



Virtual Brainstorming Session

T20 Reforms for Upcoming G20 Developing Country Presidencies

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Some Key Questions

Think 20 (T20) has grown as an important platform for articulation of ideas and priorities for the G20 presidencies. In the last 10 years, a good number of policy briefs have been prepared by the T20 community with rich and solid recommendations for strengthening G20. While the T20 process seems to have institutionalized in terms of documentation and communication, a lot needs to be done to make it robust and effective forum for the larger mandate it aims to serve. In this context, it is timely to brainstorm on the scope, priorities and future of T20 especially in view of the upcoming developing country presidencies of G20- Indonesia, India, Brazil and South Africa.

This brainstorming aims to engage the past, present and the future T20 lead actors envisage the future of T20. Some key questions that may guide the deliberations are the following:

Lessons from the Past

- What are the biggest achievements of T20 during the G20 presidency that you or your institution was actively involved as the Lead Coordinating Institution?
- What are those specific features, steps and initiatives to which the success of T20 could be attributed to?
- Can you highlight some of those steps taken by T20 during your presidency for reaching out to the official tracks T20 (Track-I) e.g.

Working Groups, Ministerial Meetings, or communication between Track-I and Track-II processes?

- Any lessons, in particular the areas that needs more attention?
- Any specific inputs on Task Forces, Events and Collaborations based on the experience during your T20 process?
- Finance and development tracks often operate in silos. Any experience on this front?

Current Challenges

- Now that Indonesia is all set to begin its journey as G20 Presidency formally since December 1, 2021 what do you envisage for the T20 Indonesia?
- Any novelty proposed for Indonesian G20 Presidency which you think would also be reflected in the T20 Process?
- What are the priorities for T20 Indonesia in terms of sectors, task forces or on organisational fronts?
- Beginning with Indonesia, the next four G20 presidencies are developing country presidencies? What are your views on this phase of G20 especially in terms of coverage of issues on development, addressing gaps in current multilateral process, promoting global public goods and the institutional vacuum that exists at the global level?

Contemporary and Future Priorities

- As you know, G20 agenda is quite diverse now with greater coverage of development issues e.g. SDGs, climate change, financial inclusion, social cohesion, job creation, women empowerment, etc. How do you see the continuity of these areas in the upcoming presidencies?

- What would be the desired roadmap for T20 given that the next three presidencies? Do you think India, Brazil and South Africa could be a holy convergence in terms of ideas?
- Any manner the T20 process could be made more robust, effective and meaningful?
- What are the issues, sectors and frameworks that the future T20 summits could consider and hence shape the priorities for the G20?