

#T20Summit



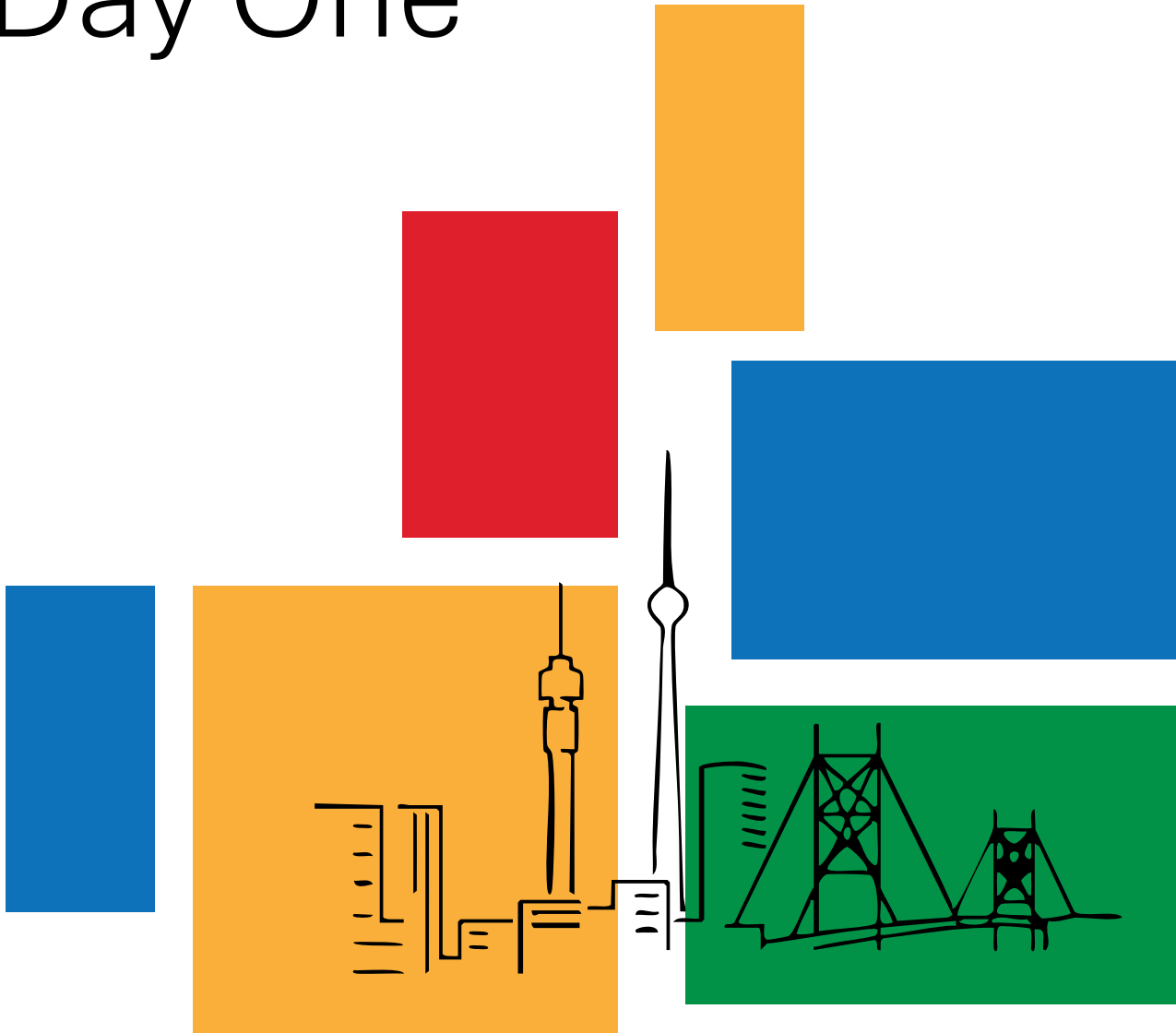
Programme

13-14 November 2025,
Sandton Convention Centre





Day One



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Thursday, 13 November 2025

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Welcoming Remarks

Philani Mthembu	Institute for Global Dialogue
Elizabeth Sidiropoulos	South African Institute of International Affairs
Siphamandla Zondi	Institute for Pan-African Thought and Conversation

09h00 – 09h30

**High- Level Keynote Address****Opening Session**

Deputy Minister Alvin Botes	Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa
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09h30 – 09h45

Scene Setting

Neville Matjie	Chief Executive Officer, Brand South Africa
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**Plenary****Quo Vadis Global Governance?**

Global governance stands at a crossroads. The international system is increasingly marked by fragmentation, geopolitical rivalry and a crisis of legitimacy in multilateral institutions such as the UN. As consensus within formal institutions weakens, questions arise around how to maintain collective problem-solving capacity on issues ranging from peace and security to climate, technology and economic stability.

In this context, the G20 has emerged as a crucial, though informal, platform for bridging divides and promoting coordinated global action. It is necessary to explore how the G20 can serve as a catalyst for reforming and revitalising the global governance architecture. Can it foster coherence across different regional and institutional settings, strengthen the UN's ability to drive global development and build the trust and legitimacy needed for a more inclusive multilateral order?

Moderator: Dr Sithembile Mbete

Public Affairs Research Institute

Ambassador Xolisa Mabhongo

G20 Sous Sherpa

Richard Ponzio

Director and Senior Fellow, Stimson Centre

Luciana Mendes Servos

President, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Brazil

Maria João Rodrigues

President, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

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**In Conversation****Green Windows of Opportunity**

South Africa's green industrial push centres EVs and green hydrogen – can this translate into decent jobs, export resilience and green economic gains? Against the real threat of the CBAM, subsidy wars and a fraying WTO, how can countries like South Africa seize these “green windows of opportunity” without surrendering their policy autonomy?

Hon. Minister Parks Tau

Department of Trade, Industry and Competition

Samir Saran

President, Observer Research Foundation

11h45 – 12h40

**Plenary****Unlocking Development through Digital Public Infrastructure:
e-Governance, Data Governance, AI and Digital Sovereignty**

South Africa prominently positioned artificial intelligence (AI) and digital public infrastructure (DPI) on the G20 digital agenda this year. This session will focus on the social and economic value of DPI, bringing together voices from the governance, economic and technology sectors to discuss progress, potential and risks.

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With the G20 on African soil, it is significant that the APRM in February 2025 added e-Governance to its list of thematic areas. This emphasises the significance already attached to technology and formalises its study as a crucial part of governance. The session will cover e-Governance in practice with comment from the APRM on why this is regarded as an important and separate element of governance, and will include insights from tech experts on working with governments to implement e-Governance programmes.

Moderator: Alison Gillwald, Founding Director, Research ICT Africa (TBC)**Jim Paterson**

Director: Multilateral Affairs, Department of Communications and Digital Technologies

Busi Khaba

Regional Head of Public Policy, Amazon Web Services

Amb. Marie-Antoinette Rose Quatre

CEO, African Peer Review Mechanism

Hector Cardenas

President, Consejo Mexicano de Asuntos Internacionales

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**Plenary**

The WTO Rethink: Repairing Global Prosperity and Advancing Equality through Free and Fair Trade

WTO reform is necessary but is becoming emptied of meaning amid unilateralism and mercantilism surrounding world trade. While many countries continue to uphold their belief in the multilateral system, growing concerns that the WTO system now exists only on paper have led them to pursue new coalitions, bilateral agreements, initiatives and rules. These initiatives are a result of the growing uncertainties in the global economy that have been largely exacerbated by geopolitical conflicts. However, their implications for the multilateral rules-based trading system warrant further assessment.

Moderator: Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, tralac (TBC)**Sait Akman**

Director of G20 Studies Center, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey

Antonio Villafranca

Deputy Director of Studies, Institute for International Political Studies

Rose Ngugi

Fellow, African Economic Research Consortium

Representative

Brand South Africa



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**Plenary****Debt, the Cost of Capital and IFFs**

The G20 plays a key role in addressing the most pressing issues facing developing countries as they navigate the global financial architecture in pursuit of their development goals. From sovereign debt vulnerabilities and the high cost of capital facing the Global South, to the push for international tax fairness and the elimination of illicit financial flows, the G20 remains a forum where global consensus can be reached, and action be undertaken to address such matters.

How can the G20, through initiatives such as the African Experts Panel, build lasting consensus and implement concrete reforms to break the cycle of debt, reduce illicit financial flows, and create a more equitable global financial architecture that supports sustainable development in the Global South?

Moderator: Kamal Ramburuth, Project Lead: G20, Institute for Economic Justice**Sandy Africa**

Director of Research, Mapungubwe Institute of Strategic Reflection

Hannah Ryder

CEO, Development Reimagined

Samira Mensah

Managing Director: Research and Analytics Africa, S&P Global

David McNair

Executive Director, ONE Campaign

Kathy Nicolaou-Manias

Programme Director, International Economic Partnership

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Plenary
Global Finance Reimagined: MDBs, Think Tanks and the Road to G20

Global momentum for reforming multilateral development banks (MDBs) has accelerated, driven by the urgent need to scale climate and development finance. Leaders across major platforms (G7, G20, BRICS, UNGA, COP30, IMF–World Bank) agree on making MDBs ‘better, bigger, and more effective’.. Innovations like hybrid capital, local currency lending, and regional credit rating agencies are gaining traction, alongside system-wide collaboration. This shift positions MDBs as key drivers of inclusive, sustainable development. What role can think tanks play in bridging sectors and advancing inclusive, climate-resilient finance?

Moderator: Nicolas Buchoud, Senior Advisor, Asian Development Bank Institute

Bambang Brodjonegoro Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute

Kerina Wang Head of Tokyo Center, Institute for Economic Development, World Bank Group (virtual)

Gulbin Sahinbeyoglu Director, Economic Data Analysis Center, The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey

Amar Bhattacharya Senior Fellow, Center for Sustainable Development, Brookings (virtual)

Luciana Mendes Santos Servo President, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada

Sami Al-Suwailem Acting Director General and Chief Economist, Islamic Development Bank Institute (virtual)

Annalisa Prizzon Principal Research Fellow: Development and Public Finance Programme, ODI International (virtual)

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**Parallel Session****Advancing Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience for All (TBC)**

Anchored in South Africa's G20 Presidency, which placed disaster resilience as one of its key priorities, this session aims to discuss the outcomes of the 2025 Ministerial Declaration on disaster risk reduction. Countries must cooperate to translate high level commitments into operational mechanisms to protect the most vulnerable communities from escalating climate-related disasters. The declaration reaffirmed prevention as a public investment priority, called for risk-informed governance, accessible financing, and data-driven early warning systems, and marked the launch of the Early Warnings for All initiative. The session will interrogate how to operationalise these commitments to ensure that resilience frameworks are both inclusive and financially sustainable.

Moderator: Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor,
Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries

Dr Bongani Elias Sithole

Deputy Director General and Head, National Disaster Management Centre

David Obura

Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services

Anbumozhi Venkatachalam

Director of Research Strategy and Innovations, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia

Abla Abdel Latif

Egyptian Centre for Economic Studies

Vitória Gonzalez

Project Coordinator, Plataforma CIPÓ

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**Plenary****Digital Money: The G20's Next Financial Frontier**

We stand at an inflection point in the evolution of money – one that mirrors the transformational shifts seen at the dawn of the internet age. Digital currencies are no longer a niche experiment confined to crypto communities; they are rapidly emerging as a defining feature of tomorrow's global financial infrastructure.

Whether through privately issued cryptocurrencies, asset-backed stablecoins or central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), the contours of monetary sovereignty, payment systems and cross-border capital flows are being rewritten in real time. For developing and emerging economies, this shift presents both opportunity and risk.

Digital money could expand access to finance, reduce transaction costs and streamline trade. Yet it could also amplify vulnerabilities, including exposing smaller economies to currency substitution, capital flight or digital exclusion.

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The challenge before the G20, therefore, is not simply technological. It is fundamentally about governance, equity and resilience in the next chapter of global finance. Specifically, how can the G20 harmonise regulation, ensure financial stability and interoperability and leverage these new instruments for greater financial inclusion without compromising monetary sovereignty or creating new systemic risks?

Moderator: Paul Samson, President, Centre for International Governance Innovation

Olivier Lens Managing Director: Sub Saharan Africa, Swift

Alisha Chhangani Deputy Director: Geoeconomics, Atlantic Council

Bruno de Conti Associate Professor, University of Campinas

Haihong Gao Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

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**Report Launch**

Strategic Convergence? The Security Agendas of the European Union and the Global South(s)

The fragmentation and securitization of today's world compel states to restructure alliances, seeking new ways to foster sustainable development and security. Amid this dynamic global security architecture, the European Union (EU) and countries from the Global South—like Brazil, India, and South Africa—must urgently seek innovative, collaborative frameworks to navigate today's intricate challenges.

The report discusses the potential for building Security and Defence Partnerships (SDPs) between the EU and these Global South nations, analysing the resulting political and financial tensions. It details the security priorities and potential strategic convergence points from the perspectives of the EU, India, Brazil, and South Africa.

Luis de Lossada I Gallart

Research Associate and Project Manager, Global Policy Center, IE University

Philani Mthembu

Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue

Feliciano de Sa Guimaraes

Brazilian Centre for International Relations

Shairee Malhotra

Deputy Director: Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation

Eniola Harrison

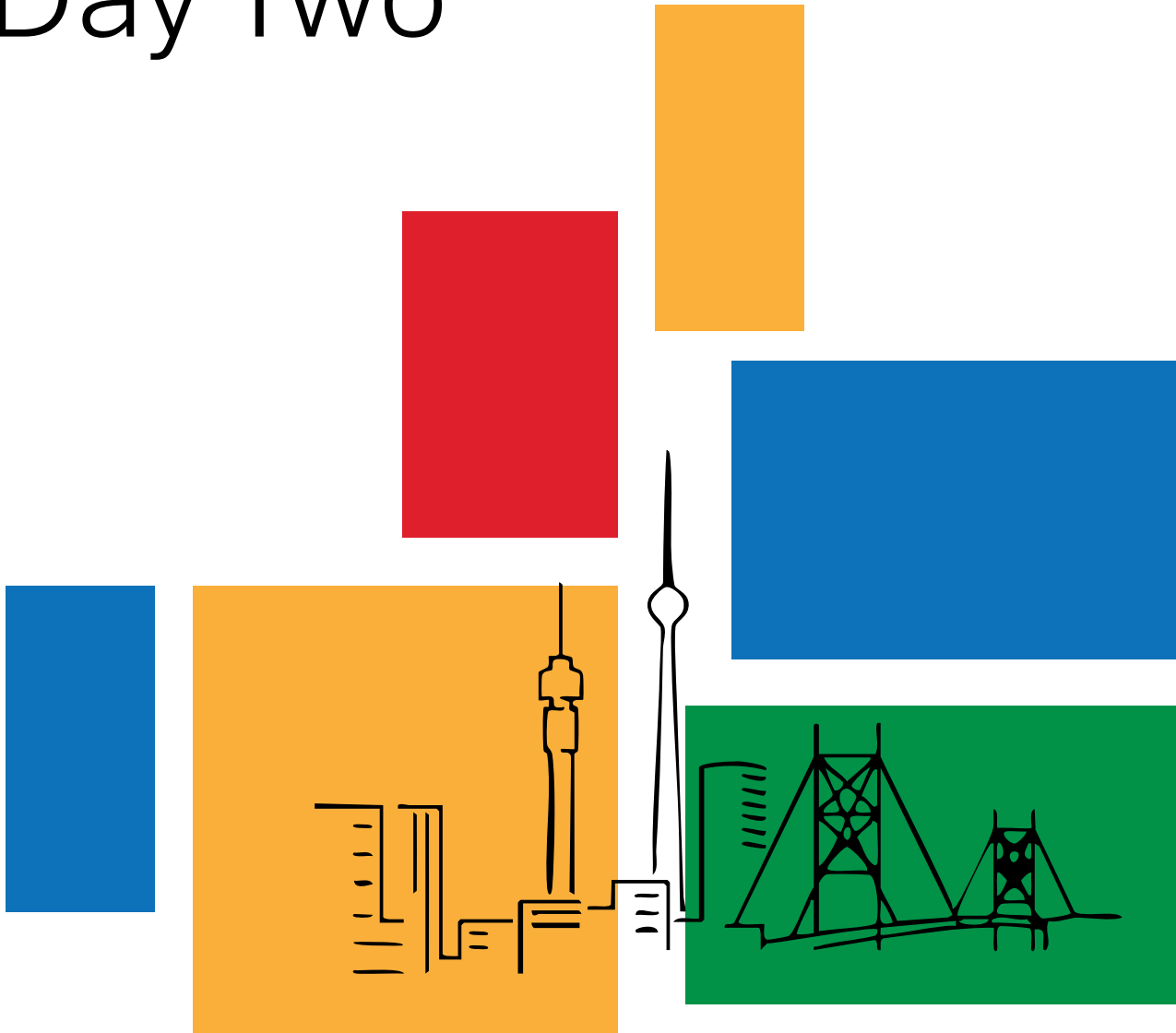
Director: Africa Program, Global Policy Center, IE University

Agustina Briano

Coordinator: Institutional Relations, Communications and Development, Club de Madrid



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**Plenary****Green Minerals for the Global Transition: Driving Economic Growth, Inclusion and Community Safety**

The global transition to net zero is accelerating demand for green minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, and rare earth elements, which are key inputs for clean energy technologies and electric mobility. As G20 countries advance their climate and industrial strategies, the sourcing, processing, and governance of these minerals have become central to shaping a fair and sustainable global transition. In line with G20 South Africa's commitment to sustainability, the discussion will focus on how to avoid a purely extractive model and instead promote value addition, responsible investment, and local beneficiation for minerals. It will explore pathways to ensure equitable participation across the value chain, including the empowerment of women, artisanal and small-scale miners, and local enterprises, while strengthening transparency and community safety.

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Moderator: Sarang Shidore, Quincy Institute**Judy Hofmeyr** Green Transition Minerals Fellow, Africa Policy Research Institute**Fausto Carbajal Glass** Senior Fellow, Consejo Mexicano de Asuntos Internacionales**Claude Kabemba** Executive Director, Southern African Resources Watch**Marit Kitaw** Former Interim Director, African Minerals Development Centre**Igor Makarov** Higher School of Economics University, Russia

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**In Conversation****Derisking Food Systems in a Volatile World**

In a world defined by climate shocks, geopolitical conflict, economic instability, and fractured supply chains, the resilience of our global food systems has become a major challenge. These converging crises expose deep vulnerabilities, risking everything from food price volatility to food insecurity for millions, not least in Africa.

Moderator: Fabio Veras Soares, Head: International Policy Centre for Inclusive Development, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada**Ibrahim Mayaki** AU Special Envoy for Food Systems (virtual)**Simohn Engelbrecht** Trade and Relations Officer, AfriSA

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**Plenary**

The Infrastructure Imperative: Integration, Finance and Resilience in a New Global Order

The global infrastructure investment gap is estimated at about \$15 trillion until 2040. In Africa, the annual investment need is \$155 billion, according to Africa's Development Dynamics 2025 report. Infrastructure's importance as a catalyst for regional integration, growth and productive transformation has never been questioned; however, the imperative of climate-resilient infrastructure has now added another challenge. There is also a significant gap between the level of infrastructure investment in EMDEs and that in many developed markets.

Moderator: Tali Munzhedzi, Deputy Director: Public Diplomacy, Department of International Relations and Cooperation

Lindiwe Zwane Principal: Origination and Coverage for Africa, Development Bank of Southern Africa

Lufeyo Banda Chief Regional Operations Officer, African Development Bank

Karen Bosman Head of Advocacy and Advisory, WESGRO

Mameetse Masemola CEO, Infrastructure South Africa

Slim Dali Agence Française de Développement

Kim Kyung-ha Senior Fellow: Overseas Economic Research Institute, Korea Eximbank

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**In Conversation****Whole-of-Economy, Whole-of-Society Energy Transitions**

Achieving a just transition requires more than decarbonisation but a commitment to the comprehensive transformation of economies and societies. The G20 can champion inclusive, whole-of-economy and whole-of-society approaches to the energy transition. Pathways for aligning climate ambition with social justice, investment and innovation can also bridge perspectives between Africa and the world, to ensure transitions are not only green, but also fair, equitable and development oriented.

Moderator: Céline Kauffmann, Chief Programmes Officer, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations

H.E. Ms Lerato Mataboge

AU Commissioner for Energy and Infrastructure (virtual)

Gaylor Montmasson-Clair

Founding Director, Southern Transitions

Fahad Alajlan

President, King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Centre



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Beyond Agenda 2030

As the 2030 deadline for the SDGs looms, the global community must look beyond the current framework to address a new generation of interconnected challenges. Despite significant progress in some areas, persistent inequalities, the escalating climate crisis, geopolitical shifts and the rapid pace of technological change such as AI threaten to reverse recent development gains. What are the critical drivers and constraints for a post-2030 development agenda? What does a truly transformative framework look like and how can we foster the necessary political will and global governance structures to achieve it?

Moderator: Nicolas Buchoud, Senior Fellow: Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries and Global Solutions Initiative

Anna Katherina Hornidge

Director, German Institute of Development and Sustainability

Efraim Gomez

Global Policy Lead, World Wide Fund for Nature

Shameela Soobramoney

CEO, National Business Initiative

Navid Hanif

Assistant Secretary General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Stephen Devereux

Director: Centre for Social Protection, Institute of Development Studies

Levi Singh

Sherpa, Youth20 South Africa

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Parallel Session

Where Next? Future Directions for Equitable and Inclusive Digital Transformation

As South Africa leads the G20 presidency, the T20 Taskforce on Digital Transformation has explored how digital and data ecosystems can drive equitable and sustainable development across the Global South. Building on the legacies of previous Global South presidencies, this discussion examines how digital technologies can reduce inequality, strengthen regional coordination and ensure that Africa's perspectives and realities shape global conversations on AI, data and digital governance. The session will reflect on key themes emerging from the T20 process, including labour rights in the digital economy, inclusive AI and integrated data governance, and explore practical pathways to sustain and advance a rights-driven, human-centred digital transformation agenda beyond 2025.

Moderator: Stephanie Diepeveen, ODI Global

Noxolo Bhengu

COSATU and Labour20

Nonkqubela Jordan Dyani

Director-General, Department of Communications and Digital Technologies

Isabel de Rocha Siqueira

Adjunct Professor and Director: Institute of International Relations, BRICS Policy Centre

Doubell Chamberlain

Founder and Managing Director, Cenfri

Jaqueline Pigatto

Coordinator, Data Privacy Brazil (virtual)

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Care and Social Protection at the Centre of the G20 Agenda for Solidarity, Economic Justice and Climate Resilience

Care is increasingly recognised as a core pillar of social protection (alongside health, education, and income security), essential for building resilient economies, inclusive societies, and sustainable development. Despite unpaid care work representing 9% of global GDP, care remains undervalued, underpaid and underfunded. By 2030, 2.3 billion people will require care, and investments in universal childcare and long-term care services could generate nearly 300 million decent jobs by 2035. The G20 Development Working Group's call to action for universal social protection floors, under South Africa's presidency, provides a critical opportunity to embed care as a foundational component of these systems. This discussion will explore how care can be reframed as a public good and a central pillar of social protection.

Moderator: Amar Nijhawan, Senior Programme Officer, International Development Research Centre

Sindiswa Mzamo

Co-Chair, Women20 South Africa

Josephilda Nhlapho-Hlope

Deputy Director General, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

Imraan Valodia

Director, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies

Luciana Mendes Servos

President, Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, Brazil

Ameeta Jaga

University of Cape Town and Motherload Project

Elena Moore

Professor of Sociology, University of Cape Town

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**Plenary****Reimagining the G20@20: Exploring Alternative Futures**

The South African G20 presidency is the last in the first cycle of G20 presidencies. One of its priorities was to undertake a review of the G20@20. While the G20, which emerged from the 2008 financial crisis, has been effective in crisis response, its significantly broadened agenda has seen less success in other areas. It has been effective in crisis response, but less so in other areas.

The G20 enters its second cycle of rotating presidencies during a time of growing global fragmentation and risk saturation. In this environment, it will have to navigate complexity strategically to strengthen its role in international cooperation on global challenges.

Confronted with a fracturing multilateral landscape and mounting crises, how should the G20 evolve beyond 2025? What have been its strengths? What changes are required for it to deal the altered global environment?

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Moderator: Otilia Maunganidze, Head of Special Projects: Office of the Executive Director, Institute for Security Studies

Cas Coovadia

Sherpa, Business20 South Africa

Njeri Mwagiru

Senior Researcher, South African Institute of International Affairs

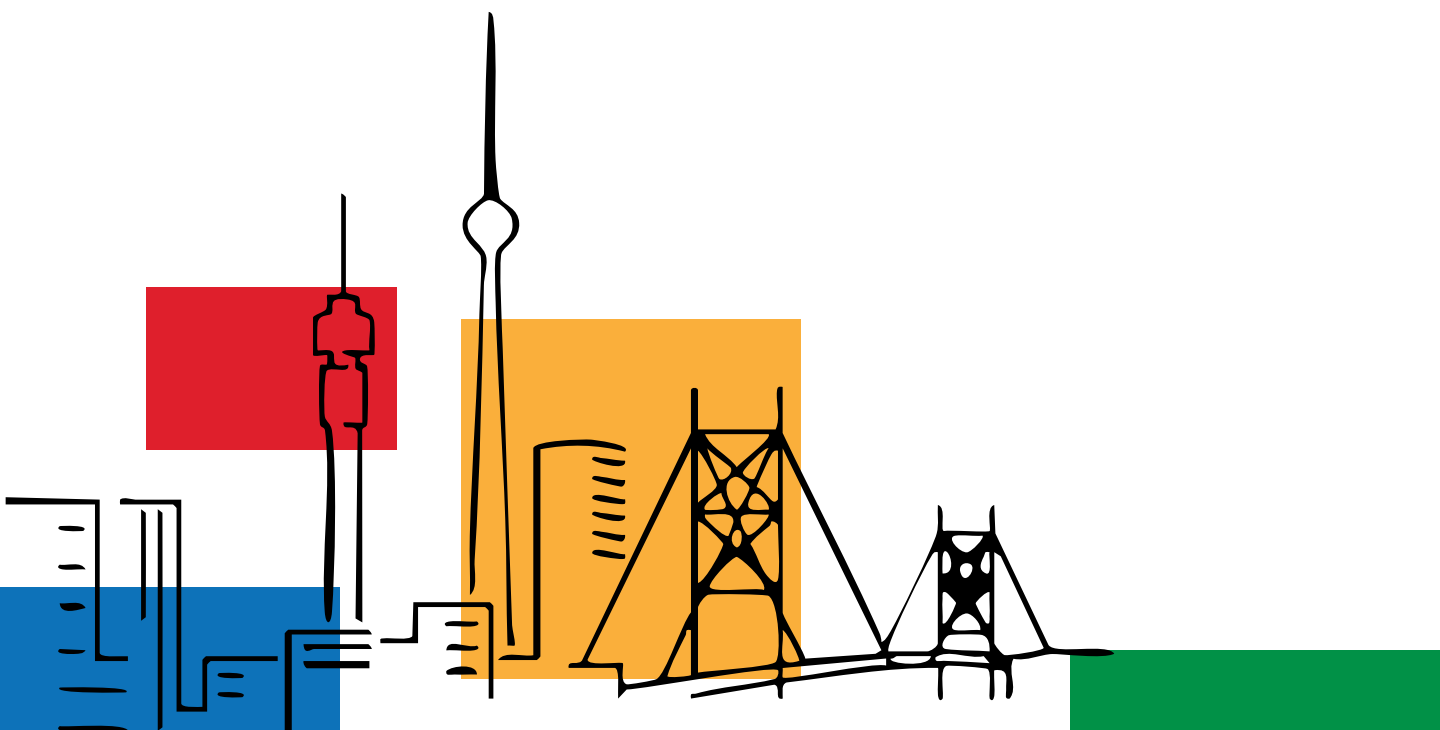
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