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C20 2019 – CLIMATE SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP

CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

- ▶ A worldwide network of over 1300 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in more than 120 countries, working to promote government and individual action to limit human-induced climate change to ecologically sustainable levels.
- ▶ 20 regional and national nodes.
- ▶ Active engagement in UNFCCC negotiations since 1989.
- ▶ 18 thematic working groups with experts in every field (e.g. finance, mitigation, adaptation and loss & damage, agriculture, G20, science policy, technology, etc.)
- ▶ Deeply engaged in G7 and G20 processes.
 - ▶ International Chair, C20 Environment, Climate & Energy Working Group
 - ▶ Member, C20 International Advisory Committee
 - ▶ Chair, C7 Environment, Climate & Energy Working Group
 - ▶ Co-chair, 2018 C7 in Canada

STATES AND NON-STATE ACTORS

- ▶ Civil society is an important and effective partner.
 - ▶ A wellspring of independent expertise on many issues
 - ▶ Credibility, strong local relationships
 - ▶ Different perspectives and ideas to unlock sticky issues
- ▶ Close engagement ensures better understanding and more constructive participation.
 - ▶ Building a two-way flow of openness and trust is key
 - ▶ Disclosure of information, transparency, and access help facilitate this



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- ▶ In 2018, composed of 100 individuals representing over 70 international civil society organizations (CSOs) from all G20 countries and beyond.
- ▶ In-depth engagement with G20 negotiations.
- ▶ Participation in public meetings.
- ▶ Development of common positions within C20 and across stakeholder constituency groups (T20, B20, etc.)

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- ▶ Guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
 - ▶ SDG 7: Ensuring affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
 - ▶ SDG13: Taking action on climate change by meeting the Paris Agreement's goal of avoiding the most harmful impacts by limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.
- ▶ The ECE WG aims to ensure that G20 countries take concrete steps to implement the Paris Agreement and step up the ambition contained in their national climate plans by 2020.



C20 ECE WG – KEY ISSUES FOR G20 2019

- ▶ Shifting climate finance for an environmentally-sound and just transition to low carbon economies in the context of poverty eradication.
- ▶ Climate Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD)
- ▶ Enhancing Climate ambition in line with 1.5°C
- ▶ Long term decarbonization strategies
- ▶ Low-carbon and climate-resilient infrastructure
- ▶ Resilience for vulnerable communities and ecosystems
- ▶ Fossil fuel subsidies phase-out
- ▶ Energy efficiency
- ▶ Energy system transformation: renewable energy investment; emergent technologies; coal phase-out.



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