

## Press Release

T20 should have greater representation from the developing world: researchers

G20 Research Forum launched recently to facilitate this process

New Delhi, Nov 24 -The Think20 - one of the Engagement Groups of the G20 comprising the 20 leading global economies - should have greater representation from developing country think-tanks, and must bring out their policy recommendations on global governance issues well in time for the G20 leaders to analyse and incorporate them in their final Declaration, according to researchers from across the world. This assumes importance as major developing countries Indonesia, India, Brazil and South Africa are slated to assume G20 Presidency in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively. The expectation is that the development agenda will now be at the front and centre of the discussions by G20 and its Engagement Groups including Business 20, Think 20, Women 20, Youth20, Labour 20, Urban 20, Civil 20 and Science 20. There are now calls for greater representation and voice from developing economies to make the processes more inclusive.

Speaking at a virtual Brainstorming Session on 'T20 Reforms for Upcoming G20 Developing Country Presidencies' organized by the RIS on Wednesday, Mr Bambang Brodjonegoro, Co-Chair, T20 Indonesia and former Minister of Finance of Indonesia, said Indonesia is looking to ensure proportionate representation from all the continent and countries of all income groups. He added that issues such as cooperation in international taxation, infrastructure financing, SDGs, digitalization and revival of multilateralism are of great importance to developing and developed countries, and therefore should be accorded continuity in the T20 process for their effective implementation by the G20 Members. He said issues such as poverty and income inequality as well as sustainable financing of the Sustainable Development Agenda will be given priority during the Indonesian G20 Presidency.

Prof. Djisman Simandjuntak, T20 Co-Chair, Indonesia, said with a view to get innovative policy ideas, Indonesia will be reaching out to African think-tanks and will consider policy briefs from think-tanks and researchers who have not had the chance to participate in the T20 process so far. Ms. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs, South Africa, proposed a 'T20 Africa Standing Group' as important interlocutor and part of the T20 process from now on. Ms. Anita Prakash, Senior Policy Advisor (Int. Economic Relations), ERIA, Jakarta, said the G20 Research Forum is represented by ERIA, RIS and 'LPEM FEB IU' of Indonesia to collate ideas from various think-tanks and researchers on global governance issues. Dr. Imme Scholz, Deputy Director, German Development Institute (DIE), Germany, referred to Germany going to hold the G7 Presidency in 2022 and sought a mechanism for close collaboration with Indonesia (G20 Presidency for 2022) on various issues. She said this G7-G20 (and their Engagement Groups) coordination mechanism should be made applicable to all G20 events.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, Prof. Naoyuki Yoshino, Professor Emeritus (Economics), Keio University, Japan, Ms. Gala Díaz Langou, Executive Director, CIPPEC, Argentina, Dr. Antonio Villafranca, Research Director, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Italy, Dr. Riatu Mariatul Qibthiyah, Director, LPEM, University of Indonesia, Dr. Yose Rizal Damuri, Head, Department of Economics, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta, Dr. Nicolas Buchoud, Grand Alliance, Paris, Dr. Priyadarshi Dash, Associate Professor, RIS, and Mr. Augustine Peter, Visiting Fellow, RIS. (ENDS)

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