books, culture and cinema'. PM Modi has made a total of 67 foreign trips to work on India as a brand across the world and boost cultural diplomacy. India has been projecting its soft power for centuries now, a recent initiative marking 21st June as International Yoga Day. There is a conscious attempt to show world leaders the features of Indian cultural heritage. India's diversified food, language and customs are no longer exoticized but have become a common thing in the global cultural narrative.

India's G20 Opportunity

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Conclusion

Soft power and cultural diplomacy are important tools for policymaking and governance in today's globalized world. India has been working diligently to expand its soft power. If the G20 presidency is utilized well India has a massive chance to have an exponential rise in its influence on the world in the context of soft power. The capacity of soft power resources to attract other nations is what makes it special. Bollywood is an example of India’s far-reaching influence across borders. Similarly, other means of soft power can be energized to magnify their impact. Since soft power has a direct impact on people it tends to have an impact in the long run, thus being extremely effective. The coming year will determine how India uses this opportunity to its benefit.

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MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS: DRIVING GLOBAL PROSPERITY

Multilateralism is a form of collaboration involving more than two countries. The countries work together to achieve shared objectives and are governed by rules developed by all participating parties. During its G20 presidency, India reaffirmed its support for "Reformed Multilateralism," which refers to multilateralism that takes current circumstances into account and addresses current issues (Pant & Mishra, 2022). During the first meeting of the G20's finance ministers and central bank governors, multilateral financial institutions were discussed. A proposal to restructure and strengthen Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) in order to deal with prevalent global challenges of the twenty-first century and provide funding for resilient, inclusive, and sustainable "cities of tomorrow" was also made.

MDBs are international financial institutions established and chartered by multiple countries to provide development assistance to nations. They emerged in the aftermath of World War II and since then have been playing a key role in development financing. The MDBs- consisting of developed and developing countries- provide grants and loans to member nations for economic and social development. They fund innumerable projects including energy projects, infrastructure plans, education initiatives as well as environmental sustainability strategies. They are established with the purpose of providing long-term and steady finance for various development projects and thereby helping stabilise the global financial system.

MDBs can be distinguished into two forms. First, and the most prominent ones belonging to the Bretton Woods institutions were established to facilitate the rebuilding of the global financial system and assist in the restructuring of the countries post the second world war. These include the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, and International Development Association, etc. The others are the Regional MDBs such as the European Investment Bank, Asian Development Bank, New Development Bank, etc.

Functioning of MDBs

The MDBs offer developing nations financial and technical support in order to improve economic management and reduce poverty. Collectively, the MDBs help the world's poor by bolstering institutions, reestablishing nations, combating the consequences of climate change, and encouraging entrepreneurship. The MDBs contributed \$222 billion in finance to the global stabilisation efforts during the global financial crisis when only a few institutions were lending.

A key component of MDBs' activity is using their capital base to multiply funds, and use them for development; as a result, every dollar managed by MDBs results in more development finance than it does for itself, maximising the impact of limited resources. Unlike other bilateral and UN organisations, which rely on direct funding from government budgets, MDBs borrow the majority of their money for operations by doing so on international bond markets. MDBs are able to obtain sizable medium and long-term resources from bond investors at good financial conditions with a limited amount of shareholder capital and a solid financial track record. Which they then lend for development projects. To ensure quality, sustainability, and development impact, technical support is typically provided in conjunction with MDB finance.

As of December 2018 (Dec. 2019 for World Bank Group), the major MDBs based on their total assets at an exchange rate as of April 2020 are: (i) European Investment Bank: €555.8 billion (\$606.5 billion). (ii) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. (iii) World Bank Group: \$283 billion. (iv) Asian Development Bank: \$191.9 billion.

Another more important function of MDBs than direct financial assistance is how this assistance is utilised to mobilise, catalyse and crowd in public and private capital for development. Governments attempting to expand the amount of resources available and use them wisely are supported by MDBs and the IMF through policy advice, technical assistance, and capacity building.

MDB policy assistance loans and IMF-backed programmes aid in helping nations achieve their budgetary and balance of payments needs while promoting macroeconomic development and stability. Aid from the ADB to India began in 1986, and between 2008 and 2012, it climbed from an average of \$586 million to US\$1.9 billion annually. There are 72 continuing loans totalling US\$9343.92 million as of November 30, 2014. Only US\$700 million in support has been given for public sector management and finance. In order to help its members deal with the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on their economies, the IMF offers financial support and debt service relief. Assistance worth US\$2622.78 million was authorised and given to nations in Asia and the Pacific, including Bangladesh, the Maldives, Burma, Nepal, etc.(IMF Lending, 2022)

This entails mobilising domestic public resources, expanding domestic capital and financial markets, and fostering both domestic and foreign private investment. Loans from the IMF and the MDBs also directly encourage private sector flows. With respect to direct private sector investment, for every 1 dollar invested directly by MDBs in private sector operations, some 2-5 dollars are mobilised in additional private investment. This adds an estimated \$40 to \$100 billion to development flows every year.

MDBs also have a significant countercyclical function. The MDBs and IMF swiftly increased their annual financial support by 30–50% at the pinnacle of the most recent global economic crisis. (Multilateral-Development-Banks_WBG, 2016)

India's Engagements with Multilateral Finance Institutions

The Government of India receives financial support from several multilateral organisations through loans, credits, and grants. India seeks help from big international organisations like the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. For the country's economic development, the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance, is responsible for acquiring, negotiating, and coordinating international loans, credits, and grants.

India is a member of four of the five constituents of the World Bank Group International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), International Development Association (IDA), International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA). It is one of the founding members of IBRD, IDA and IFC. World Bank assistance in India started in 1948 when funding for the Agricultural Machinery Project was approved. Since then India has received loans and credits worth US\$ 42124.96 million and US\$ 39506.5 from IBRD and IDA respectively as of December 2011 for various infrastructural, financial, disaster management, health, education, agricultural and poverty elimination projects and programmes.

India is also a founder member of the IMF. We have not taken any financial assistance from the IMF since 1993. As part of the Fourteenth General Review of Quotas (2010, India's total quota has been increased to SDR 13,114.4 million from SDR 5821.5 million. With this increase, India's share would increase to 2.75 % (from 2.44%), making it the 8th largest quota-holding country in the IMF.

In 1966, India joined the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as one of its founding members. ADB is working to advance the social and economic development of its DMCs throughout the Asia Pacific region. It primarily employs loans and equity investments, technical support for the planning and implementation of development projects and programmes, other consulting services, guarantees, grants, and policy discussions as its principal tools for achieving this.

On December 6, 1983, India joined as a State Participant in the African Development Fund and was later admitted as a Member of the African Development Bank. India has a minimal financial footprint at the Bank in contrast to other Non-Regional Members.

We represent just 0.256% of the total shares and voting power with 14,110 votes. 9,763 new shares with a capital value of UA 97,630,000 have been allocated to India (2010). India has so far paid 167.41 million rupees (16.74 crores) towards the paid-up part of the African Development Bank's capital stock. (Multilateral Institutions Division n.d.)

Conclusion

Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) are thus crucial for development financing. Although MDBs continue to be focused on eliminating poverty and other SDGs, it must be acknowledged that they must change in light of the breadth and complexity of transboundary challenges and the resulting increase in demand for their lending resources, knowledge support, and for catalysing private investment SDGs. To achieve this, we shall endeavour to enhance MDBs. Given the current global concerns, they should invest more funds in tackling numerous development issues, such as those relating to education and health, and achieving the SDGs by employing cutting-edge financial mechanisms.

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