



T20 Inception Conference

Key Takeaways on Sustainability/SDGs

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CRB participated in the Think20 (T20) Inception Workshop of G20, last week. Here are some key take-away from our perspective. This communique has been prepared for the benefit of Sustainability practitioners and enthusiasts who could not attend this event. This in no ways represent the official record of proceedings.

- G20 should pursue the **Decarbonisation agenda** as a priority. This would require **mobilisation of climate finance** especially from the developed countries, urgently as promised
- Achievement of the SDGs has been set back by the pandemic; therefore it is critical to accelerate the process especially in the interest of the most vulnerable. In this regard, **technology and digitisation can play a key role**
- Lack of reform of Multilateral Institutions (including their Governance), given the changes seen over the last 75 years in the global context and realities, has resulted in increasing doubts about the efficacy of the Multilateral System and ability of Multilateral Agencies (UN and the WTO) in addressing complex challenges
- There is a need to identify and standardise a process that ensures that all the wonderful ideas proposed under the aegis of the T20 are communicated to the G20 leaders and incorporated into the G20 process and its diplomacy. **Public diplomacy of G20 is crucial, given its commitment to people's interests including Economy, Sustainability, Digitisation, etc.**
- It is the Members and not really the Multilateral Institutions *per se* that have failed to live up to the expectations. In terms of the G20, a conscious effort should be made to **blend continuity with an openness for innovative new ideas**
- Giving users control of their data, is the direction in which the digital world should be moving towards. It is crucial to consider an '**Adaptation Policy**' - wherein Finance and Capital is provided to those who are best at adapting themselves to the needs of the future
- India Presidency should come up with **solutions to deal with supply chain disruptions** especially the availability of materials/inputs and implications on the workforce
- The G20 should convey the importance of **rule based international trading system for supply chain resilience**, to the G7
- The **Global Climate Alliance report** was officially released, this Alliance will be a game-changer to raise ambition, ensure alignment of policies, and provide financing to the Global South
- Mechanism(s) should be explored to provide opportunity and encourage young people from **the community to drive desirable changes in community behaviour and norms**, to support the transition that the LIFE Mission envisages
- The Indian G20 Presidency is *sui generis* on many aspects, including on how it has been taken close to the ground/stakeholders through a multitude of meetings and discussions

- The Indian G20 Presidency strongly believes that Green Transition should go hand in hand with Economic Development for achievement of the SDGs. **Circular Economy and Sustainable Consumption are critical to achievement of Mission LiFE**, and needs to be prioritised
- On the issue of Gender Equality, interventions will need to go beyond women's empowerment, and **aim to bring women at the core of economic development planning and implementation**
- During India's Presidency, the G20 is being connected to people through an unprecedented process of **Jan Bhagidari** (peoples participation), and also by engaging youth, NGOs, businesses through hundreds of meetings planned across over 50 cities of India
- There is a need for a **Sustainability framework to enable the deployment of Agri Tech** especially to achieve productivity, profitability, prosperity for the farming families