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FOREWORD

This year's unprecedented engagement process with civil society organizations in the Finance Track underscores the importance of community involvement in addressing critical issues facing our world.

This report describes the activities of the Ministry of Finance with civil society during the Brazilian G20 Presidency.

I hope the approach developed in Brazil will inspire future G20 leaders to implement similar initiatives, tailored to the unique contexts and aspirations of their countries.

Fernando Haddad Minister of Finance of Brazil



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1. INTRODUCTION

Between December 1st, 2023, and November 30th, 2024, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva's administration led the Presidency of the G20, representing the 20 largest economies in the world, under the motto "Building a Just World and a Sustainable Planet." This was Brazil's primary foreign policy initiative in 2024.

The Brazilian G20 Presidency established three main priorities:

- 1. The fight against hunger, poverty, and inequality.
- 2. Energy transition and sustainable development.
- 3. Reforming global governance.

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Building a just world and a sustainable planet with the participation of societies https://g20.gov.br/en/news/building-a-just-and-sustainable-world-with-civil-societyparticipation

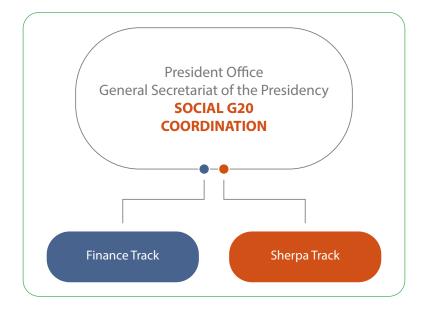
Uniting society for a sustainable future https://g20.gov.br/en/news/a-united-society-for-a-sustainable-future

The G20 is structured into two tracks: the Sherpa Track and the Finance Track. To achieve concrete results and create synergies between these tracks, two task forces were established: the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, and the Global Mobilization against Climate Change. It was decided to increase social participation by creating the "Social G20".

This document outlines the actions carried out by Social G20 within the Finance Track. It seeks to summarize the thematic choices, work methodologies, and challenges encountered. It is hoped that this experience leaves a lasting legacy for future G20 Presidencies.

The Ministry of Finance sought to establish a channel for dialogue with civil society. To this end, a dedicated team was assembled and integrated within the organizational structure created to conduct the work of the G20 Presidency, known as the "Social G20 within the Finance Track". Formed by the end of 2023, the team started to hold regular discussions with civil society at the onset of the Brazilian G20 Presidency in 2024.

The team's efforts were in line with the broader government program under President Lula's leadership, which prioritizes social participation. The Social G20 initiative was coordinated by the Secretary General of the Presidency of the Republic (SG-PR) and included active participation from the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Culture (MINC), and the Secretariat of Social Communication (SECOM).



The aim of Social G20 was to increase the participation of non-governmental actors in the activities and decision-making processes of the G20, promoting transparency and ensuring that the voices of organized civil society were heard throughout the group's negotiations. To this end, new channels for institutional dialogue were developed within the federal government, engaging G20 Working Groups and Brazilian and global civil society.



The objectives of Social G20 under the Brazilian Presidency were as follows:

- 1. Coordinate dialogues between Engagement Groups.
- 2. Expand the forum's social base by inviting various actors from civil society, both in Brazil and abroad, to participate in the debates and side events of Social G20.
- 3. Hold sessions to listen to the demands of civil society, represented by Engagement Groups, during the official meetings of the Finance and Sherpa Tracks.
- 4. Organize the Social Summit from November 14th to 16th, 2024, in Rio de Janeiro, preceding the G20 Leaders' Summit.

The G20 Engagement Groups

In the history of social participation in the G20, the creation of Engagement Groups in 2009 marked an effort by civil society to coordinate its thematic and sectoral demands. Through these groups, which represent various sectors of societies, private entities, and non-State actors, civil society organizations started meeting with their counterparts from all G20 countries. During Brazil's G20 Presidency, 13 Engagement Groups worked in parallel with the official tracks.

The work dynamics of the Engagement Groups involve holding meetings throughout the year to draft documents with proposals to be delivered to the official tracks and the G20 leaders. These proposals are typically presented in documents that outline the priorities and demands of each group. The final document, collectively prepared and agreed upon by consensus, is called a Communiqué (alluding to the official communiqués negotiated in the various official G20 groups) and is delivered to the authorities and disseminated through the press and on social media. In some cases, joint declarations on specific topics can also be prepared, such as the 2024 Joint Declaration of the T20/C20 Convergence Dialogue and the *B20-L20 Joint Statement.*

The G20 Engagement Groups



B20 connects the business community to the G20 governments to propose public policies.



By developing innovative solutions, C20 aims to ensure that world leaders are attentive to the recommendations and demands of organized civil society.



Represents workers, addresses employment concerns, labor rights, and advocates for fair working conditions.



Debuting under the Brazilian presidency of the G20, O20 focuses on ocean issues and promotes marine sustainability and the sustainable use of its resources.



Led by the presidents of the G20 countries' parliaments, P20 aims to strengthen global collaboration and ensure the practical implementation of international agreements in G20 member countries.



Fosters open dialog between the various stakeholders in the startup and technology ecosystem, as well as small and medium-sized enterprises.



Brings together experts and academics to highlight the importance of science, by proposing that scientific evidence contributes to efficient solutions in areas such as health, environment, and technological innovation.



The aim J20 is to exchange ideas on legal themes of current relevance to establish a global forum for entities or bodies of constitutional jurisdiction.



Seeks to promote transparency and effectiveness in global governance by strengthening cooperation between the Supreme Audit Institutions of the G20 countries.



The main objective of T20 is to produce, debate, consolidate and present innovative ideas on how to tackle current and emerging challenges that can be addressed by the G20.



U20 is a city diplomacy initiative with the aim of promoting recommendations to the G20 on economic, climate, and development agendas in cities.



Represents the voice and perspectives of youth. Involves leaders and activists in discussing global issues and promotes intergenerational inclusion in policies.



Focuses on gender issues and represents women in debates. Promotes gender equality and addresses specific challenges faced by women worldwide.



https://www.g20.org/en/g20-social/engagement-groups

Social G20 Sessions at the Deputies' Meetings of the Sherpa Track and the **Finance Track**

Under the Brazilian Presidency, the G20 Finance Track was coordinated by the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Brazil.

During 2024, Social G20 coordinated meetings and joint sessions with the 13 Engagement Groups, striving to create synergies and find common ground among them. One of the most positive outcomes of this process was the Social G20 Sessions held at the Official Meetings of the two Tracks, in July 2024.

First, the Brazilian Presidency ensured that the groups had access to the Concept Notes of the Presidency and the Working Groups as soon as the documents were approved at the Ministerial meetings in early 2024. This promoted transparency and strengthened civil society's access to the necessary information to influence the multilateral negotiation process.

Then, it was decided that sessions would be held to deliver the Engagement Group communiqués to the G20 delegates. The aim was to conduct these sessions mid-Presidency to allow sufficient time for the groups' demands and contributions to reach the member states while negotiations were still underway, particularly since the Leaders' Declaration had not yet been finalized (by that time, there was still one last Ministerial meeting remaining for each track).

Before these sessions, each group submitted a summary of its proposals, which were distributed to the delegates of the member countries and international organizations. During the sessions, a representative from each group sat at the negotiating table and was able to intervene in person. After all 13 interventions, delegates were able to make their comments responding to proposals brought up by civil society.

The two sessions were well received by delegates from member countries and international organizations, who highlighted the unprecedented originality of the Brazilian Presidency.

Holding these sessions gave engagement groups the opportunity to raise their impact on the G20 negotiations and demonstrated the importance of listening and opening dialogue to strengthen legitimacy as a consultation forum.

Social Summit

The highlight of Social G20 was the Social Summit held on November 14th-16th, 2024, in Rio de Janeiro, in the lead-up to the Leaders' Summit. The main achievement of the Social Summit was the delivery of a consensus document from global civil society to President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

A total of 49,498 people registered for the Social G20 Summit, with 19,140 receiving accreditation for the activities held over the event's three days.

The Social Summit was organized by a committee led by the General Secretariat of the Presidency, with guest participation from other ministries (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Culture, and the Secretariat of Communication), as well as leaders of popular and trade union movements in Brazil, including the Brazilian Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (ABONG), the Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil (APIB), the Black Coalition for Rights, the Central Workers' Union (CUT), the World March of Women (WMW), and the Landless Workers Movement (MST).

There were approximately six preparatory meetings of the Organizing Committee intended to jointly establish the format, parameters, and dynamics of the Social Summit.

Regarding the program, the first day of the Summit focused on conducting 271 self-managed activities. Civil society had the opportunity to submit their proposals for activities through the government's website. The Organizing Committee selected from over 1,000 received proposals, and the agenda was assembled accordingly.

On the second day, plenary sessions were held around the thematic axes of Brazil's priorities: (1) Inequalities, hunger, and poverty; (2) Sustainability; and (3) Global governance reform.

On November 16th, the final day of the Summit, approximately 2,500 people attended the closing ceremony. President Lula received the "Final Social G20 Declaration: from the People to the Leaders," a document summarizing the consensus reached by all participants. The Plenary session also featured Ronald Lamola, South Africa's Minister of Foreign Affairs, who reaffirmed the South African G20 Presidency's commitment to continuing the Social G20 initiative.

During each day, the event hosted a fair featuring agroecological and solidarity economy products, along with cultural events and musical performances at the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty Festival.

The event marked a milestone in the **Brazilian G20 Presidency and contributed to** expanding social participation in the world's leading international deliberation forum.

Social G20 within the Finance Track

The Secretary for International Affairs (SAIN) at the Ministry of Finance, Ambassador Tatiana Rosito, undertook coordination of the Finance Track and appointed a team to manage the relationship between civil society and the Track. This work was carried out by the Undersecretariat for International Finance and Economic Cooperation (SUFIC), led by diplomat Antonio Freitas. The team for Social G20 within the Finance Track was composed of: Tatiana Berringer, General Coordinator for Civil Society Relations; Mariana Davi, Project Coordinator; Jéser Abílio, Project Manager; and Uolli Briotto, Partnerships Coordinator.



Social G20 within the Finance Track team

Through its work, the team sought to enhance transparency in the decision-making processes of the Finance Track. It focused on creating spaces to receive the demands and suggestions of organized civil society and establish listening mechanisms with representatives from governments and international organizations. This was intended to highlight important issues that were often challenging to incorporate into the official G20 negotiation agenda.

The Finance Track was organized into several Working Groups and Task Forces, such as Financial Sector Issues, International Financial Architecture, Global Economy, Framework, Sustainable Finance, Financial Inclusion, International Taxation, and as well as Health and Finance. The work of Social G20 within the Finance Track, based on the topics discussed in these groups and initiatives, resulted in:

- Creating dialogue channels between civil society and the Finance Track.
- Participating in events organized by Engagement Groups or global civil society organizations focused on G20 themes.
- Organizing virtual and face-to-face meetings with civil society.
- Systematizing the content of debates and proposals, exploring ways to disseminate the material (such as through videos, policy briefs, etc.).

Activities were planned around five key axes that guided the work of Social G20 within the Finance Track:

- 1. Inequalities.
- International taxation. 2.
- 3. Financing for a just transition.
- 4. External and sovereign debt.
- 5. Global governance reform.

The team's work received crucial support from Gustavo Westmann, Head of the International Advisory Office of the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic; Alexandre Pupo and Adriana Abdenur from the Special Advisory Office of the Presidency of the Republic; Juliana Santos, Participation and Diversity Advisor at the Ministry of Finance; Fabricio Prado, Participation and Diversity Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Thaise Torres and Rafael Tatemoto, G20 Communication Advisors at the Ministry of Finance; Felipe Antunes, General Coordinator of International Finance; and Poliana Ferreira, Project Manager.

How to build social participation in international forums

In recent decades, social participation in multilateral organizations has become more widespread, as seen in the UN General Assembly (UNGA), the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), and the United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP), where civil society organizations have a strong, institutionalized presence. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, civil society engaged in multilateral economic forums and meetings, such as the G20 and the Davos Economic Forum, primarily through actions and mobilizations in opposition to these forums, such as the People's Summit.

Starting in 2008, with the onset of the international financial crisis, the G20 emerged as the main forum for international economic and financial governance. In this new phase, there was a gradual opening to social participation, beginning in 2010 with the formation of Engagement Groups. The first was the B20 (Business 20) in Canada, followed by the T20 (Think Tanks 20) and C20 (Civil Society 20). This development enabled non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to seek spaces and channels to influence the forum through these newly established Engagement Groups.

Social participation within the G20, particularly through the work of the Engagement Groups, has historically evolved through greater interaction with the Sherpa Track. However, the Finance Track, which brings together Ministers of Finance and Presidents of Central Banks, with their respective technical staff, had a more closed operating practice.

Brazil, along with other Mercosur countries, has developed experiences in fostering social participation within the bloc, such as through specialized meetings and the Mercosur Social Summit, which ran from 2006 to 2015 and returned in 2023. Another notable example of social participation in foreign policy was the Amazon Dialogues, held in Bélem do Pará, Brazil, in 2023. In line with these initiatives and following the commitment to enhance social participation during his new term, President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva proposed the creation of Social G20.

Since building this process was unprecedented, the Social G20 within the Finance Track team sought to adopt various methodologies to create channels for dialogue with Brazilian and global civil society around the issues discussed by its Working Groups.

The methodological approaches had to consider that this involved social participation in foreign policy within a multilateral forum whose Presidency is temporary (lasting only one year). The G20 is a forum for international consultation and decision-making, not a regional bloc with an institutional framework that would allow for the institutionalization of mechanisms or methodologies for social participation. Therefore, many lessons learned and participation mechanisms are carried over to subsequent Presidencies, based on the experiences of the Engagement Groups and civil society.

In this context, different approaches were adopted to enable the participation of global civil society, taking into account factors such as: budgetary constraints; the diverse nature of organizations; varying levels of involvement of social and political actors with the G20 agenda; and the need to broaden and deepen spaces for listening and receiving requests and proposals.

Methodologies



Methodology 1: Face-to-face events with a round table composed of government and civil society

- **Deliverable:** In-person events held both in Brazil and abroad (*The Brazilian* Presidency and Brazilian Civil Society; Global Governance Reform, External Debt; Taxation; and 25 Years of the G20).
- **Methodology:** Panel discussions featuring members of the Brazilian government, representatives from international organizations, and civil society. These sessions included brief presentations followed by a Q&A period with the audience.
- **Outcome:** The debates were both formative and interactive, enhancing transparency and providing government officials with the opportunity to hear recommendations and requests directly from civil society.

Methodology 2: Virtual events with keynote speakers and civil society interventions (through submissions of Policy Briefs)

- **Deliverable:** Online event with simultaneous streaming on YouTube (*Inequalities* and the Global Economy).
- **Methodology:** Two sessions featuring introductory speeches by keynote speakers, followed by interventions from 15 global civil society organizations. The selection process for civil society participants was based on a call for Policy Briefs, aiming to listen to experts and ensure representation from Engagement Groups and other social organizations. These groups were invited to share their accumulated knowledge and recommendations on the topic.
 - Policy Briefs: Global civil society organizations were invited to submit their analyses of inequality in the global economy, along with up to three policy proposals/alternatives to address it.
- Outcome: Thirty proposals were selected from the 70 Policy Briefs received, ensuring 15 interventions in each session. The event featured a diverse range of perspectives, covering different regions and social segments (women, urban and rural areas, youth, etc.). The Policy Briefs and a synthesis document titled Ten Proposals to Combat Inequalities were published on the G20 and Ministry of Finance social media platforms.

Methodology 3: Face-to-face meeting with a final civil society declaration delivered to authorities

- **Deliverable:** A one-and-a-half-day face-to-face meeting titled *Civil Society* Meeting on the G20 and International Taxation.
- **Methodology:** The event included four panel discussions with civil society organizations that advocate for issues related to international taxation alongside members of the Brazilian government, who were leading the negotiations.
 - **Organizing Committee:** The agenda and methodology were organized by the Social G20 within the Finance Track team and a Civil Society Organizing Committee, composed of 10 national and international entities. The committee contributed to designing the event format, methodology, and selecting speakers, and also drafted a "Declaration with Civil Society Recommendations on International Taxation." This declaration was delivered to Brazil's Minister of Finance, Fernando Haddad.
- **Outcome:** The meeting took place in parallel with the Symposium of G20 Tax Authorities. At the closing ceremony, held at the Symposium venue, the "Civil Society Final Declaration" containing 11 recommendations for international taxation cooperation, was officially delivered to Fernando Haddad, Minister of Finance of Brazil. The ceremony was attended by participants from both events.

Methodology 4: Online meeting with invitations extended to social and political organizations directly involved in the topic

- **Deliverable:** Online event on the topic of just transition, with simultaneous broadcast on YouTube.
- **Methodology:** The event featured two two-hour sessions. Fifteen civil society representatives were invited to each session to present their perspectives and viewpoints based on their roles and organizations. The goal was to gather diverse stakeholders involved in the issue. Additionally, reports from international organizations, previously delivered to the Working Group, were shared during the event for discussion with civil society.
- **Outcome:** The event intended to provide civil society with access to the content of these documents, promoting transparency and broadening the debate space. It also offered an opportunity to listen to the reactions and perspectives of civil society organizations regarding the issue.

Methodology 5: Engagement Group session at the Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting

- **Deliverable:** A formal meeting was held between the Engagement Groups and the Deputies of Finance and Central Banks, where proposals and recommendations linked to the priorities of the 2024 Finance Track were presented.
- **Methodology:** Engagement Groups submitted documents with recommendations and proposals, summarized on a one-page document (One Pager), fifteen days prior to the meeting. A comprehensive file gathering 13 documents from the Engagement Groups, along with a document from Brazil's Council for Sustainable Economic and Social Development and Favelas 20 (F20), was distributed to the delegations of member states, invitee countries, and international organizations, along with an Issues Note.

A 3-hour session was held at the 4th G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies' (FCBD) Meeting in July. It was structured as follows: 4 minutes for each of the 15 civil society representatives to deliver presentations, 3 minutes for member states, and 2 minutes for invitee countries.

Outcome: The session secured a formal space for dialogue between the Engagement Groups and the G20 delegates in July, allowing for the possibility of influencing the final documents and negotiations of the G20 Finance Track.

Methodology 6: Participation of Finance Track Representatives in Engagement Group Meetings

- **Deliverable:** Active participation of Finance Track coordinators, Working Group representatives, and the Social G20 team in the meetings and debates of the Engagement Groups.
- **Methodology:** In response to invitations from the Engagement Groups, Finance Track representatives participated in panel discussions or debate sessions, presenting the key issues and priorities being addressed in the official G20 meetings and negotiations. They also provided feedback on the requests and proposals presented by the Engagement Groups.
- Outcome: This created an interactive channel between the Finance Track and the Engagement Groups, enhancing both transparency and the legitimacy of G20 negotiations.

In summary, the variety of event formats and range of topics addressed by Social G20 within the Finance Track demonstrated that there are multiple methodologies for fostering interaction between civil society and government representatives. This process produces deep learning, and since there is no fixed formula, it involves continuous experimentation, learning, revising, and collective building. Democracy is a living entity, and its mechanisms can always be refined and revisited.



Social G20 within the Finance Track: A policy innovation within the Ministry of Finance

The group of the 20 largest economies was established in 1999 to find solutions and build consensus for addressing economic and financial crises while expanding international cooperation to ensure economic growth. Issues tackled by Ministries of Economy (or Finance—Fazenda as it is known in Brazil) and Central Banks often seem distant and alien to the average citizen, as they are perceived as very technical and intractable concepts.

The dynamics and crises of the global economy directly impact the lives of citizens. A forum that seeks to shape policies and seek alternatives for various aspects of finance and international political economy must remain grounded and connected to social demands and contexts. Just as domestic policy seeks to be democratic, multilateral organizations and forums should incorporate social participation in their decision-making processes to listen to those most affected by economic, social, and environmental crises, as well as by development projects, public policies, and global initiatives.

In the Finance Track—the hard core of the G20—debates and issues have historically been handled in a way that is distant from civil society. This year's Brazilian G20 Presidency aimed at policy innovation by assembling Social G20 within the Finance Track. The Social G20 initiative emerged from President Lula's desire to deepen social participation in the forum. The Ministry of Finance designated a team to serve as a liaison between civil society and the Finance Track. It was perceived that behind an apparently technical debate lay political interests and diverse worldviews.

National and global economic guidelines are shaped by varying orientations that impact the distribution of wealth differently. Organized civil society has clear proposals and requests regarding several of the key issues discussed within the G20 Finance Track, including international taxation, policies to combat inequality, financing for a just transition, solutions to sovereign debt, and global governance reform.

The perspectives of civil society can help negotiators make more progressive and advanced decisions towards a fairer and more equitable economy. For example, a survey conducted by Earth4All revealed that 68% of citizens in G20 countries support a tax on the wealth of billionaires as a means of financing policies to transform the economy. The international cooperation agenda regarding the taxation of large fortunes was a priority for the Brazilian G20 Presidency, which approved a Leaders' Declaration on the issue.

Tatiana Berringer (General Coordinator of Social G20 within the Finance Track)

2. ACTIVITIES AND MAIN DELIVERABLES

MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE SOCIAL G20 WITHIN THE FINANCE TRACK'S TEAM (MINISTRY OF FINANCE)

Civil Society and the G20 in the Brazilian Presidency



Civil Society and the G20 in the Brazilian Presidency. Photo: Kelly Fersan/MF

The first event organized by the Social G20 within the Finance Track team was held on February 8th, 2024, in São Paulo, at the auditorium of the Ministry of Finance's headquarters on Avenida Paulista. The audience was composed of Brazilian civil society members.

The meeting sought to establish a dialogue channel with the Brazilian G20 Presidency's Finance Track team. The main goal was to present the structure of the Finance Track, the dynamics of its Working Groups, and other initiatives, while highlighting the priorities of the Brazilian 20 Presidency.

Two tables were organized featuring members of the government team responsible for developing the G20. The contents and proposals of the Working Groups, as well as the meetings of Ministers and Heads of State, were presented.

During the morning session, the panel titled "G20 and the Brazilian Presidency" featured Gustavo Westmann (International Advisor to the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic), Flávio Pazeto (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), and Tatiana Berringer (Ministry of Finance), who presented the priorities of the Brazilian Presidency for the G20. The panel was moderated by Jéser Abílio (Ministry of Finance).

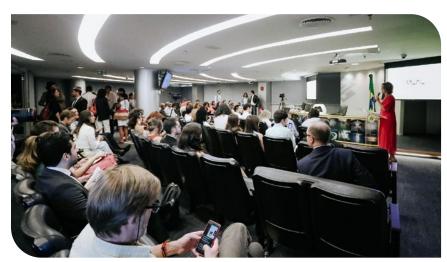
The second panel, "Financial Track Priorities," included Cynthia Azevedo (Central Bank), Felipe Antunes (Ministry of Finance), Lucas Tasquetto (Ministry of Finance), and Laís Souza (Ministry of Finance), with Juliana Santos (Ministry of Finance) serving as moderator.

Both sessions included a Q&A segment following the speakers' presentations, allowing various civil society organizations to share reflections and proposals on the challenges and potential for social participation in the G20.

The closing panel comprised Alexandre Pupo (Special Advisor to the Presidency of the Republic), Fabrício Prado (Head of the Social Participation and Diversity Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Antonio Freitas (Undersecretary for International Finance and Economic Cooperation), Ligia Toneto (Advisor to the Secretariat for Economic Policies), Tatiana Berringer, and Felipe Antunes.



Civil Society and the G20 in the Brazilian Presidency. Photo: Kelly Fersan/MF



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Videos:

The G20 and the Brazilian Presidency: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viOdzao15xs Priorities of the Finance Track: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIDIG-arJ_4 Closing Session: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKIIPNIjtcQ

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Inequality and Taxation—An International Perspective

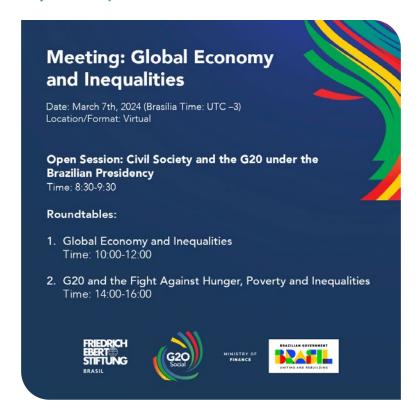
Inequality and Taxation—An International Perspective. Photo: Tatiana Berringer/Social G20 team

This event was organized alongside the 1st G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) Meeting at the end of February 2024 in São Paulo. In partnership with Open Society Foundations, the debate took place on February 29th, 2024, at the Ministry of Finance's headquarters on Avenida Paulista.

The panel featured Guilherme Mello (Secretary of Economic Policy at the Ministry of Finance), Gabriel Zucman (Director of the European Union Tax Observatory and member of the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation), Laura Carvalho (Global Director of Equity at Open Society Foundations), and Nathalie Beghin (Director of the Institute of Socioeconomic Studies (INESC) and coordinator of the Brazilian Network for the Integration of Peoples (REBRIP).

The main objective was to present to civil society the proposal on taxing the super-rich that Zucman introduced at the Finance Track's Ministerial Meeting.

Global Economy and Inequalities



On March 7th, 2024, the Social G20 within the Finance Track's team held its first meeting with global civil society. This virtual meeting was attended by 26 representatives from various countries, who delivered speeches following opening remarks from intellectuals and researchers at each panel. To select the organizations that would speak, participants submitted Policy Briefs on previously defined topics.

The opening panel featured Antonio Freitas (Ministry of Finance), Júlia Braga (Undersecretary for Macroeconomic Monitoring and Trade Policies), and Tatiana Berringer (Ministry of Finance).

The first roundtable, titled "Global Economy and Inequalities," included keynote speakers Amitabh Behar (Interim Executive Director of Oxfam International), Jurema Werneck (Director of Amnesty International Brazil), and Laura Carvalho. The panel was moderated by Mariana Davi (Ministry of Finance).

The panel "G20 and the Fight Against Hunger, Poverty, and Inequalities" was moderated by Tatiana Berringer and included speeches by Adhemar Ribeiro (member of the Brazilian Association of Economists for Democracy), Renato Godinho (Coordinator of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty Task Force), and Stephen Devereux (Researcher at the Institute of Development Studies).

The broad call for civil society to submit Policy Briefs with proposals to combat inequalities served as a methodology to ensure comprehensive participation, even in a virtual meeting format. A total of 70 Policy Briefs were received, and 30 were selected—fifteen for each session.



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For more information:



https://g20.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/sociedade-civil-internacional-debatedesigualdades-junto-a-trilha-de-financas-do-g20

Videos:

- Opening session: Civil Society and the G20 in the Brazilian Presidency (in Portuguese): http://youtu.be/-r2UaeuEbI0
- The Global Economy and Inequalities (in Portuguese): http://youtu.be/KhP5CaGLfmM
- The G20 and the Fight against Hunger, Poverty, and Inequalities (in Portuguese): http://youtu.be/LMI5uuXM7Ok
- Open session: Civil Society and the G20 in the Brazilian Presidency: http://youtu.be/YzCw4JEyXug
- Global Economy and Inequalities: http://youtu.be/KLi OEa9t30
- G20 and the Fight against Hunger, Poverty and Inequalities: http://youtu.be/IRDpiyh-3Sg

Ten Proposals to Fight Global Inequalities:

https://www.gov.br/fazenda/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/ten_ proposals_global_inequalities_v2.pdf

Policy Briefs from the Global Economy and Inequalities Meeting: https://www.gov.br/fazenda/pt-br/assuntos/noticias/2024/abril/policy_ briefs_g20_social_nota01_v2.pdf







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The Brazilian G20 Presidency: Priorities and Challenges of the Finance Track

On April 15th, 2024, representatives from the Ministry of Finance participated in an in-person meeting with civil society at the Open Society Foundations in Washington, D.C. The event was organized by Social G20 within the Finance Track in collaboration with the Bretton Woods Project and was attended by Marcos Vinicius Chiliato (Brazil's representative on the World Bank's Board of Directors), Antonio Freitas (Ministry of Finance), Tatiana Berringer (Ministry of Finance), Patrícia Miranda (Director of Global Advocacy for the Latindadd network), and Iolanda Fresnillo (Eurodad).

The goal of the meeting was to present the priorities and challenges of the Finance Track during the Brazilian G20 Presidency and to listen to the perspectives of the civil society organizations in attendance, along with a Q&A session.

The Brazilian G20 Presidency and International Taxation

This event took place on April 18th, 2024, in partnership with the Independent Commission for the Reform of International Corporate Taxation (ICRICT) in Washington, D.C. Keynote speakers Gabriel Zucman (ICRICT) and Guilherme Mello (SPE/MF) delivered presentations, with Tatiana Berringer (Ministry of Finance) serving as the moderator. Shari Spiegel (UN-DESA), Iyabo Masha (G24), José Antonio Ocampo (PTLAC), and Patrick Olomo (African Union) also participated in the event.

The goal of the meeting was to bring public attention to the proposals of the Brazilian Presidency of the G20 regarding international taxation. It enabled dialogue with civil society organizations, particularly those focused on climate, debt, and international taxation, which were in Washington for the IMF and World Bank Spring Meetings.



The Brazilian G20 Presidency and International Taxation. Photo: Diego Llumá



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Civil Society Meeting on the G20 and International Taxation

This was the first in-person event in Brazil organized by Social G20 within the Finance Track, and it featured participation from global civil society. The meeting took place on May 22nd and 23rd, 2024, at the Darcy Ribeiro Memorial at the University of Brasília (UnB), with around 200 participants representing more than 40 entities from 22 countries. The program was developed in partnership with the International Civil Society Committee on international taxation.

The objective of the meeting was the broad construction of debates on the main points of the cooperation agenda in international taxation. As a deliverable, over 50 global civil society organizations signed a Declaration, which was presented to the Minister of Finance of Brazil, Fernando Haddad

The meeting included four panels in addition to the opening session. Participants in the opening session included Keiti Gomes (Special Advisor to Minister Fernando Haddad), Tatiana Berringer (Ministry of Finance), Antonio Jorge da Rocha (Director of the Institute of International Relations at UnB), and Alejandro Llach (ICRICT).

The first panel emphasized the role of the G20 as a forum for mobilizing ideas around taxation and featured Antonio Freitas, Maria Emília Mamberti (Center for Economic and Social Rights), Antonio Lisboa (CUT and President of Labour 20—L20), Mark Mutumba (The Southern and Eastern Africa Trade Information and Negotiations Institute—SEATINI), and Adrian Falco (Red Latinoamericana por Justicia Económica y Social).

The second panel focused on the taxation of wealth as a cross-cutting issue of economic and fiscal justice. Participants included Gabriel Zucman (ICRICT), Ana Botega (UNDP Consultant for the Ministry of Finance), Isabela Callegari (Rebrip), Maitê Gauto (OXFAM Brazil), and Cláudio Fernandes (Gestos and C20). The panel was moderated by Alejandro Rodriguez.

The third panel addressed the relationship between civil society and the development of the international tax cooperation agenda, featuring Chileshe Mange (Tax Justice Network— TJN), Gabriel Canasti (Public Services International), and Luiza Nassif (Research Center on Macroeconomics of Inequalities—MADE/USP). This panel was moderated by Nathalie Beghin (INESC).

The final panel examined the international taxation agenda within the G20, discussing the initiatives of the Brazilian Presidency. Panelists included two members of the Brazilian government—Felipe Antunes (SAIN-MF) and João Paulo Martins Silva (Federal Revenue Service)—as well as Livi Gerbase (CICTAR), Sergio Chaparro (TJN), and Laura Carvalho.

Finally, global civil society presented a Declaration with 11 recommendations on international taxation to the Minister of Finance of Brazil, Fernando Haddad. This Declaration was delivered to the Minister on May 23rd during the International Taxation Symposium.





Civil Society Meeting on the G20 and International Taxation. Photo: Diogo Zacarias/MF



Civil Society Meeting on the G20 and International Taxation. Photo: Luis Gustavo Prado



Civil Society Meeting on the G20 and *International Taxation.* Photo: André Corrêa/MF



Civil Society Meeting on the G20 and International Taxation. Photo: Jéser Abílio/MF

For more information: https://www.gov.br/fazenda/pt-br/assuntos/ noticias/2024/maio/evento-do-g20-social-na-trilha-de-financas-discutetributacao-internacional e https://g20.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/sociedade-civilentrega-recomendacoes-sobre-tributacao-internacional-ao-g20

Civil Society Recommendations on International Taxation for G20 Finance Ministers: https://inesc.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/g20recommendations-on-international-taxation.pdf?x69356

Financing for a Just Transition: Meeting Between the G20 and Civil Society

This meeting aligned with the priorities established in the Finance Track at the beginning of Brazil's G20 Presidency. Held on June 26th, 2024, the meeting aimed to discuss fostering actions for a just transition and the significance of environmental and climate funds in this process. The opening session was followed by two debate sessions.

The opening session featured Ivan Oliveira (Undersecretary for Financing for Sustainable Development Financing at the Ministry of Finance and Coordinator of the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group) and Mariana Davi (Ministry of Finance).

The first debate session, moderated by Lucas Tasquetto (Ministry of Finance), focused on the costs of mitigating and adapting to climate change, as well as facilitating access to international funds. It included interventions from various global civil society organizations engaged with the issue. Invited participants included the Green Climate Fund (GCF), Climate Investment Fund (CIF), Global Environment Facility (GEF), and Adaptation Fund (AF), along with members of observatories, monitoring organizations, networks, NGOs, and grassroots movements that benefit from these funds. The goal was to build the chain for distribution and usage of resources based on civil society to capture the different perspectives of each organization within this chain. Participants included representatives from Greenpeace, the Women's Environment & Development Organization, and other organizations.

At the second debate session, we brought reports from ECLAC, the ILO, and the UNDP on the transition that were discussed at the Sustainable Finance Working Group, reflecting one of its priorities. The session was moderated by Daniela Farias (Ministry of Finance) and focused on the just transition and the perspectives of civil society. The organizations' interventions addressed social inequality and the impacts of climate change on various countries and social groups. Representatives from La Via Campesina, Plataforma Cipó, G20 for Impact, and others contributed to the debate.





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> For more information: https://g20.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/sociedade-civilinternacional-debate-fundos-verdes-e-transicao-justa-com-a-trilha-de-financas

Videos:

- Open Session: Global Environmental and Climate Funds and Civil Society: http://youtu.be/xAqXsUoY_o4
- Just Transition and Civil Society Perspectives: http://youtu.be/piClGWCWCw



Social G20 Session in the 4th G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting (FCBD)

At a session in Rio de Janeiro on July 22nd, 2024, representatives of the G20 Engagement Groups presented the G20 Finance Deputies with recommendations focused on sustainable financing, combating climate change, reforming Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), and establishing standards for international taxation.

Before the session, member and invitee countries, along with international organizations invited by the Finance Track, received the proposals from the 13 Engagement Groups. During the session, each group presented its priorities, and subsequently the Deputies highlighted the importance of issues such as gender, education, infrastructure, and the role of the oceans in their interventions.

The session provided an unprecedented opportunity for civil society representatives to meet with the Finance Track negotiators.



Social G20 Session in the 4th FCBD Meeting. Photo: Johnny Santos



For more information: https://g20.gov.br/pt-br/noticias/g20-socialencontra-a-trilha-de-financas-financiamento-sustentavel-e-reforma-dosmdbs-estao-entre-as-demandas-apresentadas

Driving Global Efforts to End Poverty and Hunger: IDA21 and the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

Every three years, the International Development Association (IDA), part of the World Bank, holds a meeting between representatives of IDA donor governments and client countries to replenish IDA's resources and review its policy framework. With the motto "End Poverty on a Livable Planet: Delivering Impact with Urgency and Ambition," the IDA decided to hold a meeting to drive resources towards the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty. Social G20 assisted in organizing the event and convening Brazilian civil society. The Ministry of Finance was represented by Thiago Lima (Project Coordinator).





IDA21 and the Global *Alliance against Hunger* and Poverty. Photo: Carolina Machado

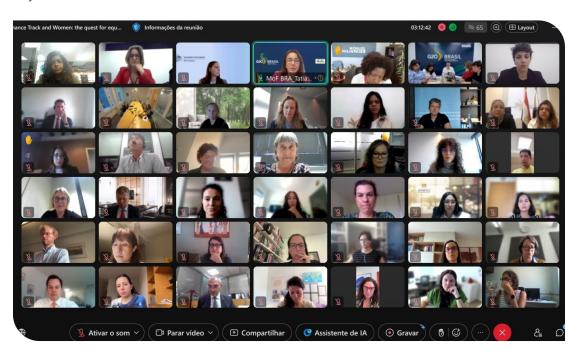
The G20 Finance Track and Women: The Quest for Equality and Women's **Empowerment in Building a Just and Sustainable World**

The Social G20 within the Finance Track's team and the Brazilian Women's Ministry organized a side event that took place on September 18th, 2024.

The event marked an important milestone in the collaboration between the newly created Women's Empowerment Working Group under the Sherpa Track and the Finance Track, The main objective was to facilitate a comprehensive and inclusive discussion to identify the cross-cutting nature of gender equality within the themes of the Finance Track Working Groups. The discussion highlighted the fundamental role of women's empowerment in building a just world and a sustainable planet.

At the opening session, which featured a speech by Mrs. Rosângela Lula da Silva (First Lady of Brazil), Ambassador Tatiana Rosito (Secretary for International Affairs of the Ministry of Finance and Coordinator of the G20 Finance Track), and Maria Helena Guarezi (Executive Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Chair of the Women's Empowerment Working Group) also delivered their remarks. Following the opening speeches, member and invitee countries, along with invited international organizations, made their interventions.

Women's economic autonomy was identified as a central priority in developing the agenda for the Women's Empowerment Working Group and guided the development of this event. This was supported by an Issues Note circulated to Finance Track Delegates days before the event.





For more information: https://www.gov.br/mulheres/pt-br/central-deconteudos/noticias/2024/setembro/g20-trilha-de-financas-e-grupode-empoderamento-de-mulheres-reunem-mais-de-150-autoridades-econvidados-para-debate-sobre-mulheres-e-economia

The G20 and the Reform of Global Governance

With the centrality of activities taking place on the margins of the Future Summit and the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in September 2024, a parallel event on global governance reform was organized in New York in partnership with the International Peace Institute (IPI).

The goal was to engage global civil society in a discussion about the main challenges of reforming global governance, a key priority for President Lula during the Brazilian G20 Presidency. The panel included Cristina Duarte (Under-Secretary-General and Special Advisor on Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General), Bruno Saraiva (Deputy Executive Director of the Brazil Office at the IMF), Flávio Luís Pazeto (General Coordinator of the G20 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Karin Costa Vazquez (Ministry of Finance), and Jeroo Billimoria (One Family Foundation/Catalyst 2030). The session was moderated by Tatiana Berringer (Ministry of Finance).

The speakers discussed various approaches to reforming the structure of global governance, particularly focusing on the international financial architecture. They presented strategies for reviewing IMF quotas, a Roadmap for Better, Bigger, and more Effective MDBs, increasing the representation and leadership of women on the Boards and in the Presidencies of international financial institutions, and addressing the challenges to civil society participation in global financial decision-making processes.



The G20 and the Reform of Global Governance, Photo: Team/MF



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Finance Track's G20 Social Side events—2024 Annual Meetings of the IMF and WB

Under the framework of the Social G20 within the Finance Track, the Brazilian G20 Presidency organized a side event featuring three panels during the 2024 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank in Washington, D. C.

The event aimed to gather together global civil society partners to discuss the priorities of the Brazilian G20 Presidency and share some of the outcomes achieved in the Finance Track. Approximately 70 civil society representatives attended the event, held at the Open Society Foundations auditorium on October 21st. Discussions centered on the challenges faced over the G20's 25-year history in the current context of polycrisis, taxing the superrich, and addressing sovereign debt.



25 Years of the G20: What Next?



Annual Meetings Table 1. Photo: Uolli Briotto



G20 Finance Track and the Way Forward for Taxing the Ultra-Rich



Annual Meetings Table 2. Photo: Uolli Briotto







Annual Meetings Table 3. Photo: Uolli Briotto

Social G20 Summit: The Legacy of the Brazilian G20 Presidency in the Finance Track—G20 Social and Africa

This event took place on November 15th, 2024, as part of the Social G20 Summit. Two key initiatives from the G20 Finance Track under the Brazilian Presidency were presented: the Social G20 and the African agenda. Experiences and best practices related to social participation were shared through the "Social G20 within the Finance Track Report" and the initiatives of the Brazilian Presidency in the Finance Track. The goal was to highlight these initiatives, emphasizing the creation of a legacy for the next G20 Presidencies.





PHOTO GALLERY

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER SOCIAL G20 MEETINGS



Social G20 Session in the Sherpa Track. Photo: Audiovisual G20 Brazil



Extended Social G20 Meeting. Photo: Vinicius Reis/Ascom/SGPR



Launch of the Social Summit at the Intercouncil Forum. Photo: Audiovisual G20 Brazil



Preparatory Social G20 Meeting. Photo: Audiovisual G20 Brazil



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PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS OF THE ENGAGEMENT GROUPS AND CIVIL SOCIETY



C20 Midterm Meeting



T20 Brazil Midterm Conference



Convergence Dialogue Between the T20 and C20— Launch of the Joint Declaration



Y20 Summit



Ending the Debt Burden: Reclaiming Women's and Girl's Rights



Panorama of the Fight Against Hunger in the G20: Dialogues on Food Sovereignty and Food and **Nutrition Security**



G20 Interfaith Forum 2024



Ambassador Tatiana Rosito at the T20 Midterm Conference



Delivery of the Oxfam Petition in Support of Taxing the Super-Rich





Launch of the Favela 20 (F20) Policy Recommendation Policy Briefs. Photo: Hector Santos



G20 South Africa Civil Society Kick-Off Workshop. Photo: Uolli Briotto



G20 Presidency Handover Workshop



Regional Policy Dialogue on "Building Stronger Collaboration between the Public and Philanthropic Sectors for Long-Term Inclusive Development"



T20 Summit in Brazil



C20 Summit



From Latin America to Global Discussions-Integrating the Voices of Favelas and Suburbs



Social G20 Summit–Bridging the Wealth Divide: Pathways for Taxing the Super-Rich from the G20 to Latin America and Africa



Pathways to Green and Equitable Development









