



Sustainable Development and Inclusive Globalisation: Acting in Time of Crises to Strengthen Recovery and Build Resilience

**6th Workshop organised and co-hosted by UNDP and OECD with the G20
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The Covid-19 pandemic was a wake-up call. As highlighted by the UN Secretary General in his recent report “Our Common Agenda”, we are at a critical juncture in human history and “humanity faces a stark and urgent choice: breakdown or breakthrough.” There is no other viable option than strengthened and inclusive cooperation while we are globally off-track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. While the climate crisis is already hitting the most vulnerable, developing countries are confronted with the long-lasting socio-economic impact of pandemic and the related crisis. Leadership is required more than ever to ensure universal access to vaccines, deal with the legacy of the crisis and address the unprecedented development setbacks that are eradicating years of progress. The global community must work together to chart a course that accelerates the recovery and takes the world from multiple crises to global sustainable development in 2030 and beyond.

Three fundamental shifts are needed: i/ recognizing the need of building resilience to address COVID-19 pandemic and withstand future crises; ii/ improving the governance of global public goods which are these areas that benefit, or pose risks to, humanity as a whole, and which cannot be managed by a country acting alone; iii/ re-embracing partnerships for development and deepening global solidarity, around the principle of working together to manage global public goods and common challenges in a way that distributes costs and burdens fairly, in accordance with basic principles of equity, social justice and shared responsibility, and ensures that those who suffer the most or benefit the least receive help from those who benefit the most. These changes should aim at addressing the broad range of vulnerabilities that the

pandemic and crisis have exposed and building greater resilience to embark on just and fair transitions to sustainable development, and to leveraging all approaches of development co-operation, including north-south, south-south and triangular co-operation and partnerships with civil society, the private sector and foundations.

The 2030 Agenda remains the blueprint to advance towards a strong, inclusive and sustainable recovery, and revamped international cooperation is indispensable. Effective cooperation and collective action depend on a strong and effective multilateral framework for policy action and continuous involvement of all relevant stakeholders and non-state actors to ensure that all voices are heard. Having been elevated to its current form against the backdrop of the 2008 Financial Crisis, once again, the G20 is faced with disruptions of global proportions and once again the G20 can play a critical role in taking on the challenges of our time: paving the way for a global recovery on a more sustainable development path.

As previous editions of the workshop, the 6th edition in 2021 will focus on providing a platform for reflection and engagement, bringing together DWG delegates with experts, representatives of non-G20 countries, G20 engagement groups, and other guests for mutual exchange and inspiration. The discussions will highlight the G20's achievements and potential to take action in this time of crises towards a more sustainable and more inclusive form of globalisation.

Given the current context and the need to organise the event virtually, the length and format of the workshop will have to be adjusted. Differently from previous in-person editions, interactive breakout sessions will not be organised and the discussion will take place in the form of webinar panels, with moderators, followed by discussion.

Overall objectives

The annual **UNDP-OECD-G20 workshop** aims to support G20 Members to:

- Pursue and strengthen the implementation of the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda and its updates (Hamburg, Buenos Aires, Osaka, Riyadh, Rome) to accelerate global process towards the SDGs.
- Discuss G20 collective action on sustainable development focusing on the DWG's role as "coordinating body" and "policy resource" as well as its contribution to accelerate sustainable development actions across G20 work streams: intervention gaps, urgent needs, and value added.
- Ensure continuity of work and smooth transition between G20 presidencies priorities in designing whole-of-G20 approaches and elaborating on a multiyear G20 agenda-setting.
- Strengthen the continuous and timely multi-stakeholder dialogue through an annual structured exchange feeding into the G20 policymaking.
- Foster peer learning, knowledge sharing, and lessons learned to ensure continuous improvement in G20 DWG approaches.

- Explore the development of joint initiatives leading to collective actions and/or enhanced international cooperation for sustainable development.

In pursuit of these overarching objectives, the 6th edition of the workshop will help G20 delegates and workshop participants reflect specifically upon the following issues:

- How can the G20 define a unique value-adding, whole-of-G20 response to the global crises and to a strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive recovery? In particular, what should be the priority actions for the G20 to support developing countries embark on a more sustainable development path to strengthen resilience and build forward better, and to achieve the objectives and goals of the 2030 Agenda, UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement?
- How can the DWG contribute effectively to the G20 response to the global crises, linking to other G20 actions, notably in the finance track and help chart a course from the crises to realising the 2030 Agenda by 2030? How can the DWG build on its past achievements and innovate where necessary, introducing topics of strategic importance, to lay out a compelling narrative and deliver concrete results for developing countries?

To that effect, a range of stakeholders will provide fresh insights and ideas during panels to spur a reflection for the benefit of G20 delegates.

Participants

G20 members (DWG delegates, ministries in charge of national sustainable development strategies), invited non-G20 members, including low income, developing countries and Small Island Developing States, international organisations, selected experts as input speakers, G20 engagement groups, including B20, C20, L20, U20, T20, W20, Y20. Overall: around 70-100 participants. Representatives from developing countries will also be invited as well as representatives from the Commonwealth and the Francophonie organisations.

Suggested Format

Workshop on DAY 1: The workshop will be open to non-DWG participants.

Informal DWG meeting on DAY 2: The informal DWG meeting is limited to DWG delegations and dedicated to internal but informal discussions.

Thematic framing

Set a month after G20 leaders met in Rome, the COP26 on Climate change, and at the onset of the G20 Indonesian Presidency, the workshop could be framed around the central question: “How can the G20 accelerate sustainable recovery and global progress on the 2030 Agenda during the 10 years to come?” The workshop can explore this question from an intra-G20 perspective (e.g. collaboration between DWG

and other working groups), from a thematic perspective (e.g. strategically important topics) and from an outside perspective (e.g. partnership and dialogue with non-G20 stakeholders).

Despite multiple crises and development setbacks, the UN Secretary-General recently emphasized that “we have the knowledge, the science, the technology, and the resources” to get the SDGs back on track. “What we need is unity of purpose, effective leadership from all sectors, and urgent, ambitious action.”

The agenda of the workshop is determined in consultation with the Italian Presidency and the incoming Indonesian Presidency. The sitting G20 Presidency will have the opportunity to look back at 2021’s main achievements for sustainable development, the Rome Summit outcomes and the COP26 outcomes that is co-organized by the UK and the Italian Presidency, and the incoming G20 Indonesian Presidency will have the opportunity to put forward a few topics that it wishes to discuss in preparation of next year’s DWG deliverables. As every year, a cross-cutting session of the Workshop will be dedicated to taking stock, forward-looking ideas and strategic thinking with regards to the G20’s role in promoting sustainable development and combatting inequality.

The informal DWG meeting on day 2 will look back at accomplishments in 2021 and forward to the DWG’s thematic priorities in 2022.

Preliminary ideas for sessions include:

- Cross-cutting session 1 on:
 - How to reduce poverty, tackle inequalities and vulnerabilities, build resilience and sustainability in transitions towards sustainable development that are just and fair, particularly in developing countries?
 - How to strengthen the DWG role in G20 recovery and sustainable development collective actions both in areas falling onto its remit and from other workstreams, including the finance track and working groups of the Sherpa track.
 - How to develop a G20 roadmap laying out a compelling narrative, multi-year programme of actions and long-term perspective for the group’s contribution to the Decade of Actions for the recovery and the 2030 Agenda implementation.

- Thematic session 2 on:
 - Financing for sustainable development: key issues and G20 initiatives to fill the SDG financing gap, leverage innovative and private financing instruments, and accelerate the sustainable development transformation.