C20 2019 Final Report

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Objective of the Final Report

This final report was prepared to provide a record of the functioning and most relevant information of Civil 20 (C20) in 2019, under Japan’s Presidency. It is also intended to provide civil society organisations in Saudi Arabia, the next presidency in 2020, and subsequent C20s, relevant information as they form their own operational arrangements for engagement with the G20.

General Information about C20

Civil 20 (C20) is one of the eight Engagement Groups of the G20. It is characterised as a specific space through which civil society organisations (CSOs) from different parts of the world can contribute in a structured and sustained manner to the G20, thus ensuring that world leaders listen not only to the voices representing the governmental and business sectors, but also to the proposals and demands of civil society as a whole. The objective of this Engagement Group is to generate spaces to discuss and build policy papers to be presented to the G20 in order to influence its discussion, through transparent and inclusive processes.

Similarly to the G20, the C20 does not have a permanent structure, so it does not have a permanent secretariat, or central offices or officials. It also has a rotating presidency that changes annually. In recent years, the C20 adopted the division into specific Working Groups from which different topics are addressed in depth, and policy papers are prepared and then presented to the G20.

Bearing in mind that the G20 and the C20 are global spaces, both local and international organisations that wish to discuss issues on the global agenda with an impact on the G20 can participate in the C20.

The final result of all the C20 work is reflected in the final communiqué of the C20.

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1 Business 20 (B20), Civil 20 (C20), Labour 20 (L20), Science 20 (S20), Think 20 (T20), Urban 20 (U20), Women 20 (W20), and Youth 20 (Y20)
C20 2019 in numbers

During 2019 more than 800 civil society organisations from all over the world have been working together through the C20 to engage with the G20 on the most critical challenges that the global society face today. From December 2018 to November 2019, the C20 developed eleven policy papers with specific recommendations and one Policy Pack that summarise the recommendations to G20 governments, including C20 Communiqué and Tokyo Declaration on Peace, Human Rights and Democratic Governance: Towards Improvement of Civic Space for the SDG 16+. C20 also published Immediate and Emergent Statement as a reflection to the Leaders’ Declaration of the 2019 Osaka G20 Summit. Furthermore, three joint statements were presented together with the other Engagement Groups of G20:

❖ Joint Statement by C20, L20, T20, W20 and Y20 on Eliminating Violence and Harassment in the World of Work
❖ Joint Statement by C20, L20, T20, W20 and Y20 on Eliminating Gaps in Labour Market participation
❖ Joint Statements by C20 and L20 on urging G20 to protect whistleblowers

As part of the C20 activities, during 2019, two face-to-face events took place in Tokyo, Japan. The first event was held in February as “C20 Preparatory Face-to-Face Meeting”, with Steering Committees, International Advisory Committees, and coordinators of Working Groups, and a meeting between civil society and the government took place. The second one was the “C20 Summit”, which was held in April.

In addition to the two official events, two side events were organised or supported by C20. Those side events focused on a specific theme and were organised together with local/international partners. The side events that were carried out were:

❖ G20 Summit side event: International Lessons Learned in Increasing Financial Inclusion of Non-Profit Organisations
❖ UN High-Level Political Forum side event: G20 and SDGs: Civil Society Evaluation of the Outcome of G20 Osaka Summit 2019

Finally, the C20 had access to 6 G20 official meetings and received 40 seats to attend the G20 International Media Centre (IMC), and held four press conferences.
The preparatory activities for advocacy towards G20 Osaka Summit began in 2018:

❖ January 2018: Japanese civil society nominated a representative to join the C20 Troika 2018, and established partnerships with other C20 stakeholders.

❖ April 2018: Hosting civil society organisations in Japan attended the face-to-face meeting of C20 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

❖ August 2018: Hosting civil society organisations in Japan attended the C20 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

❖ December 2018: Hand-over ceremony of C20 2018 to C20 2019 was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

❖ January 2019: An email was sent to all the civil society organisations registered in the C20 2018, inviting them to join the C20 2019 online forum.

❖ January - March 2019: C20 attended 5 official Working Groups of G20, including Anti-Corruption, Development, Climate Sustainability, Employment, and Health, and presented policy recommendations.

❖ February 2019: The C20 Working Groups started to work through an online forum to discuss and form policy recommendations. C20 Preparatory Face-to-Face Meeting was held in Tokyo, Japan.

❖ March 2019: The draft version of the C20 Policy Pack was shared with all the C20 participants in order to receive their feedback. C20 attended B20 Summit and W20 Summit.

❖ April 2019: C20 presented C20 Policy Pack to the G20 Presidency. C20 Summit took place in Tokyo and C20 Policy Pack was presented officially. Tokyo Democracy Forum was conducted on the first day of C20 Summit, as a part of C20 Summit.


❖ June 2019: C20 supported “Osaka Citizen’s Summit”, held in Osaka by local organisers. C20 participated media work at G20 Summit.

❖ July 2019: C20 reported the result of C20 activities and evaluation of G20 Leaders’ Declaration at the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) at a side event held in New York, USA. C20 members and key persons from next Troika including Saudi Arabia and Italy had a meeting to discuss strategies for C20 2020 and beyond.

❖ August 2019: C20 attended L20 Summit.

❖ November 2019: Hand-over event of C20 2019 to C20 2020 was held in Tokyo.
The main goals of C20 2019 were not only to push for change and hold leaders accountable for the commitments they have made to citizens, but also to strengthen the C20, ensuring continuity from previous C20s and a transparent and inclusive process. The structure of the C20 2019 consists of Chair, Co-Chair, International Advisory Committee, Steering Committee, C20 Sherpa, C20 Sous-Sherpa, Secretariat, thematic Working Groups and their corresponding Coordinators, detailed in the following structure:

Following the C20 structure in 2018, 10 Working Groups were established in 2019 with some modifications.

- Anti-Corruption
- Education
- Environment, Climate, and Energy
- Gender
- Global Health
- Infrastructure
- International Financial Architecture
- Labour, Business and Human Rights
- Local2Global
- Trade and Investment
Taking into account the G20 priorities in 2019, **C20 Digital Economy Task Group** was also set up, and two coordinators, both domestic and international, were nominated. All the work of the working groups was developed through an online forum.

Based on lessons learnt from previous processes, in June 2019, C20 Steering Committee agreed “C20 Principle”, an official document that is to guarantee the followings in the future C20 structures:

**C20 Troika:** The troika structure, which is part of the C20 Steering Committee (SC), allows for dialogue and coordination between the lead civil society organisations from the current, previous and following G20/C20 host countries.

**C20 Chair and Co-Chair:** The C20 Chair and Co-Chair are responsible for facilitating the C20 process. The appointment of each year’s Chair and Co-Chair is the prerogative of civil society in the host country.

**C20 Sherpa:** The Sherpa, chosen each year by the Chair and Co-Chair and whose appointment is approved by the C20 Steering Committee (SC) and International Advisory Committee (IAC), is the main point of contact with external stakeholders (G20 representatives, international organisations, media, other G20 Engagement Groups). The C20 Sherpa is also responsible for ensuring a fluent and effective dialogue among C20 Working Group Chairs, mainstreaming relevant areas of work and developing – along with the C20 Chair and Co-Chair - the C20 schedule, for approval by the SC and the IAC.

**C20 Secretariat:** Responsible for the administrative, financial and logistical coordination tasks.

**C20 Steering Committee:** The Steering Committee (SC) is the executive body of the C20 responsible for ensuring that the C20 is an open and diverse space that facilitates the transmission of a broad range of civil society views to the G20. The SC works alongside, and is advised by, the International Advisory Committee. The SC is responsible for leading the process and ensuring that the C20 and its working groups meet regularly among themselves and with government representatives. It also helps coordinate the agendas for in-person C20 meetings. SC decisions are reached by consensus. In the event that consensus is not possible, voting should take place based on a simple majority voting system. SC composition must be both regional- and gender-balanced, ensuring that local and international organisations are represented.

**International Advisory Committee:** Composed of international civil society organisations with experience working within the G20, the IAC functions as an advisory body. Its main roles are to advise the SC on strategic decision-making and contribute to disseminating C20 recommendations among key stakeholders to guarantee more visibility. In consultation with the SC, the IAC is responsible for developing a clear
advocacy strategy and plan. The IAC provides advice as required and/or makes suggestions and recommendations when deemed necessary. The IAC should work in tandem with the SC, and maintains regular communication with it.

The SC and the IAC are part of the institutional structure of the C20 and are composed of civil society organisations with expertise in various areas of C20 engagement, invited by the Chair and Co-Chair based on two major criteria: experience of working at C20/G20 level, and geographic and thematic representation. As stated above, when appointing their representatives to the SC and IAC, participating organisations need to ensure a regional and gender balance, with special attention given to the representation of marginalised and underrepresented groups.

To ensure continuity in the IAC and SC, at least two members in each body should stay on from the previous cycle. At the same time the principle of rotation should be applied to both the SC and IAC, with members serving beyond three consecutive years only in exceptional circumstances.

Communication must be fluid between Co-chairs, SC and IAC for decision making on strategic and key issues.

**Working Groups:** These are thematic spaces where civil society organisations from all over the world meet in person or online, in order to discuss and produce policy papers aimed at providing concrete recommendations and policy proposals targeting the G20. Collectively, these groups comprise all civil society organisations (both domestic and international) interested in participating actively in the C20 process.

**Working Group Coordinators:** Each C20 working group is coordinated by two organisations – one international and one local/national - with relevant experience and/or expertise on the subjects debated within the working group. Their main duties include moderating the discussions of the thematic working groups, drafting policy papers, presenting the recommendations of the group that they coordinate at G20 meetings and reporting on their activities to the C20 Sherpa.

To ensure that the C20 maintains legitimacy as a representative of the international CSO community, the SC must have an outreach plan to encourage the participation of a diverse range of CSOs from across the world to join and participate in the C20 and its working groups. The aim should be to have as many and as diverse a range as possible of CSOs participating in the development of policy recommendations and advocacy plans. This means that the outreach should take place as early as possible before initial policy recommendations are discussed.

The **C20 Principle** can be downloaded at the C20 official website. [https://civil-20.org/c20-agrees-principles-for-civil-society-engagement-with-g20/](https://civil-20.org/c20-agrees-principles-for-civil-society-engagement-with-g20/)

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2 Three years is chosen for consistency with the standard period of troika membership.
C20 Website

The communication within and among the C20 Working Groups was held through an online forum. This was used to communicate news and updates about C20 activities and was the main channel through which civil society organisations involved themselves in the activities of the different Working Groups.

Taking into account that the C20 is a global space and therefore seeks to involve civil society organisations both local and international, it was essential to have an online forum through which the different Working Groups of the C20 could develop their tasks, with institutional e-mails that allow a fluid communication both for the C20 and for the coordinators of the Working Groups.

The C20 Secretariat’s e-mail address was c20@civil-20.org and it was the main contact e-mail of the C20. This email was open on the C20 website so that anyone who needed to communicate with the Secretariat could do it quickly and safely.

The URL of the C20 official website is;
❖ [https://civil-20.org/](https://civil-20.org/)

This URL is also uploaded on the G20 official website;
❖ [https://www.g20.org/en/engagementgroups/](https://www.g20.org/en/engagementgroups/)

Bearing in mind that most C20 activities in 2019 would be conducted in Japan, C20 also had a website written in Japanese;
❖ [http://www.civil-20.jp/](http://www.civil-20.jp/)

The official C20 website had sections open to public, and a section in private which was only available for those who had an account with a password.

Public Sections
❖ **Home**: This is the main page of the website.
❖ **About C20**: Provides general information about 2019 C20 and previous C20.
❖ **Working Groups**: Provides the description of the working groups and information about the coordinators (local and international).
❖ **News**: In this section newsletters and general news about the C20 are published.
❖ **Events**: Events of the C20 are announced in this section.
❖ **Documents**: In this section all documents of the Working Groups are loaded.
❖ **Contact Us**: contact information, including social media accounts.
Private Section

❖ **Working Groups**: Allows Access to online forums in which debates of each Working Group will be held.

The characteristics of each section are as follows;

**Home**

![The Home of the C20 official website](image)

It has three main functions:

1) Raise awareness about the role and importance of C20
2) Inform about the C20 2019 and previous C20s
3) Allow all civil society organisations that wish to work in different Working Groups of C20 2019 to do so through a secure channel.
Regarding the awareness of the role of the C20, the website had a specific section called "About C20" through which information was provided on what the C20 is, how it works, and the final communiqué of all the previous C20s.
This section contains all the information related to the C20 Working Groups; a description of each Working Group, local/international coordinators, and their contact information. There was also the option to register in the group or groups that civil society representatives interested in working in the C20 wanted.
News and Events

In relation to the information of C20 2019, the website had a specific “News” section, which was subdivided into "News" and "Newsletters", through which the main news of the C20 2019 process were published. Furthermore, there was a section entitled "Events" through which all C20 events were announced.

Events

Documents

The section of “Papers and Statements” contains all the policy papers that Working Groups have prepared during 2019. In the section entitled “Communiqué”, the C20 Policy Pack was uploaded.
Working Group (Private Section)

Finally, regarding the work of the Working Groups, it is important to highlight that the website had high security standards to reduce the risk of hacking. In this sense, the page is https, instead of http and to access the Working Groups it is necessary to have a username and a password. In this way, it is guaranteed that the debate of the Working Groups and the process of preparing their policy papers could only be seen by those civil society organisations that participate in the debate.

In addition, the website had a forum for each Working Group. Through these forums, civil society organisations were able to work in an orderly manner in the preparation of the Working Group's policy papers in which they participate.

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Forums through which each of the Working Groups can develop their activities

The main features of the website for the Working Groups work were the followings:

1) Specific and independent discussion forums for each Working Group.

2) The possibility of creating different topics within the online forums.

3) The possibility of uploading files in different posts.

In order to ensure a strong participation by as many civil society organisations as possible, most of the C20 work was carried out virtually through this online forum, so that all the civil society organisations could actively participate and make their contributions in the working groups. In this way it was possible to counteract the disadvantages of the schedule and geographical location of the participants.
C20 Preparatory Face to Face Meeting

Two face-to-face events took place, with main objective to promote a debate around the priorities set by G20 under Japan’s Presidency in 2019. Bringing all the participants of the C20 together in person made a deep dialogue and led to each participant’s contribution to prepare policy recommendations.

A preparatory face-to-face meeting of the C20 Working Groups was held on 18-19 February in Tokyo, Japan. This event was the opportunity in which civil society organisations around the world were able to meet in order to advance in the preparation of the policy pack and exchange ideas with representatives of the G20, including the G20 Sherpa and G20 Finance Track representatives.

More than 200 people from different parts of the world, and local/international coordinators of each C20 working group attended the event.

The event lasted two days and was divided into plenary sessions, dialogues between C20-G20 Working Groups, and an outreach symposium:

1) Plenary sessions: all the C20 working groups met in the same space and discussed with G20 representatives, as High-Level panels. Through these panels, the main topics addressed by both the C20 and G20 were analysed. In order to ensure multiple points of view, the panels were composed of representatives of the G20, civil society and international organisations.

2) Dialogues between C20-G20 Working Group: in these sessions, each of the C20 Working Groups discussed policy papers with G20 Working Groups to finalise by the end of March, in order to submit to G20 Presidency during the C20 Summit in April.

3) Outreach symposium was conducted in the afternoon of Day 2. This event was open to the public and discusses the multi-stakeholder approach with invited representatives of Sherpa Track, Finance Track and other Engagement Groups (L20, S20, T20, U20, W20, Y20).

During the face-to-face meeting, all the C20 Working Groups took into account what had been discussed in the online forum, and prepared for further elaboration.

Summary:
❖ 2 days
❖ 200 participants from 20 countries
❖ 6 Plenary sessions, 8 Dialogues between C20-G20 Working Groups and more

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3 Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China/Hong Kong, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, UK, U.S. and Vietnam
4 G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group, G20 Development Working Group, G20 Digital Economy Task Force, G20
than 40 G20 officials attended, 2 Parallel C20 Working Group meetings

❖ Participation of the G20 Sherpa, G20 Finance Track representative, International Organisations
❖ Outreach Symposium with 6 Engagement Groups of G20.

C20 Summit

On 21-23 April 2019, the C20 Summit took place in Tokyo. Approximately **800 people from 40 countries** attended the event.

During the event, the C20 policy pack was formally presented to Toshiko Abe, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan. The G20 officials (G20 Sous-Sherpa / G20 Finance Deputy Track / Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan / Ministry of Environment of Japan / Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan / Japan International Cooperation Agency and Korea International Cooperation Agency), representatives of international organisations (OECD), and all the **G20 Engagement Groups** also attended.

In addition, **9 Plenary Sessions, 17 Breakout Sessions and 2 High-Level Panels took place during the C20 Summit.**

It is important to highlight that, in relation to the Breakout Sessions, the C20 carried out an open process, making a call for civil society organisations all over the world to submit session proposals. In order to evaluate the session proposals, the C20 SC and IAC created a specific Summit Committee.

The main objectives of the Summit were:

❖ Present the C20 communiqué and the recommendations of the Working Groups: each Working Group of the C20 intended to address in depth the main issues that will be dealt with in the framework of the G20. Since February 2019, more than 800 civil society organisations that make up the C20 were working on the preparation of the proposals that were finally presented to the G20. The final result of the work of each Working Group was crystallised in their final Policy paper.

These documents had as objective to identify the commitments assumed by the G20, the challenges for the implementation of these commitments and the

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Environment Working Group, Energy Transition Working Group and Ministry of Environment Senior Officials Meeting, G20 Employment Working Group, G20 Finance Track, G20 Health Working Group, G20 Trade and Investment Working Group

5 Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, UK, Uruguay, USA, Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe
concrete proposals that we make from the Civil Society for the fulfilment of all the commitments assumed by the leaders in the framework of the G20. That is why all the final policy papers had the same format.

❖ Identify the challenges and opportunities presented by the G20 for the realisation of the main global challenges: at present, the world faces a series of challenges of great relevance that do not respect any border and that can only be successfully addressed if all countries commit themselves and work in a coordinated manner.

During the C20 event, it was proposed to hold, during the plenary sessions, high-level panels in which the panelists can discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by the G20 for the realisation of the main global problems. These panels provided the opportunity to share with civil society on the main issues addressed by the G20 in a more transversal way, with all C20 participants and the rest of the Commitment Groups and representatives of the G20.

❖ Promote peace, human rights and democratic governance through the SDG 16+: improving conditions and civic spaces for CSOs to tackle the global challenges. Fundamental human rights such as freedom of expression and association must be protected, and civil society has the right to speak out against these global problems. The key concept of the 2030 Agenda, “Leave No One Behind”, will not be accomplished without achieving the SDG 16 focusing on Peace, Human Rights and Democratic Governance.

As a part of the 2019 C20 Summit, Tokyo Democracy Forum was held on the first day to review and discuss progress and challenges of each target within SDG 16, recognising that protecting civic space is essential to work on global issues which were discussed at the G20 meeting. C20 issued a communiqué including the Declaration of the Tokyo Democracy Forum and make policy recommendations based on the civil society’s point of view to the G20 Presidency.

Plenary Sessions

During the C20 Summit, plenary sessions with G20 representatives, C20 Chair/Co-Chair, other Engagement Groups and C20 SC/IAC and Coordinators of Working Groups took place. They highlighted key recommendations by civil society, and reflections from breakout sessions, as well as way forward to G20 Osama Summit.

High-Level Panels

During the C20 Summit, two High-Level Panels took place; one was with Sherpa Track and the other with Finance Track. Through these Panels, main issues that both G20 and C20 worked on in 2019 were addressed, including anti-corruption, climate change, environment, gender, global health, infrastructure, and finance issues. To guarantee multiple views and reinforce the C20 advocacy strategy, C20 invited different civil society representatives from around the world to discuss with G20 representatives.
Breakout Sessions:

During the C20 Summit, 17 breakout sessions were held. The breakout sessions addressed the main issues appointed by C20 2019 and allowed discussion with representatives of G20, G20 Engagement Groups and international organisations, on the main recommendations of the C20. Breakout sessions allowed the outline of the advocacy strategy for the coming months. Below is the list of breakout sessions during the C20 Summit.

The program agenda of C20 Summit can be downloaded from the C20 official website. 
https://civil-20.org/final-program-agenda-of-c20-summit-is-out-now/

C20 Policy Pack:

As from February 2019, more than 800 civil society organisations from all over the world have been working together via the C20 to engage with the G20 on the most critical challenges facing today’s world.

These include the growing impacts of climate change; growing inequality between and within countries; corruption scandals; the gender gap; worrying levels of global debt; high risks of another financial crisis, environmental degradation; health crises; lack of access to basic goods and services; inequitable access to education, absence of decent employment and the impact of digitalisation and technology on employment.

The C20 Policy Pack, containing the C20 Communiqué, Declaration of the Tokyo Democracy Forum and Working Group final policy papers, was formally presented to Japan’s Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, G20 Presidency, on 18 April 2019.

Right after the handing over of C20 Policy Pack to the G20 Presidency, C20 had a press conference: “Civil Society’s Concerns for the G-20 Summit” at Foreign Correspondents’ Club of Japan (FCCJ) to show how civil society organisations view Japan’s leadership of the G20 process, what their top issues of concern are, and what recommendations they will make at C20 Summit.

The content of the policy papers has been developed through the participatory and open process which started in February 2019. The C20 Communiqué was drafted by a SC- IAC sub Committee that was created for this specific purpose. The draft version of the C20 Policy Pack was shared with the C20 Working Group Coordinators, and posted on C20 website (private section) and circulated through e-mail to C20 participants in order to receive their feedback. After this consultation process and all the suggestions and comments were received and analysed, the C20 Policy Pack was ready to be formally presented.

The C20 Policy Pack can be downloaded from the C20 official website. 
Media Pack:
A media pack with suggested tweets and hashtags was send to all the registered participants. The main hashtag was: #G20takeaction and other hash tags were: #G20 #C20Summit. The C20 official twitter and facebook accounts were active before, during and after the C20 Summit.

Summary of C20 Summit 2019
❖ 3 days
❖ 800 participants from 40 countries
❖ 9 plenary sessions, 17 breakout sessions and 2 High-Level panels
❖ Participation of the State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, G20 Sous-Sherpa, G20 Finance Deputy Track, international organisations and G20 Engagement Group representatives
❖ Presentation of the Policy Pack and Declaration of the Tokyo Democracy Forum

C20 Engagement with G20 Processes
One of the main objectives of the C20 2019 was to strengthen not only the C20 as the main space for civil society organisations all over the world willing to influence the G20, but also to ensure a strong and productive engagement with the G20, ensuring that the G20 representatives take into account the recommendations produced by civil society.

In order to ensure a strong engagement with the G20, different actions were taken:
❖ C20 Working Groups developed specific policy papers for G20 Working Group meetings with specific policy recommendations.
❖ C20 advocated in order to ensure participation in the G20 meetings.
❖ C20 requested access to the G20 International Media Centre (IMC).
❖ C20 advocated at a national level.

The C20 Sherpa worked hard to establish relationships with relevant stakeholders in government, the Sherpa’s office, the G20 Working Groups and Taskforce, and all the G20 Engagement Groups.

Having the possibility of attending G20 Meetings is an important opportunity not only to share the C20 recommendations with the G20 representatives but also to exchange ideas. This year, the G20 Working Groups generally welcomed the input from C20 representatives. Although it was requested in several occasions, the C20 was not invited to participate in any of the G20 Finance Track Working Group Meetings.
The C20 participated in the following formal G20 meetings:

❖ Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting #1 and #2
❖ Development Working Group Meeting #1
❖ Employment Working Group Meeting #1
❖ Climate Sustainability Workshop
❖ Health Working Group Meeting #1
❖ Employment Working Group Meeting #1
❖ Sherpa Meeting #2
❖ Joint Meeting of the Employment and Education Working Groups
❖ Digital Economy Task Force Meeting #2

For several years, C20 have had access to the G20 International Media Center (IMC). This is an important engagement opportunity with journalists about the G20’s process and deliberations, helping communication about the G20 through civil society and to the broader community. This year and after long negotiations and an important delay in sending official accreditations, the Japan Presidency granted access to 40 in total for C20 representatives to the IMC.

In order to ensure a wide thematic balance and participation, each C20 Working Group had a small number of people to attend the IMC. The evaluation criteria to select civil society organisations that wanted to attend to the IMC was: active participation in the C20 2019; geographical balance; thematic balance and gender balance.

At the IMC, C20 had two press conferences;

❖ For the G20 Leaders’ Summit Keep the Promises of SDGs and Achieve the World Leaving No One Behind!!
❖ Evaluation to G20 leader’s declaration and G20 activities from civil society

C20 working groups which had a press conference are;

❖ C20 Environment, Climate and Energy WG and Infrastructure WG
❖ C20 Gender WG

Right after the G20 Leaders’ Declaration was published, C20 published Immediate and Emergent Statement: No time to lose: G20 should translate words into actions. The key message was “G20 must take action to address the real challenges ordinary people around the world face. G20 commitments must be translated into concrete, timely and realistic actions. The G20 must be accountable, responsive and resolute in addressing global challenges which requires global solutions”.
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