



G20 and the 2030 Agenda: a pathway to a sustainable recovery

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For the first time Italy hosts the G20 meeting in 2021. Leading the forum of the world's most advanced economies is always challenging - this year even more so, as the world is reeling from the damage inflicted by the Covid-19 pandemic and is struggling to find its footing to a recovery from the economic and social damage suffered. Italy will have to lead the global response to such a serious threat, while not forgetting of the other emergencies that we face: the climate crisis, growing inequalities among and within countries, and increasingly fragile institutions, both at the national and international levels, that limit the effectiveness, or even the possibility, of multilateral responses.

To respond to these challenges, the Italian Presidency proposed an agenda that rests upon three main pillars: People, Planet, Prosperity. This emphasizes the need to take care of people and the planet while ensuring a strong, inclusive and sustainable economic recovery. Furthermore, to tackle more directly the Covid-19 pandemic, the Italian Presidency and the European Commission will also jointly host the G20 Global Health Summit, to bring together the major stakeholders at national and international levels and to offer a coherent and effective response in a timely fashion.

To help in the success of the 2021 G20 and to ensure that sustainability is integrated in all aspects of its outputs, the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS) will collaborate with the Italian Presidency and key stakeholders. ASviS will also monitor the progress of the available indicators for sustainability in G20 countries and collaborate with the Engagement Groups, to ensure that all aspects of the Summit are aligned with the 2030 Agenda.

As a key stepping stone in that direction, and to engage key stakeholders on the recovery, ASviS hosts the "G20 and the 2030 Agenda: a pathway to a sustainable recovery" event in the Global Festival of Action, in order to offer a perspective on the preparatory works ahead of the key summit. The event will be the opportunity to focus on the economic and health crisis due to Covid-19 with key stakeholders from institutions and civil society and to discuss potential solutions.



Programme

15:15 Introduction

Marina Ponti, Director, UN SDG Action Campaign

15:20 Roundtable

Moderator – Musonda Mumba, Director, UNDP Rome Centre for Sustainable Development

Gemma Arpaia, ASviS Working Group Coordinator on SDG17

Agnès Buzyn, Director General's Envoy for Multilateral Affairs, WHO

Enrico Giovannini, Italian Minister of Sustainable Infrastructure and Mobility

Vasu Gounden, Founder & Executive Director, ACCORD

Agostino Inguscio, Senior Expert Climate Change, G20 Sherpa Office

Gayle E. Smith, President and CEO, One Campaign

16:05 Q&A Session

16:15 Conclusions