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# G20 Delhi Declaration

## Summary

  
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# G20 Summit 2023

## Introduction:

- ◆ The 2023 G20 New Delhi summit was the eighteenth meeting of G20. It was held in **Bharat Mandapam International Exhibition-Convention Centre**, New Delhi on 9–10 September 2023. It was the **first G20 summit** held in India.
- ◆ The G20 or Group of Twenty is an intergovernmental forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union (EU).
- ◆ The G20 is composed of most of the world's largest economies, including both industrialized and developing nations, and accounts for around 90% of gross world product (GWP), 75–80% of international trade, two-thirds of the global population, and roughly half the world's land area.
- ◆ **Members:** Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union.

## Theme & Significance of G20 Summit 2023:

- ◆ At the G20 Summit, under the theme of “**One Earth, One Family, One Future,**” important issues such as **food security, climate and energy, development, health and digitalization** were discussed.
- ◆ The theme of G20, 'One Earth, One Family, One Future,' signifies global unity and shared responsibility in addressing pressing issues like climate change, pandemic response, and economic stability. It emphasizes the interconnectedness of nations and the need for collaborative solutions to secure a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

## SHERPA

### Who are they?

- A Sherpa is a personal representative of the leader of a member country at an international Summit meeting such as the **G8, G20, and the Nuclear Security Summit** etc.
- **Amitabh Kant** was appointed as **India's G20 Sherpa** in July last year, months before India assumed the G20 Presidency.

### Task

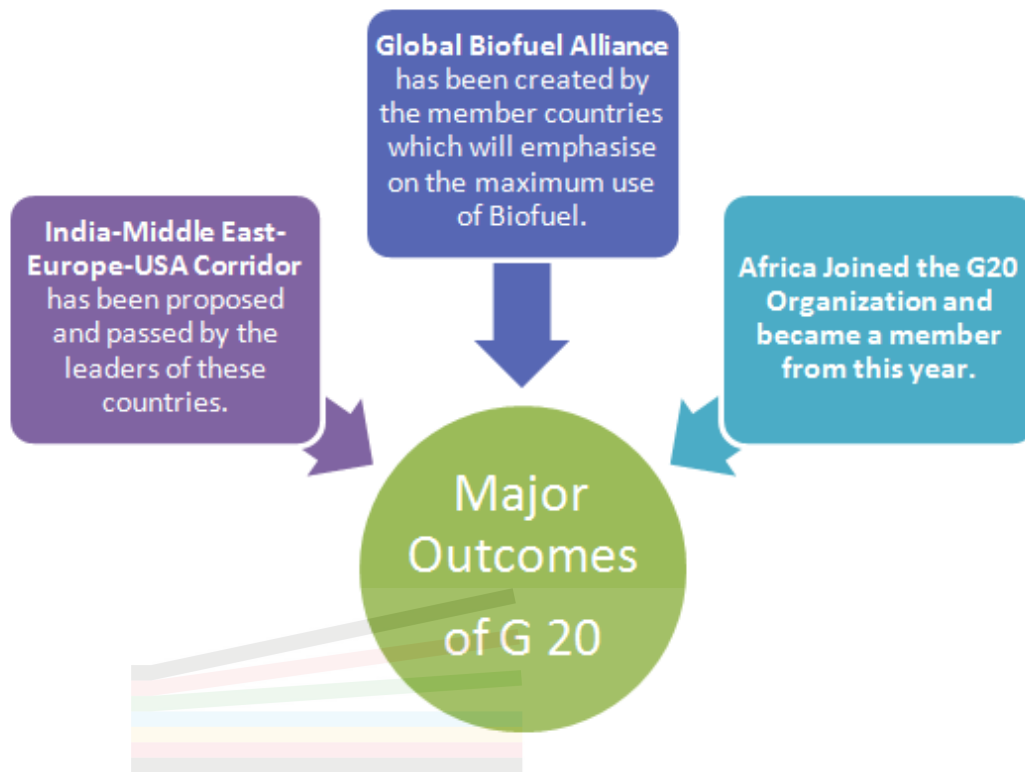
- The Sherpa engages in planning, negotiation and implementation tasks through the Summit.
- They coordinate the agenda, seek consensus at the highest political levels, and participate in a series of pre-Summit consultations to help negotiate their leaders' positions.
- They discuss matters such as **political engagement, anti-corruption, development, energy, etc.**

## Features:

- The G20 Summit 2023 addressed several key issues, including the **Ukraine-Russia conflict, sustainable economic growth, sustainable development goals, green development, and multilateral institution reforms.**
- It also focused on **technological transformation, gender equality, countering terrorism and money laundering, and promoting inclusivity.**
- India's G20 Presidency emphasized inclusivity by **welcoming the African Union** as a permanent member and promoted respect for religious and cultural diversity.
- The Summit highlighted a **commitment to future presidencies** and recognized India's efforts in taking G20 meetings to various cities, **democratizing diplomacy.**

## G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration:

The leaders at India's G20 Summit 2023 arrived at a joint communiqué — called the **G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration.** The communiqué is filled with deliverables on a range of issues.



1. The first chapter is titled “Strong, Sustainable, Balanced, and Inclusive Growth”, and talks about the global economic situation, advancing financial inclusion, and fighting corruption.
  - It commits to implementing an Action Plan against Fugitive Economic Offenders to bolster international cooperation and information sharing among law enforcement agencies in the fight against corruption.
2. The next chapter is on “**Accelerating Progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**” — which is about eliminating hunger and malnutrition, health collaboration and delivering quality education among others.

It emphasizes the potential economic impact of future pandemics and underscores the need to address gaps in existing pandemic response mechanisms, including institutional and funding deficiencies.

Regarding education, the chapter highlights the importance of enhancing teachers' capabilities, refining curricula, offering content in local languages, and ensuring access to digital resources. These measures are aimed at providing all children, especially the most marginalized, with the fundamental tools necessary for their future learning and development.

3. The chapter three titled **“Green Development Pact for a Sustainable Future”** emphasizes the need to implement clean, sustainable, just, affordable, and inclusive energy transitions.
  - One important element is the mention of the need to build reliable, diverse, responsible, and sustainable value chains of critical minerals, semiconductors, and related technologies. These measures are essential for achieving a sustainable and inclusive future.
4. In the chapter on **“Multilateral Institutions for the 21st Century,”** the G20 discussed the need for reforming international financial institutions. . One of the most important elements is that reform of the UN Security Council was agreed to for the first time in the G20.
  - Additionally, there was a concerted effort to push for more substantial and effective reforms in Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), aiming for greater efficiency and impact in the global financial landscape.
5. The G20 leaders have reached a consensus on a pivotal chapter focused on **“Technological Transformation & Digital Public Infrastructure.”** It contains elements of building digital public infrastructure, crypto-assets, and harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) responsibly for Good and for All.
  - Notably, the G20 leaders have endorsed a framework for digital public infrastructure and the creation of a Global Digital Public Infrastructure Repository (GDPIR).
  - Additionally, the Leaders’ Declaration underscores the significance of a comprehensive toolkit to enhance cyber education and awareness, with a particular emphasis on safeguarding and empowering children and youth in the context of their expanding digital presence and the associated risks.
6. In the chapter on **“Gender Equality and Empowering all Women and Girls”**, the Declaration promotes equal rights to economic resources, property ownership, financial services, and inheritance for women, while supporting women’s organisations and networks, and closing gender gaps in agricultural access.
  - Under India’s G20 Presidency, a dedicated working group on women’s empowerment has been established, prioritizing gender equality, women’s empowerment, and leadership, with the aim of fostering collaboration across various sectors and levels to advance women’s rights and opportunities.
7. The chapter **“On Countering Terrorism and Money Laundering”**, contains a strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and a positive message towards international peace and security.
8. The final chapter on **“Creating a More Inclusive World”** in India’s G20 Presidency has two crucial components.
  - Firstly, it has facilitated the African Union’s permanent membership in the G20, enhancing inclusivity, fostering deeper cooperation with Africa, and supporting its development goals.
  - Secondly, there is a commitment to promoting respect for religious and cultural diversity while condemning all forms of religious hatred, including acts targeting religious symbols and holy books.

### **Highlights of G20 New Delhi Leaders’ Declaration on Specific Topics:**

#### **ON UKRAINE WAR**

1. ALL STATES must act in a manner consistent with purposes and principles of UN charter in its entirety.
2. THEY MUST REFRAIN from threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition against territorial integrity and sovereignty or political independence of any state; also from use or threat of use of nuclear weapons is inadmissible.
3. PEACEFUL RESOLUTION of conflicts, and efforts to address crises as well as diplomacy and dialogue are critical.
4. “THERE WERE different views and assessments of the situation.”
5. “TODAY’S ERA must not be of war.”

## ON GRAIN/FOOD/ENERGY SECURITY



## ON ECONOMIES & FINANCIAL MARKETS



## ON CLIMATE CHANGE

- ◆ NEED TO ACCELERATE efforts to phase down unabated coal power, in line with national circumstances.
- ◆ WILL WORK towards facilitating low-cost financing for developing countries to support their transition to low carbon.
- ◆ WILL PURSUE and encourage efforts to triple renewable energy capacity globally through existing targets and policies, in line with national circumstances by 2030.
- ◆ REITERATE our commitment to take action to scale up sustainable finance.
- ◆ REITERATE use of carbon pricing and non-pricing mechanisms and incentives toward carbon neutrality and net zero.
- ◆ RECOGNISE need for increased global investments to meet our climate goals of the Paris agreement.
- ◆ NOTE NEED OF \$5.8-5.9 trillion in pre-2030 period required for developing countries, in particular for their needs to implement their emission targets.
- ◆ CALLS ON parties to set an ambitious, transparent, and trackable New Collective Quantified Goal of climate finance in 2024, from a floor of \$100 billion a year.

## ON GLOBAL DEBT VULNERABILITIES



## ON HEALTH



## Opportunities for India to host G20 Summit at New Delhi:

1. **Geopolitical Relevance:** India's rising global influence can foster productive dialogues among G20 nations.
2. **Economic Growth:** Showcase India's economic prowess and attract investments.
3. **Cultural Heritage:** Highlight India's rich cultural heritage and promote tourism.
4. **Diplomacy:** Strengthen diplomatic ties and facilitate discussions on pressing global issues.
5. **Climate Action:** Participating in G20 discussions enables India to collaborate on climate goals, access green technologies, and address environmental challenges for a sustainable future.
6. **Global Health:** India can leverage G20 to advocate for equitable access to healthcare resources and share its expertise in vaccine production and distribution, enhancing global health security.
7. **Innovation and Technology:** By participating in G20 initiatives, India can tap into global innovation networks, foster technological advancements, and propel itself as a tech-driven economic powerhouse.

## Opinions On The G20 Summit 2023:

### United States' Perspective:

- ♦ The United States considers the G20 Summit a "success" despite the absence of the Chinese and Russian Presidents.
- ♦ The U.S. believes the summit's joint statement, which emphasized respecting **territorial integrity** and **sovereignty**, is a crucial step in **addressing Russia's actions** in Ukraine.
- ♦ The U.S. found it productive to participate and engage with other leaders directly, advancing their **foreign policy priorities**, including discussions on the war in Ukraine.

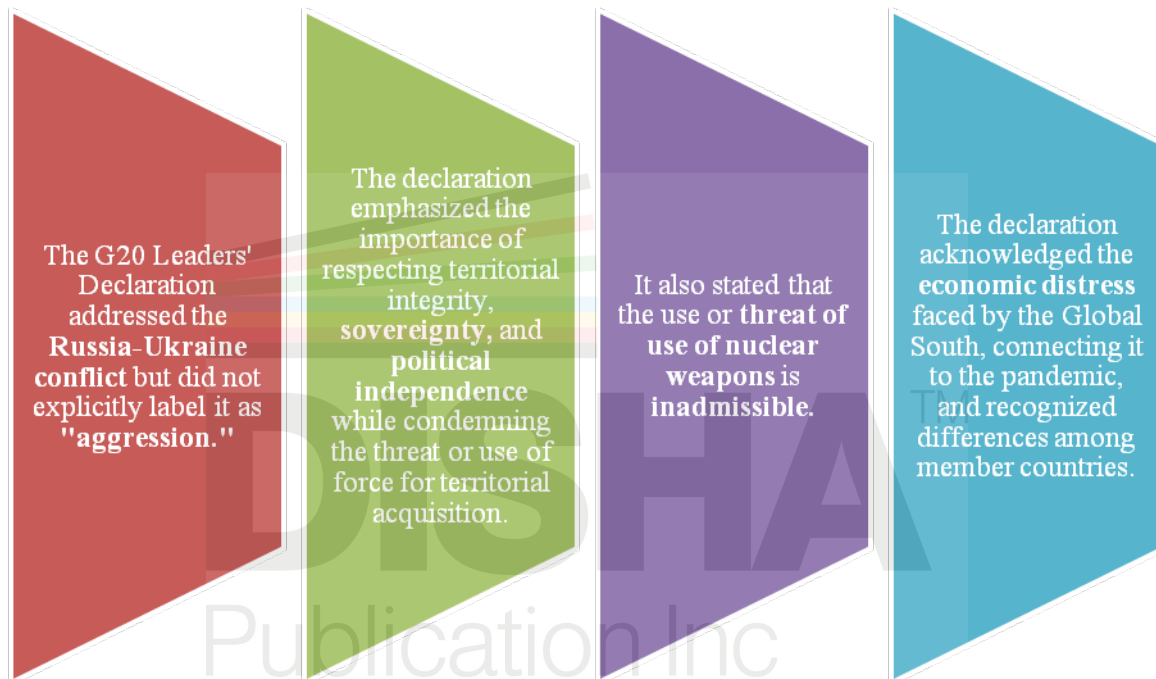
### China's Perspective:

- ◆ China refrained from commenting on the absence of its President from the summit.
- ◆ China described the G20 Summit as a **positive signal**, indicating that member countries are cooperating to address global challenges and promote economic recovery.
- ◆ China emphasized that the G20 declaration reflected China's propositions and was conducive to global common development.
- ◆ China stressed the importance of **solidarity, cooperation, and global economic** recovery.

### Russia's Perspective:

- ◆ Russia's President, Vladimir Putin, was notably absent from the G20 Summit.
- ◆ The joint declaration did not explicitly condemn Russia for its actions in Ukraine, which was a notable omission.

### G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration:



### Virtual Session Of G20 To Take Place In November-End:

- ◆ **Assessment of Recommendations:** The virtual session in November was proposed to assess the recommendations and resolutions put forth during the two-day G20 leaders' summit. It reflects a commitment to follow through on the discussions and proposals made during the main event.
- ◆ **India's Continued Leadership:** India's presidency of the G20 would remain in effect until November 30, allowing for an extended period to fulfill its role as the leader of the group. This underscores India's commitment to the G20 process and its willingness to facilitate continued discussions.

### Conclusion:

- ◆ In **conclusion**, there were a few broader takeaways that this Summit projected: a strong commitment for future Presidencies including for the new cycle beginning in 2026 — **Brazil in 2024, South Africa in 2025, and the US in 2026**.
- ◆ There was recognition of all Engagement Groups and Initiatives of India's G20 Presidency. Recommendations of Engagement Groups — **B20, S20, SAI20, Startup20, T20, U20, W20, Y20, C20, P20 and L20** — and Initiatives — **EMPOWER, Research Initiative, SELM, CSAR, and G20 Cybersecurity Conference** — were welcomed.
- ◆ By conducting over 200 meetings in 60 cities across India, New Delhi has set a new template — and a high bar — of taking G20 to the people: indeed, the **democratisation of diplomacy** is a key take away from the successful exercise.