

Youth20 (Y20) Initial Considerations - 3rd Sherpa Meeting

The youth of the G20 aims to lead global processes in combating climate change, emphasizing energy transition for sustainable development. There is a consensus on the urgent need to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and prioritize renewable energy sources, ensuring that this transition is equitable and does not exacerbate social inequalities. Protecting the environment and our biodiversity is fundamental, making preserving forests, indigenous territories, and marine ecosystems urgent. We are ready to lead climate action, raising awareness among our generation about the urgency of this moment. We advocate for climate justice and social inclusion to integrate vulnerable populations into climate policies. We call for robust climate financing so that the necessary transformations have a real impact, especially in developing countries, directing resources effectively for adaptation and mitigation.

Technological advancements have significant transformative potential, but it is essential to critically guide the inclusion of innovations such as artificial intelligence and automation to ensure the future of work. There is consensus on the need to invest in education and technological training to equip the workforce with essential skills, such as ethics and critical thinking. We advocate for empowering young people and providing continuous education opportunities to thrive in this increasingly technology-dependent job market. The regulation of AI and emerging technologies is crucial to maintaining ethical standards and protecting workers' rights, establishing fair and equitable working conditions. Inclusion must be a priority, ensuring that technological innovation does not exacerbate existing inequalities and integrating vulnerable and minority populations into the job market. Promoting sustainable development and green innovations should be a fundamental step in the future of work, with environmentally adapted jobs to mitigate the environmental damage of industries.

In a world in crisis, we recognize the urgency of reforming international institutions to better reflect contemporary realities and promote peace. It is imperative to include young people as actors and leaders in discussions and decisions on global governance. We must strengthen multilateralism and promote international cooperation within a collective agenda, as responses to global challenges must be shared. Global governance reform should integrate sustainability and sustainable development as fundamental principles. We advocate for greater transparency and inclusion in international institutions, incorporating important actors such as civil society and youth. We strive for a more inclusive, cooperative, and sustainable international order.

We are committed to promoting a more equitable global society. Education is fundamental for equal and inclusive access, addressing discrimination and inequalities, and promoting equitable opportunities in work and education. Gender equality is also central, advocating for the fight against gender violence and the expansion of female representation in positions of power and decision-making. Social inclusion policies must protect and empower diverse communities, including people with disabilities and minorities, and safeguard the rights of immigrants and vulnerable populations. Health and well-being are paramount, with a focus on reproductive and mental health, ensuring access to comprehensive healthcare for all. Any action addressed against hunger, poverty, and inequality must have an impact on access to services such as health.

We, the youth of the G20, are united in a joint effort to address urgent global challenges, guided by the emerging consensus from our differences and diversity. We recognize education and training as essential tools for eradicating poverty and reducing inequalities. Ensuring food security is a humanitarian priority, focusing on the urgency of school feeding programs and establishing sustainable food systems. International cooperation and youth engagement are fundamental, with initiatives fostering collaboration between nations and actively involving young people in addressing global issues, such as the social and economic development of their countries, as well as the important proposal of the Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty. These shared commitments reflect a unified dedication to creating a more equitable, inclusive, and sustainable future for all.









Context of the Considerations

Under the leadership of the Brazilian G20 Presidency, the Organizing Committee of the Y20 — G20 Youth Engagement Group — has worked throughout the mandate to provide qualified spaces for dialogue and negotiation between the Official Delegations composed of young people from member countries/regional bodies and invited countries. In addition, a series of events and other initiatives are being held aimed at expanding the participation of young Brazilians and immigrants residing in Brazil from all regions of the country in the process that will lead to the final product of Y20: the Youth Communiqué for the G20 Leaders' Summit.

In preparation for the Y20 Summit, which will take place in August in the city of Rio de Janeiro and where the final negotiations on the Communiqué's recommendations will take place, the considerations contained in this document were constructed based on a systematization of common principles in the interventions carried out by Official Delegations at the highly significant Y20 Pre-Summit (held between June 17 and 19 in Belém do Pará) through the focus on five priority axes of debate: Fighting hunger, poverty, and inequality; Climate change, energy transition and sustainable development; Reform of the global governance system; Inclusion and diversity; Innovation and the future of work.

In this context, the material presented integrates the initial reflections of a negotiation agenda still in progress until the Y20 Summit and the final recommendations of the Y20 process in this term of office.





