



## ICRIER's engagement in the G20 process and the Delhi Declaration

By any yardstick, India's G20 Presidency was a grand success. Though the G20 Summit was a two-day sprint, the preparatory work was a year-long marathon that started before India took over the presidency on Dec 1, 2022. For ICRIER, it has been a matter of great pride and privilege to serve as the G20 knowledge partner to several ministries and agencies. In addition, several of our senior faculty members played a key role in the Think Tank-20 process. ICRIER's work on G20 will continue beyond the Indian presidency, as we are beginning to collaborate with several development partners to track the progress on measures enunciated in the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (see adjacent figure). Below is a summary of ICRIER's engagements in the G20 process and their reflections on the Delhi Declaration.



### 1. Support to the Independent Expert Group on MDB Reforms (Para 50)

#### G20, Finance Track, Ministry of Finance

ICRIER served as the policy advisor to the G20 Independent Expert Group (IEG) on strengthening Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) constituted by the Indian Presidency. Mr. N K Singh and Prof. Lawrence Summer were its two Co-Conveners. The Delhi Declaration said, *"We appreciate the efforts of the G20 Independent Expert Group on Strengthening MDBs in preparing Volume 1 of the Report and look forward to its examination in conjunction with Volume 2 expected in October 2023. We take note of Volume 1's recommendations and the MDBs may choose to discuss these recommendations as relevant and appropriate within their governance frameworks in due course, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of MDBs (para 50).* Apart from the opportunity to work with some of the best-known think-tanks in the world (CGD, Brookings, etc.), we had the pleasure of learning from some of the most intelligent people in the field, including Mr.



Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who is now the President-elect of Singapore (the adjacent picture shows Tharman participating in IEG virtual meeting).

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## **2. Jaipur Call for Action for enhancing MSMEs' access to information (Para 19)**

### **G20: Trade and Investment Working Group, Ministry of Commerce**

As one of the knowledge partners of the Department of Commerce (DoC), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, ICRIER, along with ITC, assisted the DoC in pursuance of its priority on 'Integrating MSMEs in Global Trade' and recommended that access to information should be enhanced for MSMEs to enable their integration in trade. In the Delhi Declaration, the G20 Leaders said, *"(we) recognise challenges MSMEs, particularly in developing countries, face concerning access to information and thus, welcome Jaipur Call for Action for enhancing MSMEs' access to information to promote the integration of MSMEs into international trade (para 19)."*



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## **3. Key Contributions to G20 Energy Transition Initiatives**

### **G20: Energy Transition Working Group (ETWG), Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India**

The ICRIER team supported the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) during ETWG I to IV conferences in Bangalore, Gandhinagar, Mumbai, and Goa, respectively. They contributed by drafting communique negotiation documents, preparing the High-Level Deliverable for Priority Area 4 (PA 4), offering input for two PA 4 reports, and hosting three G20 ETWG side events. Their contributions are reflected in the 'G20 Energy Transitions Ministers' Meeting Outcome Document and Chair's Summary,' particularly in the 'Energy Efficiency and Responsible Consumption' section. Additionally, their impact is evident in the High-Level Deliverable linked to the G20 Delhi Declaration (Annexure 11(iii), focusing on 'Doubling the Global Rate of Energy Efficiency Improvement by 2030').



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#### 4. Bridging the Gender Digital Divide (Para 65)

##### G20: Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG), Dept. of Telecommunication

As knowledge partners for the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) for the Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG), ICRIER prepared an annexure on “Connecting the Connected” that was supported by detailed analysis in a background paper. Among other recommendations, we proposed the need for targeted policies to bridge gender divides in digital connectivity. The team also organised a Side Event at the second DEWG meeting with panels on (i) High-Speed Mobile Broadband and its Impact on Human Lives, Society, and Industry, (ii) Digital Inclusion: Connecting the Unconnected, and (iii) Sustainable Green Digital Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities.

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#### 5. Advancing Financial Inclusion (Para 21)

##### G20: Finance Track, MOF/NABARD

As knowledge partners for the Ministry of Finance on **the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion**, we contributed to two key outcome documents – G20 Policy Recommendations

for Advancing Financial Inclusion and Productivity Gains through Digital Public Infrastructure and the G20 2023 Financial Inclusion Action Plan (FIAP). We worked with the government as well



as the implementation partner through several rounds of comments and iterations to arrive at outcome documents that were acceptable to all G20 members. The team attended several side events organised as a part of the GPFI Meetings.

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## 6. Successful Hosting of the 14<sup>th</sup> Clean Energy Ministerial and 8<sup>th</sup> Mission Innovation Proceedings

### Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India

Appointed as the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) Secretariat for India, the ICRIER team played a pivotal role in organizing the CEM14 / MI 8 meeting in July 2023. They closely collaborated with the global CEM Secretariat and the Ministry of Power to prepare essential materials and briefings for government officials, delegate invitations, and the development of the CEM/MI website. Their responsibilities also encompassed creating concept notes for closed-door roundtable discussions and open-door high-level dialogues. The successful CEM 14/MI 8 Ministerial-level discussions held from July 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, featured a diverse program of events, including CEO-Ministerial roundtables, thematic side events, a Technology Showcase, an Electric Vehicle Rally, and various networking and cultural activities. Throughout the four-day event, ICRIER team members efficiently managed room coordination, assisting side event organizers, handling bilateral meetings, and overseeing registrations.



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## 7. Macroeconomics, Trade and Livelihoods: Policy Coherence and International Coordination

### T20 – Task Force 1

This Task Force deliberated on the current global scenario and outlined the coordinated efforts required by the G20 countries to deal with monetary, fiscal, trade, and investment policies to ensure employment and better livelihoods. The group discussed ways of promoting better coherence within countries on monetary and fiscal policies as well as stronger international coordination among nations. It also examined the interrelationship between trade and investment policy and global supply chains, and how they are impacted and shaped by national macro-economic policies. Finally, the Task Force discussed the impact of these more significant considerations on livelihoods and employment. The Task Force Statement collated the primary ideas and recommendations of the Task Force members and shared over the year through meetings, convenings, and working groups.



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## **8. Reformed Multilateralism: Transforming Global Institutions and Frameworks**

### **T20 – Task Force 7**

As a co-chair of T20 Task Force 7: One of the key recommendations of this Task Force was “The G20 should permanently include regional associations from underrepresented regions as members. In particular, on a priority basis, the African Union should be included as a member of the grouping.” It was wonderful to see that the African Union was inducted as the 21<sup>st</sup> member of the G20 under the Indian Presidency.

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## **9. Building Digital Public Infrastructure (Para 56)**

### **T20 – Task Force 2**

As a co-chair of T20 Task Force 2: Our Common Digital Future – Affordable, Accessible and Inclusive Digital Public Infrastructure, deliberated on various aspects of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) that informed the Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG) discussion on Digital Public Infrastructure. Contributed to a policy brief on financing models for DPI and the role of the G20

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