



DRAFT AGENDA

ICRIER's 13th Annual International G-20 Conference

**Global Economic Coordination in the Age of Pandemic:
*Views from the G-20 Members***

6-8th October 2021

(To be held Virtually)

Partner Organizations: ADBI, IMF and KAS

CONTEXT

The Covid-19 pandemic has been characterized as the deepest recession since the second world war, whose scars will be felt in the decades to come. The G-20 - formed in 1999 in the aftermath of the Asian financial crisis and elevated to the leader's level in 2008 - is tailor-made to deal precisely with shocks such as the Covid-19: externally induced, global in scope, led to massive disruption to economic outputs and required global cooperation of an unprecedented scale. As we approach the 16th G-20 Summit in Rome and India is scheduled to join the G-20 Troika, ICRIER is organising its 13th Annual International G-20 Conference to deliberate upon the following issues:

- ✚ The critical role the G-20 members played (or not) in helping to avert the worst outcomes of the pandemic. How did they perform in terms of pursuing counter-cyclical fiscal and monetary policies, keeping their borders open, and ensuring global cooperation with regards to production and distribution of vaccines? And how resilient are the emerging markets if the major central banks dial back its pandemic support sooner than expected?
- ✚ What has been the role and effectiveness of policies pursued by G-20 member countries in the global economic recovery process and in building back better and greener?
- ✚ What lessons the member countries should take away from the ongoing pandemic for the future? How can the troika—Italy, Indonesia, and India—help to ensure that G-20's relevance as a global forum not only remains intact, but grows over time?

ICRIER will be bringing together some of the best and the brightest minds - policymakers, academics, private sector players and civil society representatives - to facilitate an instructive and constructive debate on these issues that will help the future presidencies including India to take an informed position for addressing the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and setting the G-20 on a firmer ground in the future.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1: 6th October 2021 (Wednesday)

Time	Sessions
4:00-6:00 pm (IST)	<p>Inaugural Session: Covid-19 Pandemic and the Future of G-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction by Deepak Mishra, Director & CE, ICRIER- Opening Remarks by Pramod Bhasin, Chairperson, ICRIER <p>Keynote speeches</p> <p>Session Chair: Shri Rajiv Kumar, <i>Vice Chairman NITI Aayog</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shrimati Nirmala Sitharaman, <i>Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs of India, Government of India</i>- Shri Piyush Goyal, <i>Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Food & Public Distribution and Textiles and G-20 Sherpa of India</i>- Vote of Thanks by Peter Rimmele, <i>Resident Representative to India, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung</i>
7:00-8:30 pm (IST)	<p>Session 1: Coordination of Macroeconomic Policy in the Post-Covid World: Preparing for Taper Tantrum II and other Global Shocks</p> <p>Session Chair: Montek Singh Ahluwalia, <i>Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India and Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP)</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Krishnamurthy Subramanian, <i>Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India</i>- Nada Choueiri, <i>IMF Mission Chief for India</i>- Stephany Griffith Jones, <i>Financial Markets Director, Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University</i>

Day 2: 7th October 2021 (Thursday)

Time	Sessions
5:30-7:00 pm (IST)	<p>Session 2: Coherent Response for a Post-Covid-19 Recovery: Balancing Strong with Sustainable Recovery</p> <p>Session Chair: Amar Bhattacharya, <i>Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development, Centre for Sustainable Development Program, Brookings Institute</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jean Pisani-Ferry, <i>Senior fellow at Bruegel and Senior Non-resident Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.</i>- Richard Damania, <i>Chief Economist, Sustainable Development, The World Bank</i>- Ulka Kelkar, <i>Director - Climate Program, WRI India</i>
7:00-8:30 pm (IST)	<p>Session 3: Future of Work and Social Protection in the Post-Covid World: Role that G-20 can Play</p> <p>Session Chair: Yamini Aiyar, <i>President & Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research</i></p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Alina Sorgner, <i>Assistant Professor of Applied Data Analytics, John Cabot University</i>- Carl B. Frey, <i>Oxford Martin Citi Fellow, University of Oxford</i>- Ruzbeh Irani, <i>President, Group Human Resources & Communications, Member of the Group Executive Board</i>

Day 3: 8th October 2021 (Friday)

Time	Sessions
4:00-5:30 pm (IST)	<p>Session 4: Women in Economics and Business: A Conversation in Honour of Isher Judge Ahluwalia</p> <p>Women remain under-represented in economics and business, yet many have made an outsized impact in these fields. This session will feature conversation between three highly successful women professionals discussing groundbreaking contribution in their respective fields while honouring the life and achievements of Ms. Isher Judge Ahluwalia. The session will be moderated by Pramod Bhasin, Chairperson, ICRIER.</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sonalde Desai, <i>Professor and Director, NCAER-National Data Innovation Centre (NDIC)</i>- Rohini Pande, <i>Professor of Economics and Director of the Economic Growth Center at Yale University.</i>- Naina Lal Kidwai, <i>Chairman, Max Financial Services Ltd.; Chairman, HSBC Asset Management (India) Pvt Ltd and HSBC InvestDirect (India) Ltd</i>
7:00-8:20 pm (IST)	<p>Session 5: Reform to Remain Relevant: Views from the Past, Current and Upcoming G20 Presidencies</p> <p>Session Chair: Rajat Kathuria, Senior Visiting Professor, ICRIER and Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University</p> <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Baijayant Panda, <i>National Vice President and Spokesperson, Bhartiya Janata Party</i>- Vincenzo de Luca, <i>Ambassador of Italy to India</i>- Tetsushi Sonobe, <i>Dean & CEO, ADBI</i>
8:20-8:30 pm (IST)	<p>Conference Closure and Vote of Thanks by Deepak Mishra, <i>Director & CE, ICRIER</i></p>