

C20 INCLUSIVE GROWTH WORKING GROUP

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

**INCLUSIVE GROWTH:
BEYOND THE RHETORIC;
A 'MUST' FOR FIGHTING POVERTY AND INEQUALITY**

1. POVERTY AND INEQUALITY: “SHARED AIM FOR ALL OF US”

- A. We invite G20 Members to engage in a joint effort to promote the post-2015 Development Agenda by devising strategies to implement the eradication of poverty and inequality targets with a particular focus on the most excluded groups, including young people, people with disabilities, women, as well as immigrants and refugees. As such, we recommend that G20 Members set equity targets for each Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) by 2030, in order to focus on supporting particularly these groups.

- B. Building on the G20 commitment to “lift the G20’s GDP by at least an additional two per cent by 2018”, we invite G20 members to also focus on measures addressing inequality in their national growth strategies by introducing inequality-sensitive indexes such as the GINI index in their analysis of growth.

- C. We also invite G20 Members to commit tackling the multi-dimensional nature of inequality in all its forms which requires ensuring more equal access to high-quality education, healthcare and infrastructure; as a whole, to overcome the vicious cycle of income inequality accompanied by greater polarisation in education and health outcomes by strengthening the redistributive nature of tax systems and investing in public infrastructure.

- D. We invite G20 Members to better coordinate their strategies for tackling development problems of LIDCs, especially access to universal basic services (healthcare, water, sanitation and food), food security, quality education, reducing human vulnerability and access to global trade and finance networks by channelling investment through IO’s and development funds (such as IMF, WB, other development banks) and engaging in debt relief for heavily indebted poor countries. Further engagement with the LIDCs in the form of investments and joint initiatives can stimulate growth through strengthening infrastructure, creating more job opportunities and improving institutional capacity.

2. EMPLOYMENT: “MORE, BETTER-PAID AND SAFER JOBS FOR INCLUSIVITY”

- A. We invite G20 Members to devise country-specific employment strategies aiming to achieve more, better-paid and safer jobs for the most excluded groups, targeting the “25 by 25” gender commitment and the gender pay gap. We also invite G20 Members to work closely with global civil society and international organizations in monitoring these goals on employment.
- B. We invite G20 Members to focus on active labour market strategies by taking into account employment facilitating measures for SME’s and entrepreneurs, such as investment support and tax advantages as well as improving business and investment environments; and lifting bureaucratic impediments.
- C. We invite G20 Members to devise a coordinated action plan prioritizing targeted investments in public and trans-boundary infrastructure and investments with high employment potential. Tripartite partnerships will be effective mechanisms of implementation while special importance should be attributed to building efficient and independent accountability systems incorporating community monitoring processes.
- D. We invite G20 Members to give priority to management quality of organisations to enhance growth, quality jobs for people and sustainable growth with a view to transition to a low-carbon economy generating green and decent employment.
- E. For equal income, we invite G20 Members to set minimum wages at decent level and to develop strategies for supporting rural areas and small cities and employability.

3. EDUCATION: “QUALITY EDUCATION FOR AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH”

- A. We invite G20 Members to prioritize building an education system that would efficiently provide knowledge, ability and values at all levels of education aiming to achieve equal opportunities to all citizens of the world for their dignity, effective participation to social and economic life as well as living together peacefully in a sustainable world; in line with the demands of labour markets and technological advancements.

- B. We invite G20 Members to devise comprehensive youth strategies that target decreasing youth unemployment and school drop-out rates and overcoming youth marginalization through investing in quality public education, training and apprenticeship schemes prioritizing skills development and innovation as well as promoting enrolment in pre-school education.

4. LIDCs: “SOLIDARITY IN OVERCOMING THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT”

- A. We invite G20 Members to better coordinate their monitoring mechanisms for official development assistance which is an important catalyst of growth in LIDCs, ensuring transparency and inclusiveness in the mobilization of resources.

- B. We invite G20 Members to ensure that developing countries, particularly LIDCs are at the table as equal negotiating partners in development of strategies to finance the SDGs, including new and innovative funding mechanisms.

5. PARTICIPATION: “DEMOCRACY FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH”

- A. We call to G20 Members to recognise C20 as the main stakeholder in debates with regards to inclusive growth and grant C20 representation at the G20 development working group since global civil society plays a key role in channelling the viewpoints of the most excluded groups.
- B. We invite G20 Members to plan their sustainable development strategies in a participatory and transparent manner by taking into account the differing needs and approaches of social groups, especially the most excluded sections of the society. We also encourage G20 Members to set up a transparent monitoring mechanism to follow up the performance with regards to recommendations.
- C. We invite G20 Members to commit themselves to mainstream inclusive growth in all institutions of governance and policy-making structures.

6. FOOD SECURITY: “SECURITY OF SUPPLY, BIODIVERSITY AND SUSTAINABILITY”

- A. We invite G20 Members to coordinate their strategies for food security, especially on availability, access, utilization and stability by supporting smallholder farmers, advancing agriculture in LIDCs (particularly Africa), improving agricultural biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, multi-use landscape management to minimize food waste and improve the efficiency of the food value chain as well as creating a more investment-friendly climate by easing rules and regulations.

7. IMMIGRANTS: “THE ‘I’ OF INCLUSIVE GROWTH”

- A. We invite G20 Members to develop coordinated strategies that particularly focus on the plight of refugees and irregular migrants and aim primarily to save their lives, then to protect their dignity, human rights, access to basic services; as well as preventing their social and economic marginalization.

- B. Preventing immigration crisis is an international responsibility. We urge G20 Members to join forces for a comprehensive solution to this matter with all members contributing adequate resources and in a fair manner.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE: “PARTNERING FOR GROWTH”

A. We invite G20 Members to systematically integrate efforts for designing, structuring and implementing tripartite partnerships, also for infrastructure investments especially on social services with a view to partnering for growth and contributing to SDGs. Effective and independent accountability systems should be devised including community monitoring mechanisms.