

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE B20 TO G20

We, the B20 call upon the G20 leaders to:

I. G20 PRIORITY: SOCIAL INCLUSION AND THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER AND POVERTY

1. **Ensure an inclusive global food system transformation fostering productivity growth:** Support food production productivity growth, particularly in least developing countries and small farmers across the globe, by incentivizing sustainable and resilient innovations. These innovations may include biotechnology, digital technologies and artificial intelligence, and regenerative agriculture practices. Being effective requires anchoring this effort in a farmer-centered, country-or-region-specific roadmap, mobilizing global cooperation in multiple areas (e.g. knowledge sharing, technology dissemination, and capacity building), scaling farmer-allied enterprises and organizations, and promoting a favorable regulation environment. Sustainable productivity growth should improve livelihoods, combat hunger, poverty, and climate change
2. **Promote an inclusive environment by providing the appropriate educational opportunities and support:** Ensure equitable opportunities for quality education by updating curricula to include key digital competencies (e.g., digital literacy, analytical thinking, adaptability, cyber-education, financial literacy, STEM, and D&I), expanding upskill and reskill initiatives targeting underprivileged groups (e.g., low-income populations, people with disabilities, displaced workforce), and providing adequate public budget for comprehensive support (e.g., nutrition, transportation, learning tools)
3. **Ensure a fair and safe workplace by enhancing measures against harassment and discrimination:** Develop regulations, educational campaigns, and mechanisms for prevention, detection, and correct response to any deviation. Integrate anti-harassment into existing occupational safety and health systems by enhancing whistleblower safeguard mechanisms and encouraging the public and private sectors to strengthen institutional capacity and mechanisms to protect, monitor, investigate, and prosecute reports of harassment and discrimination.
4. **Encourage the implementation of integrity and anti-corruption measures to enhance responsible and sustainable governance in business:** Aligned with the last resolution of the United Nations Conference of State Parties (UN CoSP – Atlanta 2023), the G20 countries should incentivize positive initiatives of the private sector. Implementation could involve creating public awards, facilitating public procurement and finance access, and possibly reducing fines. Effective execution of this policy will require G20 countries to develop local regulations that uphold traditional anti-corruption compliance and assess responsible and sustainable governance practices.
5. **Build breakthrough models for financing and collaboration to support farmers' transition:**
 - a. Mobilize private, public, and philanthropic capital to meet investments required for sustainable food systems transformation.
 - b. Secure sufficient quality funding to scale sustainable food systems transformation, allocating it efficiently to areas such as infrastructure, R&D, and biosecurity.
 - c. Develop a regulatory framework to accelerate the development of high-integrity, interoperable credits for ecosystem services (e.g., carbon sequestration, healthy soils, freshwater use and pollution reduction, biodiversity preservation, etc.).

II. G20 PRIORITY: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY TRANSITIONS

6. **Strengthen Global AI Governance Frameworks and Ensure Responsible AI Implementation:** Support the responsible development and adoption of Artificial Intelligence by strengthening international collaboration and scaling up frameworks grounded on a pro-innovation, risk-based approach. Critical efforts should include (i) pursuing jurisdictional interoperability through international, evidence-based standards for ethical, sustainable, and inclusive AI; (ii) establishing national and international AI innovation clusters to advance organizational capabilities and support regulatory developments; and (iii) forming committees and coalitions between the public and private sectors to promote bias-free AI, focusing on diversity and inclusion initiatives and enhancing workforce diversity (iv) foster multilateral

cooperation to improve international cyber action leveraging harmonized cybersecurity and cyber resilience standards to set the foundation for the safe scaling of emerging technology

7. Accelerate Sustainable Energy Solutions for achieving the 2030 and 2050 decarbonization goals: Advance an energy transition strategy that scales global and diversified sustainable bioenergy solutions and boosts renewable energy and electrification. G20 should establish blending mandates for sustainable biofuels, promote diversified bioenergy supply chains, and invest in new bioenergy applications such as sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) and biomethane. For renewable energy, G20 should enhance structure investments through innovative policy schemes and updated regulations and prioritize investments in grid expansion and storage while implementing fiscal and financial incentives in infrastructure and supply chains to accelerate clean and fair access to electrification.

8. Prepare a Resilient and Productive Workforce for the Future of Work: G20 should collaborate with business organizations to map competency gaps and integrate new digital competencies into primary education and vocational training curricula. Additionally, design and implement upskill and reskill programs through public-private partnerships, expanding work-integrated educational initiatives that include apprenticeships, technological residences, career counseling, and other opportunities that bridge education with real-world work experiences and engage higher education institutions and research centers in collaborative projects with businesses.

9. Promote a more sustainable and resilient trade & investment environment: Initiate a process to review unilateral restrictive trade policies implemented by G20 countries in the last three years. Additionally, promote internationally accepted methodologies for carbon product footprint calculation and reporting, considering sectorial requirements, and agree on good regulatory practices and interoperable taxonomies for establishing environmental measures, such as industrial policies to foster sustainability and carbon border adjustment measures. Finally, prioritize initiatives that enable compliance and measurement of internationally accepted sustainability guidelines through traceability and mutually recognized certifications while intentionally promoting market access, particularly for smallholder farmers and least-developed countries

10. Scale Nature Climate Solutions: Scale conservation, restoration, and sustainable management projects to ensure a thriving Natural Climate Solutions global market by 2030. For such, four specific actions should be implemented: i) Accelerate Paris Agreement Article 6 implementation to enable a high integrity carbon market; ii) Foster operationalization and accounting integrity of NCS through improvement of infrastructure and development of protocols; iii) Facilitate investments in carbon dioxide removal (CDR) projects from NCS through offtake agreements and carbon pricing mechanisms; iv) Grow conservation projects by establishing a global endowment fund while actively involving local and traditional communities.

III. G20 PRIORITY: REFORM OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE INSTITUTIONS

11. Improve T&I Governance by Reinforcing Multilateral Trade Systems: Strengthen the World Trade Organization (WTO) by restoring and enhancing the WTO Dispute Settlement Body, integrating the private sector into WTO committees and trade policymaking processes, improving the efficiency of the WTO's notification, monitoring, and consultation processes and promoting new agreements prioritizing investment facilitation for development and electronic commerce, as well as advancing negotiations on trade and sustainability.