11:30 to 14:00  REGISTRATION

14:00 to 15:30  Accelerated and Equitable Energy Transitions: Exploring Interlinkages Across Critical Minerals and Inclusive MSME Decarbonisation

Globally, two critical issues continue to act as a deterrent for a rapid and inclusive energy transition. First, reliable and accessible supply chains for critical minerals remain a key prerequisite to ensure the proliferation of green energy across critical sectors. Second, for the energy transition to also create jobs and spur economic growth, SMEs must be increasingly included in the global climate discourse with a focus on ensuring that these entities can access clean energy at affordable prices. Policies and regulations need to be designed to ensure that these two issues can be addressed in a holistic manner, necessitating complementary interventions at the global and local levels.

**Driving Questions**

What are the key institutional and regulatory changes needed to ensure equitable access to critical minerals essential for the energy transition?
How can countries create meaningful partnerships to create sustainable supply chains for green technologies? Can international forums such as the G20 help?

How can the concerns and opportunities for SMEs be mainstreamed into the global discourse around green energy and climate?

What are the major policy interventions needed to ensure SMEs can access affordable green energy and also become a key part of green energy production?

Speakers

Special Address
Tae-Yoon Kim
Senior Energy Analyst, International Energy Agency

Mohua Mukherjee
Senior Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, UK

Nicolas Françoise
Director, French Institute of International Relations, France

Stormy-Annika Mildner
Executive Director, Aspen Institute, Germany

Fabio Vera Soares
Director of International Studies, Institute for Applied Economic Research, Brazil

Chair
Tirthankar Mandal
Head of Energy Policy, World Resources Institute, India
The concept of ‘global digital commons’ (UN, 2020) constitutes a key component of the emerging Global Digital Compact of the United Nations. The concept comprises data, information, culture, and knowledge created and maintained online.

Under the Indian Presidency of the G20, Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) – a concept closely related to digital commons – is prominently taken up in Task Force 2 of the Think20 engagement group. It addresses questions on how DPI can serve global good as well as its relevance for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. With India Stack, India has taken a pioneering role in developing an effective DPI ecosystem. To build on India’s vast experiences in the field of DPI and potentially contribute to the development of techno-legal regulatory frameworks at the global scale, the G20 needs to develop a joint understanding of core principles and values that govern digital resources.

These will be particularly relevant for other countries - like the EU, which has made pathbreaking progress in digital consumer protection, and the continent of Africa where fintech has already made progress. Combining this with proven, open-source, open-network public infrastructure models will power citizens, innovators and governments internationally.

This event aims to contrast international perspectives on the topic, employ pragmatic approaches for cooperation that will help develop shared visions and utilise digital commons for “an open, free, and secure digital future for all” in an interactive workshop format.

**Venue:** Grand Mercure Hotel, Mysuru
As we approach the mid-term review of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2023, the global development paradigm finds itself at a critical crossroad. The world has been moving from crisis to crisis, inflicting concerning repercussions on developing nations and the most vulnerable communities. It is now imperative that we address the urgent need to combat the escalating forces of global warming and climate change while striving to achieve the SDGs. The interconnectedness of these issues is undeniable – addressing climate change is not only essential for achieving the SDGs but also vital for building climate resilience and mitigation efforts. Recognising the intersectionality of climate change and the SDGs is key to developing effective solutions to both challenges.

**Driving Questions**

In what ways can progress towards achieving the SDGs be hindered or accelerated by climate change impacts, and what are the potential trade-offs and synergies that need to be considered?

How can an understanding of the intersectionality between climate change and the SDGs inform policy-making and decision-making processes at local, national, and international levels?

What role can international cooperation and partnerships play in supporting developing countries' efforts to achieve the SDGs while addressing climate change, promoting technology transfer, capacity building, and financial support?

How can the SDGs serve as a framework for addressing climate change and promoting climate justice, considering the interconnections between social, economic, and environmental dimensions?
Speakers

**Neera Nundy**  
Co-Founder, DASRA, India

**Li Xiaoyun**  
Chair Professor, China Agricultural University (CAU), China

**Danang Parikesit**  
Professor, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

**Vijay Datta**  
Principal, Modern School (Barakhamba Road), India

**Prarthana Ramesh**  
Head - Environment City-Systems, Janaagraha, India

**Uthara Narayanan**  
Co-Founder, Buzz Women, India

Chair  

**Aparna Roy**  
Fellow and Lead, Climate Change and Energy, Centre for New Economic Diplomacy, Observer Research Foundation, India

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**16:30 to 17:45**  
Role of Emerging Economies in Accelerating SDG 3

**Venue:** Grand Mercure Hotel, Mysuru

**16:45 to 17:00**  
Break
17:00 to 18:00

**Taking Stock: 2030 Energy Outlook and Implications for Global Net Zero Emissions**

The UN Global Stocktake, scheduled to conclude at COP28, will serve as a pivotal moment for assessing global climate action. To chart a viable course towards achieving net zero emissions by 2050, it is now imperative to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current emissions trajectories until 2030 to make necessary adjustments and ensure a fair and inclusive transition worldwide, drawing lessons from past mistakes and optimising future opportunities.

**Driving Questions**

With the G20 also prioritising climate action, where does India and emerging economies stand today in terms of meeting its climate goals?

What have been the key barriers that have prevented effective climate governance leading to a global emission pathway that fails to align with the Paris Targets?

What are the key sectors where decarbonisation efforts need to be accelerated given the current emission trajectories till 2030?

What does a globally just and inclusive transition entail for the countries of the Global South? What further support is needed from the Global North to enable such a transition?
Speakers

Mallika Ishwaran  
Chief Economist, Shell International, UK

Matthias Caton  
Director of Corporate Development, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Germany

Paul Samson  
President, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Canada

Vibha Dhawan  
Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute, India

Chair
Nilanjan Ghosh  
Director, Think20 India Secretariat, Center for New Economic Diplomacy and ORF Kolkata, India
FORMAL PROGRAMME BEGINS

18:00 to 18:30  High Tea

18:30 to 19:15  Opening Session | Continuity, Cohesion, Cooperation: New Horizons for the T20

Speakers

Sujan Chinoy
Chair, T20 India Core Group & Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), India

Luciana Servo
President, Institute of Applied Economic Research, Brazil

Bambang Brodjonegoro
Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia, Indonesia

Elizabeth Sidiropoulos
Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa

Chair
Samir Saran,
Chair, T20 India Secretariat & Member, T20 India Core Group; President, Observer Research Foundation, India

19:15 to 19:45  Launch of the T20 India Communique

19:45 to 20:15  Sherpa’s Address
Amitabh Kant
G20 Sherpa, India

20:15 to 21:30  Inaugural Gala Dinner

21:30 onwards  Cultural Performance
Global technology adoption has been on a massive scale. This has caused tech regulation to struggle to keep pace with the rate of change, and it is also widening gaps between the G20 nations in terms of their capacity to harness technology for development. Without strategic equity-focused interventions, an already uneven landscape of access to tech, digital skills, and the smart use of data, risks becoming increasingly more uneven.

**Driving Questions**

- How might emerging and disruptive technologies best serve development imperatives and national aspirations?
- What kinds of institutional arrangements could the G20 member states collectively put in place to build technical capacities and next-generation digital skills?
- How might the G20 countries strengthen data generation ecosystems, leverage data for development, and promote the use of open data?
- What are the main lessons learnt from past efforts to boost ‘tech for development’ ecosystems within the G20?
Speakers

**Mahima Kaul**
Head of Public Policy, APAC, Bumble, India

**Anir Chowdhury**
Policy Advisor of the a2i Programme, ICT Division and the Cabinet Division of the Government of Bangladesh, Bangladesh

**Baratang Miya**
Founder and CEO, Girlhype Women Who Code, South Africa

**Erin Watson**
Founder and Managing Director, Baker & York, Australia

Chair

**Sharad Sharma**
Co-Founder, iSPIRT Foundation, India

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10:30 to 10:45  Break

10:45 to 11:45  Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE): A New Paradigm for Sustainable Development

The LiFE initiative represents a unique Indian effort to mainstream sustainable consumption and climate-resilient lifestyles in order to build a cleaner, greener planet. However, to realise the full potential of the movement, there is a need to develop metrics for quantifying and benchmarking acts of sustainable consumption and production, and for identifying specific interventions that will enable consumers to transition to more sustainable lifestyles. This panel will deliberate on the policies and pathways that can enable different communities and economies to attain lifestyles for sustainable development based on the deliberations of Think20's Task Force 3.
Driving Questions

How can lifestyle alterations and micro-changes in production and consumption patterns contribute towards efforts to achieve the SDGs?

How can personal environment-friendly and climate-resilient actions be quantified, and count towards aggregated assessments of the success of the LiFE movement?

How can the private sector be incentivised to engage in sustainable production?

Speakers

Eenam Gambhir
Joint Secretary (G20), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

Gladys Lechini
Professor, International Relations, National University of Rosario, Argentina

Noura Mansouri
Research Fellow, King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center, Saudi Arabia

Dilanthi Nadeeka Koralagama
Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka

Chair

Sachin Chaturvedi
Member, T20 India Core Group & Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India

11:45 to 12:00 Break
12:00 to 13:00 Making Money Work for People: Towards a New Financial Order

The global financial order is no longer deemed fit-for-purpose for a multipolar world. There is a need to reimagine a new financial order that can enable higher financial flows at lower costs, and with greater predictability. This panel will discuss core action points recommended by the Think20's Task Force 5, including the need for global financial governance reforms that support greater infusions of private capital, equip multilateral development banks (MDBs) to finance a wide range of transboundary challenges more effectively, and help expand the use of Special Drawing Rights.

Driving Questions

How can MDB reforms be conceived of and implemented in a manner that is responsive to the needs of developing countries?

How can the G20 deliver on its primary function of supporting financial stability in these uncertain times?

How can the G20 make finance ‘fit-for-purpose’?
Speakers

**Hans Peter Lankes**  
Visiting Professor in Practice, Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics, UK

**Riatu Qibthiyyah**  
Senior Researcher, Institute for Economic and Social Research, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Indonesia, Indonesia

**Amar Bhattacharya**  
Senior Fellow, Centre for Sustainable Development, Brookings USA, USA

**Bambang Brodjonegoro**  
Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia, Indonesia

**Chair**  
**Ashima Goyal**  
Emeritus Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, India

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The promotion of women-led development is a gender-transformative approach that foregrounds the role of women’s leadership for achieving progress, and envisions a new narrative of social, economic, and political transformation. Women-led development is a priority of the Indian G20 Presidency, and in June 2023, Prime Minister Modi urged the G20 nations to adopt a “game-changing action plan” in this regard. Currently, women constitute less than a third of the global workforce and gendered digital divides exist. A strong focus on women’s leadership and their participation in the digital economy could, however, unlock talent on an unprecedented scale and increase the global GDP by US$ 5 billion.
Driving Questions

How can public and private institutions actively promote women’s leadership in business, policy, and politics?

What steps can the G20 take to promote the digital inclusion and technological empowerment of women across member states?

Where is policy lagging when it comes to encouraging women’s participation in the workforce, and how can ecosystems for women’s skilling be strengthened?

Speakers

**Maria Fernanda Espinosa**  
Executive Director, GWL Voices; Former President of the 73rd session of the General Assembly of the United Nations

**Tetsushi Sonobe**  
Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute, and Chair, Think7 Japan

**Saachi Bhalla**  
Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, India

**Stephanie Diepeveen**  
Senior Research Fellow, Overseas Development Institute, UK

Chair

**Shamika Ravi**  
Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, India

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India 2030: On the Road to Achieving Net-Zero Emissions
Energy Transitions: Towards a Clean and Equitable Future

Addressing climate change will require a robust transition to clean energy that is not only ambitious but also equitable and inclusive. A just transition will necessitate an energy transformation in developing economies that can also ensure improved access to affordable energy as a prerequisite for poverty alleviation and improved living standards. Achieving this goal will require reimagining global cooperation to catalyse increased technological and financial support for the Global South. The panel will present the central ideas emanating from the deliberations of the Think20’s Task Force 4, that focus on refuelling growth and energy transitions.

Driving Questions

Which are the key areas where the G20 must enable greater policy coordination to realign energy transitions with the Paris Targets?

How can global climate governance mechanisms ensure that the energy transition in Global South countries is also just and inclusive?

What are the instruments and institutions that need to be strengthened to reduce the cost of capital for green projects and mobilise greater climate finance, particularly in the developing economies?
Speakers

Ulka Kelkar
Head, Climate Program, World Resources Institute, India
Albert Park
Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank
Barbara Buchner
Global Managing Director, Climate Policy Initiative, USA
John J. Kirton
Director, G20 Research Group, University of Toronto, Canada

Chair
Suranjali Tandon
Associate Professor, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, India

16:15 to 16:30 Break

16:30 to 19:00 Cultural Excursion

19:00 to 19:30 Tea Break

19:30 to 20:15 Virtual Town Hall

S. Jaishankar
Minister of External Affairs, India

20:30 onwards Dinner
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08:30 to 09:30  
**Special Session | Building Climate Resilience: Exploring the Nexus Between Global Financial Architecture and Macroeconomic Policymaking**

The panel will discuss green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the context of challenges (and opportunities) provided by the current global financial architecture. It will reflect on the role that the G20 and international financial institutions can play to support national macroeconomic policy interventions in a way that contributes to climate resilience and reduces social vulnerabilities, recognising that previous policy paradigms are no longer appropriate. Proposed tools for tracking green policy responses will be discussed to explore how these can help policy makers further enhance the climate sensitivity of their macroeconomic policies.

**Driving Questions**

To what extent have countries in the Global South incorporated climate change in their macroeconomic policies since the pandemic?

What role did the G20 play in ensuring that countries pursue a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and what lessons does this hold for future G20 responses to global macroeconomic shocks?

How can low-income countries increase their ability to respond to future shocks with greener recovery policies?

What changes are needed in the global finance architecture to ensure swifter, greener, and more effective responses (by poor countries) to future shocks?
Context setting

Joseph Matola
Economist, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa
Awa Diouf
Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK

Speakers

Gülbin Şahinbeyoğlu
Center Director, Economic Data Analysis Center, Economic Policy Research Foundation, Türkiye
Dennis Snower
President, Global Solutions Initiative, Germany
Haihong Gao
Director of Research Center for International Finance, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

Chair
Elizabeth Sidiropoulos
Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa

09:30 to 09:45 Break

09:45 to 10:45 Macro Policies for Securing Livelihoods: Rethinking Macroeconomics and Trade

Macroeconomic coordination and trade policy coherence go hand in hand with job creation and the provision of livelihoods. The G20 has evolved mechanisms to coordinate macroeconomic policy and develop coherent trade policies that serve critical sectors of the global economy. However, these mechanisms can only function optimally if the vital link between macroeconomic stability and trade volatility is acknowledged and acted upon. This panel will present key findings from the deliberations of the Think20’s Task Force 1 on how a pro-growth balance between trade and livelihoods can be sustained.
Driving Questions

What are the tools the G20 can deploy to ensure macroeconomic policy coherence?

How can the G20 ensure the continuity and stability of enabling trade policies?

How might policies for trade integration be made more sensitive and responsive to long-term socio-economic goals related to livelihoods and job creation?

Speakers

**Abla Abdel-Latif**
Executive Director and Director of Research, The Egyptian Centre for Economic Studies, Egypt

**Heungchong Kim**
President, The Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), South Korea

**Vera Helena Thorstensen**
Head, Center for Global Trade and Investment Studies, Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV), Brazil

**Yose Rizal Damuri**
Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia

**Chair**

**Radhicka Kapoor**
Senior Visiting Fellow, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, India

10:45 to 11:00  Break
Saving the SDGs: Seeking New Pathways to the 2030 Agenda

As the world approaches the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda’s implementation, two trends are clear. First, a few nations are on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, but most are not. Second, most global challenges have not been created by the Global South, but the latter is disproportionately affected by them. In the context of the ongoing mid-term review of the SDGs, there is a need to build institutional frameworks at both global and national levels to support the adoption of innovative policy solutions and practices aligned with the 2030 Agenda. This panel will discuss the principal recommendations of the Think20’s Task Force 6 about possible measures to accelerate efforts to achieve the SDGs.

Driving Questions

What are the chief lessons learned from the SDG implementation exercise thus far, and what can be done better over the next seven years?

What platforms exist, or can be created, to encourage the sharing of best practices amongst countries in order to advance the SDGs?

As 2030 nears, how can governments further consolidate relationships with non-government actors to incubate innovations for development?
Speakers

**Pamla Gopaul**  
Senior Programme Officer and Lead Coordinator Policy Bridge Tank Programme, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD

**M. Hari Menon**  
Director, India Country Office, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, India

**Jacqueline Kitulu**  
Chairperson of the Board, Rocket Health, Kenya

**Gopalkrishna A Tadas**  
Visiting Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India

**Nitya Mohan Khemka**  
Senior Fellow, PATH, India

Chair

**Anna-Katharina Hornidge**  
Director, German Institute of Development and Sustainability, Germany

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12:00 to 12:30  **Behind the Scenes: Making of the Indian G20**

**Muktesh Pardeshi**  
Special Secretary (G20), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, India

Chair

**Sachin Chaturvedi**  
Member, T20 India Core Group & Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India

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12:30 to 13:30  **Lunch**
Urgent Measures: Reforming Global Institutions and Frameworks

Global multilateral institutions no longer reflect the realities of the 21st century. The UN framework is being undermined by great power competition and there are wide-ranging calls for reforming multilateral development banks. Multilateralism 2.0 requires reform focused on transforming existing state-centric multilateral institutions into flexible, transnational multilateral frameworks, and building an inclusive multi-stakeholder governance system that can respond to contemporary challenges. This panel will present the position of the Think20’s Task Force 7 on reforms for specific multilateral institutions, as well as the innovations required for a new era of global governance.

Driving Questions

How might the G20 build consensus around the need for multilateral reform?

What steps should be taken to ensure Multilateralism 2.0 works for the developing world?

What kind of partnerships will drive global governance in the 21st century?
Speakers

Maria Elena Agüero  
Secretary General, Club de Madrid, Spain

Rina Mussali Galante  
Advisor to the Board of Directors, Mexican Council of International Affairs (COMEXI), Mexico

Antonio Villafranca  
Director of Studies and Co-Head, Europe and Global Governance Centre, Italian Institute for International Political Studies, Italy

Andre de Mello e Souza  
Senior Research Fellow, The Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil

Chair

Leslie Vinjamuri  
Director, US and the Americas Programme; Dean, Queen Elizabeth II Academy for Leadership in International Affairs, Chatham House, UK

14:30 to 14:45 Break

14:45 to 15:45 Innovation Unleashed: Affordable, Accessible, and Inclusive Digital Public Infrastructure

Digital public infrastructure (DPI) has emerged as a powerful and practical tool for building equitable and inclusive digital societies and enabling public and private digital innovation. The analysis and promotion of DPIs has been a core priority of India’s G20 Presidency. This panel will present the perspectives of the Think20’s Task Force 2 on the need for robust techno-legal frameworks to govern DPIs; DPIs’ potential to facilitate public service delivery at population scale; their ability to unleash innovation by allowing governments and businesses to design novel applications; and their role as an enabler of emerging technologies like AI.
Driving Questions

What regulatory measures can be instituted to ensure that DPIs maximise their potential for promoting inclusion, participation, innovation, and competition?

How can tech solutions developers be better sensitised about the opportunities for innovation afforded by DPIs, and can sustainable bridges be built between DPI developers and startup communities?

What mechanisms for sharing DPI-related best practices, tools, and knowledge exist, or can be set up, and how might the G20 support these efforts?

Speakers

Chada El Islam Manel Benmahcene
Co-Founder & CEO, ENTROGX Startup Incubator, Algeria

Chintan Vaishnav
Chair, StartUp20, India

Parminder Jeet Singh
Director, IT for Change, India

Youn Jung Park
Director, India Korea Center for Research and Innovation, India

Chair
Aastha Kapoor
Co-founder, Aapti Institute, India

15:45 to 16:00  Break
16:00 to 16:50  Special Session | Brazil Calling: The Road to Rio

As the presidency for the G20 passes to Brazil, there is a need to build on the priorities identified by Indonesia and India. Ensuring continuity and cohesion between the emerging economies that make up the current troika will be critical to further the role of the G20 as the premium forum for policy coordination on critical global challenges. This session will provide a first glimpse of the possible contours of Brazil’s G20 priorities.

Speaker

Luciana Servo
President, Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA), Brazil

Maria Fernanda Espinosa
Executive Director, GWL Voices; Former President of the 73rd session of the General Assembly of the United Nations

Marcos Caramuru
Member of the International Advisory Board, Brazilian Center for International Relations (CEBRI), Brazil

Almir Nascimento
Director, International Relations Research Institute, Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation, Brazil

Chair
Harsh V. Pant
Vice President, Studies and Foreign Policy, Observer Research Foundation, India
16:50 to 17:00  Closing Remarks

Sujan Chinoy  
Chair, T20 India Core Group & Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), India

Samir Saran  
Chair, T20 India Secretariat & Member, T20 India Core Group; President, Observer Research Foundation, India

17:00 to 17:30  Tea Break

17:30 to 20:00  Cultural Excursion

20:00 onwards  Dinner

Master of Ceremonies

Sunaina Kumar  
Executive Director, Think20 Secretariat & Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India

Jhanvi Tripathi  
Coordinator, Think20 Secretariat & Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India

Promit Mookherjee  
Coordinator, Think20 Secretariat & Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India