

T20 in Argentina 2018

The Think 20 (T20) is a network of research institutes and think tanks from the G20 countries. It is one of the **Engagement Groups** (alongside the Business 20, Civil Society 20, Labour 20, Women 20, Science 20 and Youth 20) that support the G20 process. The main goal of the T20 is to provide research-based policy advice to the G20, based on interaction among research institutes and think tanks participating in the T20 process.

The **Centre for the Implementation of Public Policy for Equity and Growth (CIPPEC)** and the **Argentine Council for International Relation (CARI)** have been mandated by the Argentine government to organize the T20 process during the Argentine Presidency beginning December 1st 2017 and ending November 30 2018. Therefore, CIPPEC and CARI will jointly chair the T20 during this period of time.

Since its creation in 2012, the T20 has comprised think tanks that are able to develop policy options for governments, assesses G20 policies and plans and helps monitor implementation. The T20 programme is not a political process aimed at agreement among its members, but rather a process of intellectual exchange that generates concrete and feasible policy recommendations, assessment of G20 results, and a broader vision that guides the G20 policy making process. It is not necessary to achieve consistency among the policy recommendations as long as rigorous rationales and application conditions are well articulated.

Today, the world is experiencing its most important moment of change since the fall of the Berlin Wall. Never before had developed democracies coexisted with such high levels of inequality, a pressure pot from which frustration with leadership emerges, bringing about deep scepticism regarding expert knowledge. In this new world scenario, the T20 must demonstrate that technical knowledge is at the service of the world's population and the growth of the countries. It is our job to think, to produce evidence, and to look for new solutions in order to achieve an economically prosperous, environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive future.

1. How the T20 works: task forces around strategic topics

The work of the T20 is organized around two sets of topics:

- (1) “policy-driven topics” arising from the themes identified as priorities by each G20 Presidency, and
- (2) “think-tank-driven topics” initiated by think tanks, independently of each Presidency’s current focus areas.

These topics are developed by **Task Forces**. Task forces provide a platform to discuss matters of relevance, allowing for free exchange of views and opinions based on evidence. They provide a unique opportunity to assess the challenges facing the Latin America region, developing countries, and the G20 countries comprising an 80% of the global GDP. Task forces also allow for the analysis of the possibilities that may emerge from multilateral negotiations. Each Task Force will work on a concrete and relevant policy challenge and consist of a small group of international scholars from the T20 network with expertise in the respective area. Their members are senior representatives of businesses, associations and organizations. Task Force will be co-chaired by two to four scholars from different institutions, one of them Argentinean, with contacts to the relevant policy makers in their home countries. Chairs and Co-Chairs are appointed by the T20 presidency; their role is to enhance the visibility and inclusivity of the B20.

The topics of Argentina’s G20 Presidency are: (i) The future of work, (ii) Education and the development of skills, (iii) Infrastructure for development, and (iv) Food Security.

The Chairs, in consultation with their members, determine the working arrangements of each Task Force: define the work agenda, arrange workshops, and oversee outreach to policy makers, external researchers and interested parties. The Chairs will work with the other G20 work streams to identify research questions and timeframes, and to ensure that the recommendations will be considered by the policy makers. Task Force members are expected to engage actively in the discussions and the preparation of drafts, drawing on their research experience.

Task Forces are meant to generate strategic analysis and recommendations. Their primary outputs are Policy Briefs. Each Task Force should produce one or more Policy Briefs, not exceeding 3000 words, comprising either Recommendations or Visions:

- (a) **Recommendations** are significant, implementable policy proposals for specified G20 decision makers. Each recommendation contains a short summary of the policy proposal, a statement of the underlying policy challenge, and a profoundly argued policy recommendation (analysis and rationale). Furthermore, recommendations will typically be embedded in a current policy framework by linking to relevant G20 initiatives (e.g. agreements, policies, and monitoring reports) as well as background analysis.
- (b) **Visions** are conceptual frameworks to help policymakers develop sound approaches to specific challenges and communicate these to the public.

While the [Chinese 2016 Presidency](#) of T20 was organized around 10 task forces, [the German Presidency of the T20 \(2017\)](#) reassembled the structure and engaged 12 task forces. During this last experience, over 70 policy briefs were revised in order to reach the “[20 Solutions of G20](#)”, a document comprising key recommendations for the 2017 G20 Summit.

In 2018, the number of task forces and their topics will be revised in order to incorporate lessons from previous experiences. We will also recommend chairs of the Task Forces to take advantage

of the material already produced, in order to build on the existing knowledge and effort of our counterparts.

Moreover, CIPPEC-CARI will also re-launch the **G20 Insights Platform - Advisory Board**, so as to ensure the quality of the content being produced by the Task Forces. The Board, comprising senior T20 leaders from the current G20 Troika countries, has the responsibility to ensure that all contributions to the Insight Platform are of high quality, novelty and implementable.

The time frame of production of the policy briefs and relaunch of the T20 Insights Platform Advisory Board will be announced further on, simultaneously with the topics and selected task forces.

2. Main milestones of T20 Argentina

1. **Engagement during the Berlin 2017 Presidency.** Involvement in Task Forces, with the participation of Dr. Pomares in the Advisory Committee, as well as the participation in panels during the Summit, and meetings with the key actors of the implementation of the 2017 edition of the T20.
2. **Transition meeting** - The transition of the T20 presidency from Germany to Argentina will be announced on October 11, in Washington DC. This coincides with the *2017 Annual Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund*. The presence of press and key political leaders is to be expected for the event. During this time, we will have a series of meetings with T20 German authorities, meant to discuss the task forces and the lessons learned in 2017.
3. **Participation in the *Think Tank LatAm***, the main network of think tanks in Latin America - The event will be held in October 19/20. Experts attending the conference and think tanks will discuss the main challenges faced by the region and key policy issues, in order to contribute to a regional approach. We will also seek to promote the participation of Latin American think tanks in the T20 Argentina.
4. **Kick-off - Official Launch of T20 Argentina:** The official communication for the launch of the T20 Argentine presidency will begin on December 1, with the beginning of Argentina's G20 Presidency. The launch includes the communication of Argentina's agenda, the Task Forces, website and social networks, among other things. A formal transfer event with German T20 chairs and Japanese think tanks is to be confirmed.
5. **Council for Global Problem Solutions Event-** The event, that will take place on May at Berlin, will be a key opportunity for Task Forces members to hold face to face meetings in order to work together during the T20 process.
6. **The T20 Summit** - will take place on September 16-18, in the city of Buenos Aires. Detailed account of the summit is outlined below.
7. **Transition meeting and handover Japan** -Oct/Dic 2018
8. Throughout the G20 Argentina, T20 Argentina will engage with the G20 Sherpa and different ministerial representatives to present policy recommendations produced by the task forces of the T20.

Aside from these events, the Task Forces and other recognized contributors are encouraged to organize workshops, conferences and other means of engagement such as side events, leading to production of the Policy Briefs.

Tentative Structure of Summit

Sunday 16 September - Evening: Cocktail/ Welcome Speeches

Monday 17 September - Full day activities: 1nd & 2rd Plenary sessions and 30 panels // Side events // Breakfast - Coffee Breaks // Lunch // Gala Dinner

Tuesday 18 September - Morning: Closing Plenary Session (formal submission of T20 recommendations to Argentine authorities)- Event close // Breakfast // Coffee Break // Walking lunch

Tentative Summit Activities:

- 3/4 High-Level plenaries.
- 30 sessions organized by selected partners. These sessions can be conducted in a variety of formats such as roundtables, panel discussions, or workshops to encourage dynamic exchanges and interactions.
- Poster sessions for partners to showcase their activities.
- Special events, such as private high level functions, networking lunches, dinners and cocktail receptions.
- Several press events.
- Reporting activities in English.
- Extensive social media outreach – Tweetathon, Facebook, Blog, Website.
- Webcast of the event, live streaming of plenaries.

3. Platforms for dissemination and outreach

An overview of the T20 process under Argentina’s G20 Presidency will be provided by the **T20 website**, following the G20 Insights Platform to ensure continuity. It can be used by the Task Forces to feature their publications and events. The Task Forces are also encouraged to contribute posts to the **T20 Blog**.

The **G20 Insights Platform** summarizes major concrete, implementable policy recommendations from the T20, which have received consideration by the relevant G20 policy makers. The Platform also associates these recommendations with existing commitments and agreements, as well as related literature. The Platform also contains major visions to guide the policy making process. The recommendations and visions are formulated as Policy Briefs, which are organized into Policy Areas. The Policy Areas cover the policy themes of the Task Forces as well as other policy themes. The aim is to make the G20-Insights Platform a central source of policy analysis to support G20 policy making, and to inform the global public on challenges, policy options and policies adopted by the G20 to address global challenges. Policy Briefs written by Task Force members will be considered for inclusion into the G20 Insight Platform, if they satisfy the criteria above. The G20-Insights Platform will promote policy coherence by assembling the policy recommendations advanced in each G20 Presidency, providing access to research-based analyses of these recommendations, monitoring progress on their implementation, and evaluating such progress against the 2030 Agenda.

The G20-Insights Platform will complement the G20 Information Centre by the **Munk School of Global Affairs**, University of Toronto, the leading source of information on official G20 documents on each G20 Summit.

4. Governance

Membership in all governance bodies will not receive any remuneration, and tenure lasts for a year (for the period of the Argentine Presidency: December 2017- December 2018).

Chairs: the institutions presiding over the T20 process and conducting its daily affairs during the annual mandate. Co-Chairs responsibilities involve coordinating the whole T20 process, leading its bodies of government, deciding the activities, topics and tasks forces, and representing the T20.

T20 Argentina Team: The Chairs will have the collaboration of 3 internal teams. Set teams include: a Content team that acts as liaison with task forces, a Partnership team and a Media team responsible for all T20 communication.

T20 Argentina Advisory Committee: a strategic committee made up both of key members of the organizations and external actors that are high-level stakeholders and experts. They are mean to provide guidance on key issues such as policy and objectives, budgetary control, resource allocation, and decisions involving large expenditures. The committee also enhances regional and international links and helps improve the quality of its projects. It is responsible for the overall T20 process success.

5. How to become part of the T20 process?

Strategic partners are a variety of stakeholders and influencers across the world that bring analysis and evidence into policy negotiations.

Strategic partners will be acknowledged in the series of events organised during the months leading up to the Summit, and in all branding and communications efforts.

Knowledge partners are Think Tanks, Universities and International Organizations, that possess technical knowledge and are able to provide advice on the content that will be generated during the T20 process.

Supporting partners can collaborate by funding dinners, side events, speaker's meals and parallel sessions. They can also contribute to logistics, by being in charge of delivering all the logistic for the main event. Ie.: catering, printing, simultaneous translation Spanish/English, interpretation, broad band interview service, branding, public relations, media, promotion, accommodations, transfers and airline tickets.

Media partners are local and international media organizations that promote the T20 as a whole as well as the Summit, its branded sessions and special thematic events, throughout its network and constituencies, including websites, newsletters, social media, etc. They ensure on-site media and communications with the possibility of carrying out brief (one minute) interviews with key speakers, panellists or moderators after the Summit or T20 side events.

6. Tentative Budget

The full costs and the on-site reporting of the whole T20 process are expected to be approximately US\$ 2 million. This includes staff costs, conference venue and catering, communication and

printing, media, travel and accommodation for external conference participants, and CIPPEC and CARI staff as well as reporting services, including translation into Spanish/English. The costs will be covered through partnerships with sponsors and contributing partners.