SERVING THE CIVIL 20
2021 C20 Final Report

1. The C20 identity

The C20 or Civil 20 is one of the official Engagement Groups (EGs) of the G20. It provides a space for the political dialogue between the G20 governments and the international civil society.

While other EGs are often appointed by the governments, creating a sort of official platforms, the C20 is totally independent. It's an alliance gathering in 2021 around 600 civil society organisations and international networks from all over the world.

The C20 follows the G20 agenda in order to provide its recommendations but also address the G20 with specific priorities. In particular the international civil society calls on the G20 to respect the human rights, too often violated all over the world and even within the G20 members, and to strengthen the UN multilateral framework, the only authentic space for multilateralism, accessible by every country of the world.

This report provides a record of the most relevant activities and information on the Civil 20 in 2021 and shares some lessons learned in order to support and strengthen the C20 process in the following years.

2. The main C20 steps in 2021

As it happened during the year 2020, also in 2021 the C20 process has been strongly influenced by the outbreak of the COVID pandemic. For these reasons, all the activities happened online. On one hand, this made easier the participation in the process, in the other hand this denied us the chance to ‘meet’ and discuss in longer sessions, deepening and strengthening our common bonds.

The first activity of the C20 under the Italian civil society presidency started in January with the Kick-off Meeting, presenting the first structure of the C20 Working Groups (WGs) and hosting the first C20-G20 Official Dialogue (on Development, Environment and Finance). This is a format of public panels often organized during the year, with the participation of G20 officials (normally chairs or national delegates of the G20, or members of the Presidency Sherpa Team) questioned by representatives of the C20 (the coordinators of the C20 WGs and/or the C20 Sherpas).

After the Kick-off Meeting the C20 opened the possibility to register online to the Working Groups and in February the first WGs’ meetings were held online, planning the work, identifying the political priorities and reacting to the G20 issue notes.
In June the C20 constituency gathered in the mid-year meeting, using, in a mixed attitude of hope and humor, the traditional name of C20 Face to Face Meeting (F2F). Of course it was an online event, hosting other C20-G20 Official Dialogues, on Labour, Anti-Corruption, Climate and Energy. These dialogues have been attended by officials from different countries and not only from the Italian Presidency.

The C20 Working Groups focused after the F2F on the recommendations to be collected in the C20 Policy Pack, the main political document produced by the C20 every year. With a first part containing the political introduction and the main calls about the G20 role and the threats on human rights and democracy, and a second part collating together the technical contributions of each C20 WG, the Policy Pack has been sent at the beginning of August to all G20 members and the G20 WGs.

At the beginning of October the C20 organized the C20 Summit, the online meeting composed by 25 events over 3 days, with more the 1300 registered participants. Five official plenary C20 events and 19 side events organized by civil society and international institutions provided a relevant opportunity to meet, exchange, and spread the political concerns of the international civil society.

The C20 Summit hosted also a national event organized by the Italian civil society through a meeting with the Italian government. This has been the only hybrid meeting of the year, with someone meeting in presence in Rome and many other attending online.

The last plenary C20 event of the C20 Summit has been the opportunity to present the Final Communiqué, the conclusive comprehensive document of the C20, released before the G20 Summit to influence the last phasis of the G20 Summit.

At the end of the presidency of the C20 and G20 processes, at the end of November, the Handover Meeting has been an opportunity for collecting the main political messages delivered by the WGs and to hand them over to the Indonesian Presidency as a capital on which to build up the 2022 process.

3. The C20 structure and way of working

The C20 is guided by the C20 Principles approved in 2019 in Japan. Every year the civil society of the hosting country serves as Presidency of the C20 and calls organizations from all over the world, not only from the G20 members, to be part of the Steering Committee, the International Advisory Committee and to coordinate the C20 Working Groups.

In 2021 the Steering Committee (SC) has been formed with the Coordinators of the 8 Working Groups, together with the Troika and the Italian presidency (Chair and Sherpas).

Each WG exchanged via a mailing list using the google groups and met via Zoom several time during the year. The use of virtual systems, forced by the pandemic, has been in fact an opportunity to increase the participation and to have more frequent WG meetings.
The C20 bodies

### Steering Committee
**Italian Presidency, Troika, WGs Coordinators**

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**Troika**

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### International Advisory Committee

Akmal Ali (PIANGO, Fiji)  
Jason Braganza (AFRODAD, Kenya)  
Aldo Caliari (Jubilee USA)  
Alessandra Nilo (GESTOS, Brazil)

### Working Groups

- 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development  
- Anti-Corruption  
- Climate, Biodiversity and Ecological Transition  
- Digitalization  
- Finance  
- Gender  
- Global Citizenship and Education  
- Global Health

During the year a task force and an ad hoc group were activated to better participate to the G20 agenda:

- Labour  
- Culture
The documents released by the C20 during the year

The C20 produced several documents during the year. Some of them were produced by the Working Groups and their Coordinators, usually delivered to the G20 corresponding Working Groups. The most important documents are the C20 documents approved by the Steering Committee.

The hierarchy of the documents

**WG Contributions/Inputs**
Written documents prepared by the Coordinators of the WGs or the Sherpas when they attend an official G20 WG meeting (with a C20 speech or with the simple right to attend the meeting)

**WG Communiqués**
Documents approved by the WG on a special thematic step of the G20 (normally a Ministerial Meeting)

**C20 Statements**
Documents on specific issues, approved by the SC (i.e. the Statements on the TRIPS waiver or on the situation in Afghanistan)

**Joint Statements**
Documents on specific issues, approved by the SC and signed together with other Engagement Groups (L20, B20, W20, Y20, T20 etc)

**C20 Policy Pack**
The most important document of the year, with a first part providing a holistic political statement and a second part gathering the thematic recommendations of the WGs. The first part is approved by the SC. The second part is approved by the WG. A general approval is given by the SC. The Sherpas produces the final version adapting and balancing each part.

**C20 Final Communiqué**
The Final document of the C20, a sort of synthesis of the PP updated at the C20 Summit. It’s approved by the SC.

The C20 Working Groups and the released documents

Below you can find the details of the WGs meetings, the coordinators, the number of participants of each WG and links to the documents produced. The total number of people registered in the WGs is 1805.
All groups participated in the drafting of the Policy Pack. All the documents produced by each WG can be found on the "Documents" section of the Civil 20 2021 official website.

**2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development**

[c20-wg-agenda-2030-and-sustainable-development@googlegroups.com](mailto:c20-wg-agenda-2030-and-sustainable-development@googlegroups.com)

The WG is coordinated by Anselmo Lee (APSD) and Massimo Pallottino (GCAP Italy) and counts 42 organizations with 369 members from 22 countries. It met 3 times.

**Documents:**

25.02.2021 [C20 Development and 2030 Agenda Working Group: a Civil20 Inputs at the onset of the conversation](mailto:C20 Development and 2030 Agenda Working Group: a Civil20 Inputs at the onset of the conversation)

09.07.2021 [C20 Development WG Communiqué on the G20 Matera Declaration](mailto:C20 Development WG Communiqué on the G20 Matera Declaration)

**Anti-Corruption**

[c20-acwg@googlegroups.com](mailto:c20-acwg@googlegroups.com)

The WG is coordinated by Jean Scrimgeour (Accountability LAB) and Giulia Sergi (Ashoka) and counts 51 organizations with 190 members from 22 countries. It met 8 times.

**Documents:**


**Climate, Biodiversity and Ecological Transition**

[c20-wg-climate-biodiversity-and-ecological-transition@googlegroups.com](mailto:c20-wg-climate-biodiversity-and-ecological-transition@googlegroups.com)

(owner: c20wgs@gmail.com)

The WG is coordinated by Nakul Sharma (CAN South Asia) and Mariagrazia Midulla (WWF Italy) and counts 35 organizations with 215 members from 20 countries. It met 5 times.

**Documents:**


**Digitalization**

[c20-digitalization-wg@googlegroups.com](mailto:c20-digitalization-wg@googlegroups.com)

The WG is coordinated by Masaki Inaba (GCAP Japan) and Riccardo Moro (GCAP Italy – C20 Sherpa) and counts 17 organizations with 113 members from 12 countries. It has 3 times.

**Documents:**

18.03.2021 [C20 Digitalization Working Group Contribution 2nd G20 Digital Economy Task Force](mailto:C20 Digitalization Working Group Contribution 2nd G20 Digital Economy Task Force)

06.05.2021 [C20 Digitalization Working Group Inputs on Consumers’ Awareness, Protection And Blockchain For Traceability In The Digital Economy G20 Italy – Multistakeholder Forum](mailto:C20 Digitalization Working Group Inputs on Consumers’ Awareness, Protection And Blockchain For Traceability In The Digital Economy G20 Italy – Multistakeholder Forum)

18.05.2021 [C20 Digital Working Group Contribution to the 3rd G20 Digital Economy Task Force](mailto:C20 Digital Working Group Contribution to the 3rd G20 Digital Economy Task Force)
**Finance**
civil20-ifa-wg@googlegroups.com
The WG is coordinated by Patricia Miranda (Latindadd) and Stefano Prato (SID)
It also includes 3 subgroups:
- **International Financial Architecture:** Patricia Miranda (Latindadd)
- **Infrastructure:** Maria José Romero (Eurodad)
- **Trade and investment:** Monica Di Sisto (Fairwatch)
It counts 18 organizations with 238 members from 13 countries. It met 3 times.

**Documents:**
- 27.04.2021  [C20 Finance Working Group’s Communiqué on the Second G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting](#)
- 23.09.2021  [C20 Global Health and Finance WGs Communiqué on the HLIP Financing the Global Commons for PPR Report and the G20 discussion on financing global public goods](#)

**Gender**
c20-gender-wg@googlegroups.com
The WG is coordinated by Mabel Bianco (FEIM) and Maria Grazia Panunzi (AIDOS) and counts 22 organizations with 185 members from 16 countries. It met 7 times.

**Documents:**
- 11.05.2021  [C20 Gender Working Group: Communiqué on the Global Health Summit of May 21st 2021](#)
- 08.06.2021  [C20 Gender Working Group Communiqué on Digitalization](#)

**Global Citizenship and Education**
c20-wg-global-citizenship-and-education@googlegroups.com (owner: c20wgs@gmail.com)
The WG is coordinated by Ichal Supriadi (ADN) and Paola Berbeglia (Concord Italy) and counts 42 organizations with 241 members from 28 countries. It met 2 times.

**Documents:**
- 07.05.2021  [C20 Global Citizenship, Education Working Group: Recommendations](#)

**Global Health**
c20-wg-global-health@googlegroups.com
The WG is coordinated by Kurt Frieder (Fundación Huésped), Rachel Ong (GFAN AP) and Stefania Burbo (Global Health Italian Network) and counts 74 organization with 253 members from 29 countries. It met 4 times.

**Documents:**
- 27.01.2021  [C20 GHWG inputs to G20 HWG](#)
- 23.03.2021  [C20 Global Health Working Group Inputs to the G20 Health WG Second Meeting](#)
- 18.06.2021  [C20 Global Health Working Group Inputs to the Third G20 Health WG Meeting](#)
05.08.2021 C20 Global Health WG Recommendations to G20 Side Event “COVID-19 and the Need for Action on Mental Health” (3rd September)
13.09.2021 C20 Global Health WG Communiqué on the G20 Health Ministers’ Declaration
23.09.2021 C20 Global Health and Finance WGs Communiqué on the HLIP Financing the Global Commons for PPR Report and the G20 discussion on financing global public goods

**Labour task force**
Coordinated by the Sous Sherpa Valeria Emmi.
It met 3 times in preparation of the G20 Labour WG meeting and the Labour Ministerial Meeting, with contribution of the Digitalization, Gender, Climate, Biodiversity and Ecological Transition, Development WGs

**Documents:**
15.04.2021 C20 Labour Inputs at the Second G20 Employment WG: Working patterns, business organisation and production process in the Digitalisation Era

**Culture ad hoc group**
Coordinate by the Sherpa Riccardo Moro
It met once to prepare the C20 contribution to the G20 Culture WG process

**Documents:**
22.02.2021 C20 Culture – Inputs to the First G20 Culture WG Meeting
09.04.2021 C20 Culture – Inputs to the G20 Webinar The role of Citizens, Indigenous People and Civil Society in the protection of Cultural Heritage and Prevention of Illicit Traffics. An example from Andean Area

**The Steering Committee and the International Advisory Committee**

The **Steering Committee** is formed by the Italian Presidency, the Troika and the WGs Coordinators:

The SC+IAC met 7 times. Here are the documents produced so far:

**Documents:**
19.02.2021 C20 – L20 Joint Statement on supporting the TRIPS waiver is essential to end the COVID-19 pandemic
26.03.2021 C20 – L20 – Y20 Joint Statement: Preventing and combating violence against women and girls and domestic violence
04.06.2021 C20 – L20 – W20 Joint Statement on TRIPS waiver. Opening now access to vaccines and treatments is crucial
06.08.2021 C20 Policy Pack 2021 – Building a sustainable future for all
21.08.2021 C20 Statement on Afghan women’s and girls’ rights
07.10.2021 C20 Final Communiqué
28.10.2021 B20 C20 L20 T20 W20 F20 Joint Climate Statement
4. The engagement with G20

The C20 had the opportunity to interact with the G20 process both participating in some official G20 events and inviting G20 officials to the Official Dialogues. In the first case the C20 representatives were invited to attend sessions in 11 official G20 WG meetings, and in 4 Ministerial Meetings. The C20 representatives were invited also as panelist in 3 events organized by the G20.

The C20 invited the Italian G20 Sherpa to a public meeting in several opportunities, in particular in the four main events of the C20 process, the Kick-off Meeting, the Face to Face Meeting, in the C20 Summit and in the Handover Meeting. But it was possible to meet the Sherpa only in a restricted meeting with the C20 Presidency in April and in a public meeting in July.

Generally speaking the quality of the interaction and the engagement has been really good in some cases, as per Anti-Corruption, Labour and Health, while with other G20 WGs it has been more difficult to have a proper participation, as per the G20 Education WG and the G20 Finance Track.

Participation in G20 Working Groups and Task Forces

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Participation in other G20 events and processes

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<td>03/09 G20 Side Event: Covid-19 and the need for action on Mental Health</td>
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Ministerial Meetings

*Health Ministerial Meeting.* Attended by the C20 Chair, coordinator of the C20 Global Health WG, Stefania Burbo.

Environmental, Climate and Energy Ministerial Meeting. Attended by the coordinator of the C20 Climate, Biodiversity and Ecological Transition WG, Mariagrazia Midulla.

International Ministerial Conference on Women’s Empowerment. Attended by the coordinator of the C20 Gender WG, Maria Grazia Panunzi.

C20-G20 Official Dialogues

26/01  High Level Dialogue with Italian G20 Presidency
26/01  C20-G20 Official Dialogue  2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development
26/01  C20-G20 Official Dialogue  Climate, Biodiversity and Ecological Transition
27/01  C20-G20 Official Dialogue  G20 Finance Track
15/06  C20-G20 Official Dialogue  Anti-Corruption
16/06  C20-G20 Official Dialogue  Labour with focus on education, gender and digitalization
16/06  C20-G20 Official Dialogue  Climate, Biodiversity and Ecological transition
04/08  C20-G20 Official Dialogue  Global Health
04/10  G20-C20 Official Dialogue  Finance
20/07  C20 dialogue with Italian G20 Sherpa Amb. Luigi Mattiolo

5. The C20 Communication

The C20 has an official website www.civil-20.org that is updated every year by the new presidency and contains all the links to the previous C20 websites.

The website hosts the relevant news on the C20 activities, the posts launched on the social networks and the databank of all the published documents. More than 103.000 visitors surfed on the website during the year with some daily peaks over 700, during the most important C20 events of the year.

Beyond the website, the Civil 20 has active accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Linkedin.

A Civil 20 channel is available on Youtube, where all the videos of the 2020 and 2021 C20 Summits are available, together with other relevant meetings (i.e. the July meeting with the Italian Sherpa).

During the G20 Summit the C20 could enter the International Media Centre with 15 delegates.
6. The lessons learnt

At the light of the 2021 activities some lessons can be recollected.

Composition of the Steering Committee. Having in the SC the Coordinators of the WGs has been useful to ensure a good coordination among the WGs, and a good perception of the comprehensive process.

Meetings of the Working Groups. Meeting online since the beginning of the year, has been a good opportunity for the quality of the work of the Groups and the internal sharing. Mailing list are available also for continuity among the years when a specific C20 WG doesn’t change.

Availability of the Documents. A good service for the C20 constituency is the availability of the documents issued along the years. This is something that should be improved. Documents of the current year are easily accessible. The website should host a section with documents of all the previous years.

Influencing the G20 Presidency priorities. G20 Priorities are normally defined by a government during the year before assuming the presidency as hosting country. That is that during a current year the next G20 presidency is working to design its priorities. The C20 should organize its work also to target the next G20 presidency to influence the choice, also supporting the local national civil society in this dialogue. This means also defining the national C20 platform in advance.

Advocacy in the G20 member countries. The Civil 20 is a global alliance of civil society organizations that autonomously reach and attend the process. During the year it could be useful to address not only the Sherpas of the Presidency in the hosting country, but also the governments of the other G20 countries. To do that it could be useful to count in every country on C20 Platforms, even as informal network able to amplifying the C20 proposals and recommendations to the national governments. In some countries we have similar opportunities. In other countries we could think about improving this coordination.

Policy coherence and role of the C20. As well as we call on G20 for policy coherence, the C20 must foster the interlinkages among its different WGs with joint C20 WGs meetings and should promote the dialogue with all the other civil society processes dealing with UN and global governance, for mutual strengthening coherence.

7. A final message

Serving the C20 is a relevant opportunity to share efforts and skills to build a better world, based on human rights and justice. The activities developed this year represent a positive political capital that is offered to the international civil society to continue its mandate. The Italian Presidency is very happy to hand this capital over to the Indonesian civil society that assumes the Presidency for the 2022, as a contribution to our common permanent commitment to stubbornly serve the most vulnerable.