About the 2020 C20 Summit

This year has demonstrated the need to listen to all voices without discrimination or proxy. We are determined to host the biggest virtual gathering of Civil Society Organizations in the history of the G20, to make sure that no voice is being left behind at this historical conjunction.

We are expecting 4,000+ attendees and participants; including senior G20 officials, leaders of International Organizations, Inter-governmental Organizations (IGOs), Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), global experts, activists and influencers.

The Summit program was co-created in an inclusive manner with our members through session proposal submissions. The formats of our sessions will include:
The C20 Summit will provide a diagnostic of the world order from the perspective of civil society, and engage all relevant stakeholders, including G20 officials from this year's presidency and beyond, to ask for meaningful solutions to our global challenges. This year's C20 Summit is committed to prioritize the voices of global citizens on all G20 topics of discussion, to fulfill the promise of making all voices count in our effort to bring the G20 into action.
What Will the C20 Summit Discuss?

1. COVID-19 Response & Recovery
2. Economic & Social Justice
3. Wellbeing of People & Planet
4. Citizen Agency & Empowerment
5. Accountability & Transparency
The world has been stifled by the global pandemic. Global policy discussions is centered around the response and recovery from this crisis. While as civil society we demand a just response & recovery, we remind the G20 and world leaders that COVID-19 is not our first crisis, and won’t be the last if we don’t pursue a reconstruction of the global order to protect our people and planet. C20 sessions under this theme will tackle:

- Utilizing market dynamics for a people’s vaccine
- The need for COVID-19 response efforts to include attending to other infectious diseases along with extending Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- Responding to the erosion of trust in global health multilateral institutions
- Reversing the impacts of the economic lockdown through digital tools and restoring financial resiliency
- Cancelling the debt on LICs & MICs to provide the needed fiscal space to respond to the crisis
- Protecting vulnerable groups in fragile and conflict-prone countries
- Preventing future pandemics and enhancing global pandemic preparedness
COVID-19 Response & Recovery

Sessions under this theme:

01. Market Dynamics Are Not Delivering a Peoples’ Vaccine. How should We Intervene?
02. The Role of Communities and Civil Society: Achieving Universal Health Care and ending HIV, TB and malaria in the era of COVID-19
03. Sustainable Development Goals and Covid-19: Turning a Global Pandemic into a Global Opportunity
05. Enabling Digital and Financial Inclusion for post COVID-19 Economic Resiliency
06. Financial and Economic Repercussions of the Great Lockdown in the G20 Countries
07. Debt or Life: Sharing the Global Pandemic Burden and Responsibility
08. Response to COVID-19 for Children in Fragile and Conflict Affected Settings: The Promise of Early Childhood Development
10. Aiding Recovery: The critical role of G20 in ODA

Relevant C20 Resources:

- C20 Policy Pack
- Joint Statement on Global Pandemic Preparedness
- Joint Statement on Access to Education & Employment
- C20 Urgent Statement to G20 Leaders’ Virtual Summit
Civil Society Organizations exist to pursue the economic & social justice of the communities they serve. Our world is not only infected by a disease but also by structural and systemic imbalances that have led to new forms of marginalization along with complex inequality traps. The C20 will dedicate the majority of its sessions to unfold those realities and propose new means of empowerment and inclusion. Here are what the sessions under this theme will tackle:

- Unveiling the magnitude of the learning crisis in the past decade, along with outlining the needed policies to end marginalization in education and overcome the gender digital skill divide
- Identifying new forms of legalized disempowerment through modern day slavery
- Underscoring the need for quality data to bring light to the status of many marginalized groups
- Calling for trade justice and an end to the hyper-globalization of international trade systems
- Balancing human security and national security
- Safeguarding the financial integrity and inclusion of CSOs and humanitarian workers
- Reforming the global taxation system to benefit everyone everywhere equally
- Reminding world leaders of the right to belong for refugees and the stateless who still suffer from alienation and abandonment
- Steering the G20 towards committing to financing for development and the UN SDG Decade of Action
Sessions under this theme:

01. Bridging the Digital Divide for Education
02. How to End Marginalization in Learning Spaces
03. Rethinking ‘Leadership’ for a Digital Age
04. Bridging the Gender Gap: Global Women for All
05. Modern Day Slavery: Legislated Disempowerment
06. Financial Inclusion of CSOs and Global Financial Integrity
07. Globalization at Crossroads: A Civil Society Perspective
08. The Argument for Development in the G20 Finance Track
09. Civil Society Contribution to the UN 2030 Education Agenda in the Latin American and Caribbean region
10. Racial Justice & Systemic Discrimination: Gaining Ground
12. Financing Infrastructure in an Era of Global Crisis
14. Commercialization of Education Degrading Public Systems
16. Ending Homelessness and Building Social Cohesion: Quality Data as a Needs Must
17. Reforming the Global Taxation System: Is the International System fit for the 21st Century?
18. Social Infrastructure as Resilient Infrastructure
19. The Right to Belong: An Unprecedented Human Crisis
Our wealth as nations is dependent on the sustainability of our resources, and what we leave behind for future generations. Will we succeed in achieving a sustainable development and inter-generational equity? The reality of our today suggest that we will fail dramatically. The sessions under this theme challenge G20 countries to do better by their people and their planet. The time to act is now, the state of our planet and our health as humans is dependent on the actions that the G20 Leaders will take this coming November. The C20 Summit will convene leading voices on those issues to discuss:

- Healing our planet through local and indigenous knowledge
- Exploring the potential of education as a humanitarian tool to empower vulnerable communities
- Responding to new forms of public health concerns such as mental illnesses, obesity and cancer
- Charting a new path towards a green just recovery
- Addressing the health impacts of pollution
- Reversing the hunger and food emergency
- Calling for empathetic policy making that supports mental health
- Harnessing political will towards the transition to green energy
Sessions under this theme:

01. In Dire Straits - The Need for Collective Action for Water
02. Farmers’ Perspective on Risk-Informed Development
03. Revolutionizing the Alignment of Assessment Criteria for Education: Incorporating Programs that Bridge Natural Talent and Inclination With A Values-Driven Framework For A Humanitarian Approach To Education At Every Level
04. Supporting Cancer Survivors Post-Treatment
05. Should Obesity Be Recognized as a Disease?
06. Value Based Spine Care: Optimizing Spine Care while Maximizing Resources Management
07. A Fresh Green Start: Charting a Just Transition for a Just Recovery
08. Reducing Pollution & Its Impact on Climate Change
09. The Failure to End Global Hunger: How can the G20 Reverse the Food Emergency?
10. Social and Emotional Learning: The Key to Addressing Major Global Challenges in the Next Decade
11. Realizing the Potential of Green Energy: Political Will in the Perilous Modern World
12. Impact of Climate Change on Human Wellbeing
We continue to ask the G20 to listen to all voices without discrimination or proxy. To serve everyone everywhere equally. To move away from sloganeering and tokenism of vulnerable groups, and instead invite those groups as part of the decision-making process. The protection of human rights and civic spaces, while a global imperative, is being challenged on a daily basis, where digitalization is used to curtail basic rights. The Civil 20 grounds its work and activities around the promotion and protection of human rights. We ask G20 countries and nations to protect the freedoms of activists and respect the work of civil society organizations. While the pandemic is ravaging our world and resulting in the imposition of emergency laws, we continue to demand that human rights are respected, due process is in place, and fair trials are guaranteed. The sessions under this theme will showcase citizen voices from all over the world, and lend them the platform they need for their voices to be heard. Topics under discussion will include:

- Youth unemployment
- Women empowerment
- Social and economic empowerment through digital tools
- Speaking up for civic spaces
- Artivism
- Global citizenship

Relevant C20 Resources:

C20 Statement on Defending Civic Spaces
Sessions under this theme:

01. A MENA Perspective on Youth Unemployment
02. Realities of Female Empowerment
03. Let Our Voices Be Heard: Working Children’s Perspectives on Local and Global Matters!
04. Oxigeno2030: A Platform for Social & Economic Empowerment in the Digital Age
05. Multilateralism in a time of transition: the future of the G20 and the UN
06. Speaking Up for Civic Space
07. Global Citizens in the Age of Populism
08. Young People Driving Global Governance and Local Action
10. The Bedrock of Inclusion: The Case for Investing in Teachers to Deliver on SDG4
11. The Future of Development: The Digital Perspective
12. Enhancing CSOs Sustainability Through Innovative Financing
13. Artivism: Art Inciting Social Change
In the age of a pandemic, the failures of governments and multilateral organizations begs for urgent reforms through the adoption of meaningful accountability measures. The G20 as a global partnership is not immune from the need to reform. The sessions under this theme will conduct an open discussion towards salvaging multilateralism and restoring the trust in our international system, looking in particular at:

- The politicization of the G20 process
- Corporate Accountability
- Trust-building across sectors
- Utilizing digital tools for combatting corruption

Relevant C20 Resources:

G20 Anti-Corruption Commitment Tracker
Sessions under this theme:

01. Evidence vs Politics: Which is Leading the G20 Process?

02. Business and Human Rights: Driving Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

03. The Need for Cross-Sectoral Accountability Now More Than Ever

04. ICT Lab: How is information and communications technology helping us fight corruption?

05. Delivering on the Decade of Action for the SDGs: The Role of Corporate Accountability and a Transparency Revolution

06. Collective Action: Unlocking SME’s Ability to Combat Corruption and Monitor Public Funds

07. Corruption in Times of Pandemic: Experiences in Monitoring Crisis Expenditures in G20 Countries

08. Accountability through Digital Government
The Civil Society 20 Engagement Group (C20) is an open global community of 850+ civil society organizations from all corners of the world, channeling the voice of civil society into the G20 process since 2013. The C20 organizes itself around the C20 Principles, with a structure that includes: a Steering Committee (including Troika members, Chair, and Co-Chair), an International Advisory Committee, 2 Co-Sherpas, 11 Working Groups, and a dedicated C20 Secretariat.

This year’s C20 leadership represents the most diverse structure to date, representing 15 nationalities from around the globe and members from more than 80 countries.
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Day 1

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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12:30 - 14:00
In Dire Straits: The Need for Collective Action for Water Security

SESSION 2
14:30 - 16:00
A MENA Perspective on Youth Unemployment (Local2Global Lab)

SESSION 3
16:30 - 18:00
Farmers’ Perspective on Risk-Informed Development (Local2Global Lab)

SESSION 4
18:30 - 20:00
Realities of Female Empowerment in Dire Straits: The Need for Collective Action for Water Security

Let Our Voices Be Heard: Working Children’s Perspectives on Local and Global Matters!

Bridging the Digital Divide for Education

Oxigeno2030: A Platform for Social & Economic Empowerment in the Digital Age

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**October 9, 2020**

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**12:30** - **14:00**
- Prioritizing Human Security: Revaluating National Security in Times of Crisis
- The Future of Development: The Digital Perspective
- A Fresh Green Start: Charting a Just Transition for a Just Recovery
- Aiding Recovery: The critical role of G20 in ODA
- Investing in Teachers, investing in the Future

### SESSION 2

**14:30** - **16:00**
- Reducing Pollution & Its Impact on Climate Change
- Enabling Digital and Financial Inclusion for post COVID-19 Economic Resiliency
- Commerci-alization of Education Degrading Public Systems
- Enhancing CSOs Sustainability Through Innovative Financing
- Promoting CSO-Business-Government Collaboration: The Success Triangle to Eliminating Child Labour

### SESSION 3

**16:30** - **18:00**
- Financial and Economic Repercussions of the Great Lockdown in the G20 Countries
- Ending Homelessness and Building Social Cohesion: Quality Data as a Needs Must
- Corruption in Times of Pandemic: Experiences in Monitoring Crisis Expenditures in G20 Countries
- The Failure to End Global Hunger: How can the G20 Reverse the Food Emergency?
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### SESSION 4

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- Plenary Session: Seeking Wellbeing in a Distressed World
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Building Global citizenship in Latin America Youth: Inclusive education practices for peace

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