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At the Antalya Summit (2015), G20 leaders committed to developing an action plan to further align the G20's actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to ensure no one is left behind in the efforts to eradicate poverty and build an inclusive and sustainable future for all.

In Hangzhou (2016), G20 Leaders endorsed the [G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), committing to place sustainable development high on the G20 agenda, to enhance policy coherence on sustainable development and to further align the G20's work with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. They also committed to set an example and contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in a balanced and integrated manner, at home and abroad, through collective and national actions where the G20 can add value as a global forum, and in accordance with their national circumstances. The G20's comparative advantage lies in its convening power and its ability to adopt and support relevant global initiatives, including those that involve macro-economic frameworks, to create a global enabling environment.

With the adoption of the G20 Action Plan, the Development Working Group (DWG) was mandated to act "as a coordinating body and policy resource for sustainable development across the G20," ensuring continuity in the G20's contribution to its implementation.

In Hamburg (2017), G20 Leaders committed to continue "leading the way towards sustainable development" and "further align G20 actions with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and its integral part, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development (AAAA)".

The [Hamburg Update](#) was the first step in putting the G20 Action Plan into practice by making more visible the G20's collective and concrete actions that contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The Update outlines all concrete collective actions agreed upon in Hamburg and includes a repository of all relevant actions agreed by the G20 in its prior summits.

The G20 keeps the international momentum going to advance sustainable development for all and leave no one behind. In drawing on the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda and its high-level principles and complementing the Hamburg Update, the Buenos Aires Update compiles the new comprehensive and collective actions the G20 has decided in 2018.

These concrete actions are framed around the G20 Sustainable Development Sectors (SDS) outlined in the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda. They are related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), making the G20 contribution to the 2030 Agenda visible for stakeholders and for those countries currently implementing it. The actions also make direct reference to supporting documents adopted by G20 Ministers and G20 working groups and work streams.

The list of collective and concrete actions will be updated each year and is expected to serve as a reference to relevant G20 commitments and as a basis for selecting commitments for future DWG annual and comprehensive accountability reports, beginning with the next one in 2019. Going forward, the format can be replicated for future annual update, thus providing continuity, comparability and longer- perspective to the G20 contribution to the 2030 Agenda implementation.

### **The G20 Agenda 2018: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development**

With a people-centred vision, the Argentine G20 Presidency placed sustainable development at the forefront of the G20 agenda in 2018, under the theme "Building consensus for fair and sustainable development". We need to do more in the three dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) to ensure

that prosperity is shared, economic growth is inclusive, the environment is protected, peace is sustained and promoted and no one is left behind.

Sustainable development also requires international cooperation, policy coordination and building consensus in the long run. Through its work on collective and concrete actions, the G20 aims at advancing these objectives, in partnership with developed and developing countries, engagement groups, the private sector and international organisations and other stakeholders in line with the universal character of the 2030 Agenda.

With a people-centred approach and by focusing on reducing poverty and inequality as well as promoting greater and shared prosperity, the Argentine G20 Presidency decided to focus on three key priorities:

- The **future of work**, to ensure that the significant opportunities arising from the new technological era can be fully harnessed through appropriate policy responses and initiatives, including through equal and open access to appropriate skills, bridging the digital divide, the creation of more and quality jobs and higher productivity, as well as the reduction of poverty and inequality between men and women and within and among countries.
- **Infrastructure for development**, as infrastructure is critical for sustainable development, boosting growth, productivity and inclusivity providing the physical, digital access and connectivity necessary for our citizens to seize the opportunities of the future economy.
- A **sustainable food future**, since achieving food security and quality nutrition is closely linked to sustainable development, stability and peace. Healthy and productive soils, among other relevant factors, are necessary for sustainable, productive and profitable food systems, specifically within the agricultural sector, that underpin global food security and nutrition, and their preservation is crucial for sustainable development and life on our planet.

The G20 under Argentina's Presidency has sought to **mainstream gender issues** encouraging G20 working groups and work streams to focus on women's empowerment as achieving truly sustainable development requires shared prosperity and equal opportunities.

The **Buenos Aires Update** reflects this "whole-of-G20" approach to strengthening coherence and coordination on sustainable development across all G20 working groups and work streams. It also includes new collective and concrete actions which represent a significant contribution to the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance coordination across the G20 on sustainable development, the DWG has shared with all chairs of other G20 Working Groups and Work Streams a fact sheet to provide information on the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda.

Furthermore, sharing experiences and fostering mutual learning have proven to be effective tools to reach a common understanding of 2030 Agenda-related matters and identify best practices. We launched a second round of the **Voluntary Peer Learning Mechanism (VPLM)**, as a complementary process to the UN-led follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF). The lessons learned from the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Voluntary Peer Learning Mechanism among China, Germany and Mexico (Group 1), and Mexico, the Netherlands and Norway (Group 2) after the launch of the VPLM during the German G20 Presidency 2017, have been consolidated by participating countries in policy briefs annexed to the Buenos Aires Update.

We reaffirm our commitment to support the United Nations' follow-up and review process, led by the HLPF. As a forward-looking step, we will highlight collective and concrete G20 actions taken so far towards implementing the G20 Action Plan, and thus contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking the opportunity of the HLPF in New York in 2019 which will take place at the level of Heads of States and Governments.

We reaffirm our commitment to maintain the important and mutually beneficial relationship with G20 engagement groups, international organisations, non-G20 members, the private sector and other stakeholders as

key partners for an inclusive and meaningful G20 contribution to sustainable development. In 2018, representatives of G20 engagement groups were invited to participate in G20 meetings and discussions to present their key priorities and recommendations. We will further **enhance and deepen the dialogue and knowledge exchange with the engagement groups and other stakeholders** at an early stage and in a regular and systematic manner.

To further discuss different means to implement the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda, the G20 DWG convened a workshop on “Prospects for Triangular Cooperation in the G20”. The discussions showed that the G20, as a global forum bringing together developed and developing countries, can both enable and benefit from the inclusive and horizontal nature of triangular cooperation. This form of cooperation can foster partnership formation, knowledge sharing, peer-to-peer learning, and capacity building on the basis of political dialogue and joint cooperation activities among G20, non-G20 countries, developing countries and other stakeholders. Moreover, it can contribute to build and strengthen knowledge networks and develop outcome-oriented actions that link sustainable development demands with existing capacities and experiences. Against this background, the G20 is looking forward to the outcomes of the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40).

Furthermore, the DWG carried out a side event at the HLPF presenting on various collective and concrete efforts regarding the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Representatives of G20, non-G20 countries, engagement groups and other development partners discussed the results and usefulness of the 1st round of the VPLM, which was presented by China, Germany and Mexico. Both country and institutional representatives of Latin America provided a regional picture on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Additionally, representatives of G20 engagement groups actively participated in the discussions and expressed their views and recommendations, with particular focus on the G20’s work on gender and youth.

Moreover, the DWG together with the upcoming Japanese presidency, the OECD and the United Nations Development Programme, held a workshop before the 2018 G20 Summit to facilitate a smooth transition between the Argentine and Japanese G20 presidencies and reinforce the importance of the G20 Action Plan. This annual meeting gives all stakeholders, including engagement groups, the opportunity to identify emerging global development issues and areas for fruitful cooperation to advance towards sustainable development for all in a participatory manner.

## **Buenos Aires G20 collective and concrete actions contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

The process of building policy coherence and coordination on sustainable development across the G20 agenda and reaching consensus led to a fruitful year of work.

This year, the G20 fostered specific issues related to human resource development such as education and employment. These two fields are intrinsically linked and therefore require coordinated policies and a robust policy agenda in the field of education to provide people with the appropriate sets of skills for the future of work. To better reflect these linkages as well as new challenges at international and domestic levels, and considering that the G20 Action Plan is a living document, the SDS “Human Resource Development and Employment” was reframed as “Human Resource Development, Employment and Education.”

To further contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we have decided on the following collective and concrete actions in Buenos Aires with a positive impact in delivering sustainable development for all.

Track	Working Group / Work stream	Collective and concrete action (2018)	Supporting document of collective action	Related SDGs
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Energy</b> <b>AAAA Paras: 31, 49</b>				
Sherpa Track	Energy Transitions Working Group (ETWG)	<p>Achieve the energy transitions, encouraging to significantly scale up public and private investments and financing in energy efficiency across all sectors.</p> <p>Consider and promote other aspects that contribute to the success of <b>energy efficiency</b> policy options such as Behaviour Change initiatives. Behaviour Change will be included in the current Energy Efficiency Leading Programme (EELP).</p>	<a href="#"><u>G20 Energy Ministers Communique</u></a>	7, 8, 11, 13
		<p>Encourage increased investment and financing in <b>renewable energy</b> production, including through barrier reduction and risk mitigation initiatives, which is particularly important for developing countries.</p> <p>Foster efforts to take the lead to provide market design options that can be used to adapt electricity markets, facilitating their ability to integrate higher shares of variable renewables. Renewable energy progress should be accelerated beyond the power sector.</p>		7, 8, 9, 11, 13
		<p>Explore ways to further advance <b>energy access</b>, including through enhanced implementation of G20 regional plans and increase international financing for access, in particular for those countries that have limited financial resources. The “Energy Access and Affordability Voluntary Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean” put forward by Argentina’s G20 Presidency highlights the need to tackle energy service cost and affordability issues, in addition to access challenges.</p>		5, 7, 10, 11, 13

## Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Infrastructure

AAAA Paras: 14, 47

Finance Track	Infrastructure Working Group	<p>Address the most salient constraints for creating the conditions for the development of <b>infrastructure as an asset class</b>, to crowd in private capital to reduce the infrastructure gap.</p> <p>Look forward to key progress being achieved under the Roadmap to Infrastructure as an Asset Class in the following areas: a) Contractual and Financial Standardisation; b) Project Preparation: endorsement of the G20 Principles for the Infrastructure Project Preparation Phase, to help deliver a pipeline of well-prepared and bankable projects that are attractive to private investors; c) Bridging data gaps: through the Infrastructure Data Initiative that creates a global open infrastructure database; d) Financial engineering, risk allocation and mitigation: through the MDBs collaboration platform named SIGMA (Standard Infrastructure Guarantee MDB Approach).</p> <p>Ask the MDB Infrastructure Cooperation Platform, to provide advice on its activities to improve MDB project preparation, standardisation of guarantees and credit enhancement tools, and data availability. Call on IWG to study the feasibility of new mechanisms to create portfolios of infrastructure assets.</p> <p>Continue to work on Regulatory Frameworks &amp; Capital Markets and Quality infrastructure with incoming presidencies concentrating only on aspects pertaining to the G20 Finance Track.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors March Communiqué</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors July Communiqué</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Roadmap to infrastructure as an asset class</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>G20 Principles for the Infrastructure Project Preparation Phase</u></a></p>	4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 y 12
Sherpa Track	Development Working Group	<p>Encourage the implementation of a regional planning approach in G20 countries and international cooperation initiatives involving developing and low-income countries (LICs), taking into account the integrated HLPs as appropriate in the context of our respective national systems and priorities, capabilities, local laws, regulations and levels of decentralization.</p> <p>Call on IOs and MDBs to identify data needs for an adequate regional planning approach and suggest a way forward, (...) and support the G20 in (...) sharing effective experiences,</p>	<p><i>G20 High Level Principles on Sustainable Habitat through regional planning</i></p>	1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15  17

		especially those related to the design and implementation of mechanisms to strengthen data collection.		
		Call on IOs and MDBs to promote effective and multi-stakeholder partnerships to stimulate and deepen the sharing of experiences and lessons learned in regional planning and work together on the implementation of the HLPs.		5, 17
		[Develop action-oriented strategies towards reaching Sustainable Habitat (...). The G20 will further work on quality infrastructure, including developing standards, to support and promote infrastructure projects that are reliable and economically, financially, socially, environmentally and institutionally sustainable, across the entire life cycle.]		9, 10
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Financial Inclusion and Remittances</b> <b>AAAA Paras: 39, 40</b>				
Finance Track	Financial Stability Board	Continue to assess the decline in correspondent banking relationships.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors March Communiqué</u></a>  <a href="#"><u>FSB action plan to assess and address the decline in correspondent banking – Progress report March 2018</u></a>	1, 8, 10
Finance Track	Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI)	Harness digitisation to financially include the unserved and underserved individuals and businesses, particularly those in the informal economy, with the increasing amount of digital footprints of transactions and payments contributing in the long-run to formalisation. The G20 Financial Inclusion Policy Guide on Digitisation and Informality provides voluntary policy recommendations to facilitate digital financial services, taking into account country contexts.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Policy Guide: Digitization and informality: harnessing digital financial inclusion for individuals and MSMEs in the informal economy</u></a>	1,5,8,10, 17

Finance Track	Sustainable Finance Study Group	Support the deployment of sustainable private capital, by addressing challenges in creating sustainable assets for capital markets; developing sustainable Private Equity and Venture Capital; and exploring potential applications of digital technologies to sustainable finance.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Sustainable Finance Synthesis Report</u></a>	17
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Domestic Resource Mobilisation</b>				
<b>AAAA Paras: 22, 23, 27-29</b>				
Finance Track	Finance Deputies	<p>Remain committed to the implementation of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting package.</p> <p>Work together to seek a consensus-based solution to address the impacts of the digitalisation of the economy on the international tax system by 2020, with an update on the progress made by 2019.</p> <p>Continue to support assistance to developing countries to build their tax capacity, including through the global Knowledge-Sharing Platform for Tax Administrations under the umbrella on the Platform for Collaboration on Tax.</p> <p>Call for the Platform for Collaboration on Tax to develop its workplan on its commitments by the IMF/WBG Annual Meetings in 2018 and provide a progress report in 2019.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors March Communiqué</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors July Communiqué</u></a></p>	17
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): International Financial Architecture</b>				
<b>AAAA Paras: 33, 70, 103, 105-107, 109</b>				
Finance Track	International Financial Architecture Working Group	Further strengthening the Global Financial Safety Net (GFSN), with a strong, quota-based and adequately resourced IMF at its centre. Complete the 15th General Review of Quotas by the Spring Meetings of 2019 and no later than the Annual Meetings of 2019.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors July Communiqué</u></a>	8
		Continue the monitoring of crossborder capital flows, and examining available tools to help countries harness their benefits while also managing risks.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors July Communiqué</u></a>	17



		Continue to monitor debt vulnerabilities in Low Income Countries (LICs) with concern (...) and work towards enhancing debt transparency and sustainability, and improving sustainable financing practices by debtors and creditors, both official and private.	<a href="#">G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors July Communiqué</a>	1, 8, 10
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Growth Strategies</b>				
<b>AAAA Paras: 4, 105</b>				
Finance Track	Framework Working Group	Reaffirm previous exchange rate commitments. Use all policy tools – monetary, fiscal and structural –to achieve the goal of strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth.	<a href="#">G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors July Communiqué</a>	8, 10
		Follow up on G20’s ambition to lift collective G20 GDP over five years by two percent by 2018 ( <i>the final results of the 2-in-5 ambition will be provided to G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors at their October 2018 meeting</i> ).	2017 Growth Strategies (last document published, the 2018 Growth Strategies is work on progress)	8
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Industrialisation</b>				
<b>AAAA Paras: 15, 45</b>				
Finance Track	Africa Advisory Group	To bolster effectiveness of the CwA initiative, further efforts by all Compact Countries and partners is needed to accelerate reforms and mobilize private investment to support the growth prospects of the Compact Countries.	<a href="#">G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors and Deputies Meetings - April Chair’s Summary</a>	8, 9, 17
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Inclusive Business</b>				
<b>AAAA Paras: 16, 35, 36, 37</b>				
		Endeavour to support inclusive businesses’ capacities and improve the conditions for them to compete in public tenders, inter alia, by addressing regulatory and administrative		1, 5, 8, 10

Sherpa Track	Development Working Group	barriers and thus making public procurement opportunities more accessible. Furthermore, encourage all IOs and development partners to reinforce their own procurement policies (...) promoting awareness among and enhancing purchases from inclusive businesses and socially and ecologically conscious providers. Notwithstanding this, we also take it upon ourselves to deepen our efforts to expand access to finance for inclusive business approaches through traditional financial mechanisms as well as other policy instruments.	<i>G20 Call on Financing for Inclusive Business</i>	
		Foster and engage, in accordance with our respective capabilities, in international cooperation initiatives related to inclusive business, particularly in those addressed to low income and developing countries, in coordination with MDBs, bilateral partners, IOs, the private sector and other development partners. This includes South-South and Triangular Cooperation in which a diversity of actors, resources and instruments can be integrated.		1, 5, 8, 10
		Call for increased financial mobilization and investment from the private sector, to be channelled through both traditional and innovative instruments, including impact investment vehicles, to scale, replicate and enhance the sustainability of inclusive businesses. We also call on MDBs and development finance institutions to boost their efforts towards the sector (...) and strengthen the impact measurement, management and reporting of their investments.		1, 5, 8, 10
		Provide governments, the private sector and development stakeholders with relevant, practical information on financing alternatives, policy instruments and experiences, especially those incorporating the use of innovative private financial instruments as well as public procurement practices to support Inclusive Business.		8, 17
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Human Resource Development, Employment and Education</b>				
<b>AAAA Paras: 16, 37, 41</b>				
Finance Track	Framework Working Group	Ensure the benefits of technological transformation are widely shared and address its challenges, drawing on the Menu of Policy Options for the Future of Work, considering individual country circumstances, reinforcing the importance of international cooperation and promoting gender equality.	<a href="#"><i>G20 Finance Ministers &amp; Central Bank Governors July Communiqué</i></a>	4, 5, 8, 9, 10

			<a href="#"><u>G20 Menu of Policy Options for the Future of Work, July 2018</u></a>	
Sherpa Track	Development Working Group	Endeavour to look into our countries' investments in ECD in order to better assign and consider increasing resources to quality programs that consider the holistic approach of ECD (...) especially for those in vulnerable situations, poor households and the informal economy.	<i>G20 Initiative for Early Childhood Development</i>	1,2,3,4,5,10
		Engage in international cooperation as a catalyst for scaling-up and improving the quality and accessibility of multi-sector ECD programs, particularly in supporting low-income and developing countries. Coordinate with MDBs, financial institutions and IOs, as well as seek to promote opportunities for collaboration through North-South, South-South and Triangular Cooperation which involve a diversity of actors, resources and instruments.		4, 17
		Call on IOs, MDBs and other financing institutions to identify and strengthen suitable financial instruments, mechanisms and partnerships, including possibilities for new ones but avoiding duplication, and mobilize resources to scale up quality ECD programs in low-income and developing countries based on their national needs and priorities.		1, 2,4,5,10
		Provide ECDAN with experiences and best practices related to our national programs and international cooperation among ECD initiatives to foster cross-country knowledge exchange and learning. We call on ECDAN to also identify best practices within non-G20 countries and to develop a sustainable platform and communication strategy (...). The platform should be operational by 2019.		2,4,5,10, 17
Sherpa Track	Digital Economy Task Force	Share lessons (...) and enhance partnership and cooperation in the effective use of emerging digital technologies, in particular regarding adoption and its opportunities and challenges.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration</u></a>	8
Sherpa Track	G20 Joint Education and Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting	Develop national skills strategies that support successful and fair transitions between education, training and the world of work through an inclusive and lifelong learning approach, according to national and local circumstances.  Continue preparing our people from early childhood throughout adulthood with the appropriate knowledge, values and set of skills to facilitate access to and creation of quality	<a href="#"><u>G20 Joint Education and Labour and Employment Ministers' Declaration 2018</u></a>	4, 8, 10

		jobs and personal development, fostering upskilling and reskilling thought their lives and building an active citizenship. Endorse the G20 Guidelines on Skills for an inclusive Future of Work in order to support the implementation of measures across a range of policies that increase skills development.		
Sherpa Track	Education Working Group	Encourage the use of innovative pedagogies, approaches, methods and tools with appropriate diverse learning environments, acknowledging emerging knowledge and 21 st century skills.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Education Ministers' Declaration 2018</u></a>	4, 10
		Provide adequate levels of domestic and international investments in education, improve their efficiency, and prioritise them in ways that improve the quality of learning outcomes and increase equity, inclusion and support to vulnerable, disadvantaged and underrepresented groups. Commend the endeavor of creating conditions for the emergence of innovative instruments for financing education in line with the 2030 agenda.		4, 10
		Strengthen international cooperation and address common challenges together by learning from each other's experiences, sharing knowledge and best practices, and developing joint initiatives at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels.  We encourage the sharing of policies and programs for skills development through the Digital Repository of Policies, a platform developed by the Digital Economy Task Force.		4, 10, 17
Sherpa Track	Employment Working Group	Promote <b>formalization and decent work</b> in all forms of employment, including digital platforms, by implementing the “Policy principles for promoting labour formalization and decent work in the Future of Work and in the platform economy” which provide a range of policy principles to be considered.  Take the priority actions identified in the “ <b>G20 Strategy to eradicate child labour, forced labour, human trafficking and modern slavery in the world of work</b> ” to make further progress on the commitment of eliminating these conditions by 2025, including the goal of fostering decent work for sustainable global supply chains.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Labour and Employment Minister's Declaration 2018</u></a>	8

		Develop further targeted actions in the areas informed in the “Guidelines and Principles for developing comprehensive <b>social protection</b> strategies”, acknowledging that it is key to strengthen the policy frameworks that reinforce our social protection policies in a financially sustainable manner.		1, 8
		Promoting the participation of <b>persons with disabilities</b> in the labour market, by endorsing the “G20 principles for the labour market integration of persons with disabilities” which identified for consideration a set of policy principles.		8, 10
		Focus on enabling <b>women</b> to participate equally in the digital economy, increasing the participation of women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematic (STEM) related skills training and enter STEM-related occupations. Commit to promoting lifelong learning policies that are accompanied by a more equal distribution of care responsibilities between men and women. Continue working towards the eradication of discrimination, occupational segregation and gender-based violence.		5, 8, 10
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Climate Finance and Green Finance</b>				
<b>AAAA Paras: 60-62</b>				
Sherpa Track	Climate Sustainability Working Group	Provide additional actions and recommendations on defined priority areas as contributions to the “Adaptation Work Program’s (2018-2019)” objective of sharing country experiences and promoting enhanced efforts for adaptation and resilience-building at home and in our cooperation with partner countries.	<i>Adaptation Work Program’s (2018-2019)</i>	13
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Innovation</b>				
<b>AAAA Paras: 114-124</b>				
Sherpa Track	Digital Economy Task Force	Propose “G20 Digital Government Principles”, as a reference to promote an agile, innovative, integrated and data-driven public sector enhancing the effectiveness and performance of the government, and making a crucial contribution for the development of the digital economy.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration</u></a>	8
		Take actions to bridge the digital gender gap as outlined in “ <b>Bridging the Digital Gender Divide- Delivering Impact</b> ”.		5,8,10

		Highlight methodological approaches and indicators used to monitor the digital economy, and key gaps and challenges regarding <b>digital economy measurements</b> by using the “G20 Toolkit for Measuring the Digital Economy”; while encouraging IOs, where appropriate, to consider examples of digital economy measurements efforts by G20 countries.		8
		<b>Expanding digital infrastructure</b> , to achieve the G20 common goal of promoting universal and affordable access to the internet by all people by 2025, in order to prioritize connectivity of individuals, households, businesses, industries and the public sector, taking into particular consideration remote areas and vulnerable groups.		9,10
		Contribute to the developed “ <b>G20 Repository of Digital Policies</b> ”, a platform that aims to support policymakers in the design and implementation of evidence- based digitalization policies and strategies.		5,8,9,10
<b>Sustainable Development Sector (SDS): Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition</b> <b>AAAA Paras: 13, 108, 121</b>				
Sherpa Track	Agriculture Working Group	On <b>sustainable food future</b> , strengthen the international mechanisms we have created to jointly and collaboratively achieve the goal of a world free of hunger and malnutrition in all its forms (...) and take into consideration the Voluntary Guidelines to support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the context of national food security and the relevant work of the Committee on World Food Security.	<a href="#"><u>G20 Agriculture Ministers Declaration</u></a>	2
		Promote collaborative partnerships, encouraging interdisciplinary approaches and involving farmers in the co-development and evaluation of sustainable agriculture systems, to accelerate the adoption of new technologies and management practices, and to revitalize sustainable traditional farming systems.		2,17
		Strengthen the institutions that promote <b>soil health</b> , in multiple dimensions and approaches, and coordinate actions and initiatives among them.		12, 17
		Encourage an open discussion on sustainable <b>soil management</b> , promoting consensus, to facilitate the sustainable use of territory’s potential, acknowledging that land-use management, and secure land tenure, are valuable tools for sustainable soil management.		2,12

		Increase efforts to engage with the private sector in making the investments and developing the technologies and best practices needed to enhance productivity, efficiency and sustainability in food value chains, in order to reduce <b>food loss and waste</b> .		2,8,12
		Continue the reform process of <b>agricultural trade rules</b> within the given mandate.		2,8,17
		Promote interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral approaches, as well as joint actions with the Ministries responsible for human health, animal health, environment and research in order to design national policies and help their implementation by the relevant stakeholders, mainly through "One Health-based" national action plans combating <b>Antimicrobial Resistance</b> .		2,3,17

**ANNEX 1: Policy Brief by China, Germany and Mexico on the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Voluntary Peer Learning Mechanism on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

<b>Key Topics of this peer learning group</b>	1) Alignment of national sustainability strategies with the 2030 Agenda and 2) Creating horizontal and vertical policy coherence
<b>Participating G20 members</b>	China, Germany, Mexico
<b>Any other participants</b>	Presidency of the G20 (Argentina), OECD, UNDP
<b>Duration of this round</b>	(09/2017 – 04/2018)

<b>Background</b>
<p>Aiming at implementing the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, Leaders of the G20 at the Hamburg Summit 2017 committed to “engage in voluntary peer learning on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda”. By adopting the Hamburg Update of the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda, the G20 further decided to “establish a voluntary peer learning mechanism on the 2030 Agenda, to ensure continuous improvement of our approaches and to be able to share our experiences and lessons learned with other countries worldwide”. In the inaugural round of the G20 Voluntary Peer Learning Mechanism (VPLM), China, Mexico and Germany convened to champion the peer learning exercise focused on aligning national sustainable development strategies and plans with the 2030 Agenda and strengthening horizontal and vertical policy coherence, and international cooperation.</p> <p>The first Voluntary Peer Learning round among China, Germany and Mexico was organized between September 2017 and April 2018, consisting of two virtual meetings and one on-site meeting in Mexico City. Argentina, UNDP and OECD joined the meetings as observers. Drawing from deliberations during the three meetings, this policy brief intends to communicate the main contents and results of the peer learning exercise with focus on catalytic factors, challenges identified and lessons learned on both, the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the peer learning exercise itself.</p>
<b>1. Main takeaways from national implementation of the 2030 Agenda</b>
<p>The three countries identified a number of approaches for aligning their national sustainable development strategies and plans with the 2030 Agenda and strengthening policy coherence. The exchange of the following approaches, which are being implemented by the three countries in similar but varying ways, created a strong and shared sense of ownership and responsibility.</p> <p><b>a) Strengthening coordination and high-level political leadership to enhance coherence and ensure a whole-of-government approach.</b></p> <p>Dedicated long-term sustainable development strategies or plans to implement the 2030 Agenda domestically are or will be in place in the three countries. Due to the high political significance of the 2030 Agenda and its crosscutting and integrated approach, all three countries have mandated either central government or key ministries and offices with overseeing the national implementation. Comparable instruments such as inter-ministerial bodies and coordinating mechanisms as well as focal points or coordinators in each ministry were</p>



established to foster horizontal coherence and a whole-of-government approach to avoid silo thinking and enhance integrated, cross-sectoral approaches.

For example, Germany has established a State Secretaries' Committee on Sustainable Development in which all ministries are represented to ensure policy coherence in line with the German Sustainable Development Strategy and to create a whole-of-government approach. It also introduced a mandatory Sustainability Impact Assessment for all new laws and regulations. Mexico launched the National Council for the Implementation of 2030 Agenda and reformed the Planning Law to integrate the 2030 Agenda in the National Planning System. China established an inter-agency coordination mechanism comprised of 43 government departments, with an approach of transitioning from a phase of rapid growth to a stage of high quality development.

#### **b) Ensuring vertical coherence and sub-national implementation**

The sub-national implementation of the 2030 Agenda needs to take into account varying local circumstances. Sub-national governments need to be able to set their own priorities, in line with the central/federal overall strategy. At the same time, it is important to utilize the 2030 Agenda as a common objective for the various levels of engagement. To promote vertical coherence and accelerate transformation, spaces for innovation and piloting were identified as key instrument for providing references and flexibility for learning and upscaling.

In Germany, the majority of the Federal States have created their own Sustainable Development Strategies inspired by the national Strategy and regularly exchange views on Sustainable Development with the federal level. Mexico is advancing in establishing 32 state level mechanisms for the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda. China's National Innovation Demonstration Zones for Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are problem-targeted programs aimed at providing innovative solutions to specific development bottlenecks or obstacles.

#### **c) Engaging all relevant actors for a whole-of-society involvement**

The three countries recognized that effective communication tailored to different audiences and multi-stakeholder dialogues are fundamental to raise awareness and engagement for a whole-of-society approach. Dialogue with and among actors promotes knowledge, ownership and opportunities for collaboration. Specific channels for engaging, inter alia, business, civil society and academia and have been identified, to promote their participation in contributing to the development and implementation of (national) strategies, monitoring progress of implementation, or promoting their own behavioral transformation. The three countries utilize existing and newly created dialogue platforms to ensure multi-stakeholder engagement.

China shared their new vision of innovative, coordinated, green and open development that is for everyone, which is their underlining development philosophy that resonates with the thrust of the 2030 Agenda and helps promote people's awareness of the Agenda. Under the leadership of the German Federal Chancellery, the German "Sustainability Forum" regularly brings together key stakeholder groups. These are also represented in a "Council for Sustainable Development", which provides policy advice and stimulates public debates about SD. Mexico is conducting regular dialogues with each group, and particularly with civil society, co-designing the format of dialogue and collaboration.

#### **d) Moving forward with independent and regular monitoring and review**

The three countries are mainstreaming the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into their overall national strategies or planning processes and have defined how to monitor progress towards achieving the SDGs. A precondition for effective monitoring is reliable data and functioning statistical systems. However, collecting data is not a means in itself. Ultimately, the data should be used to improve policymaking for the people with the goal of leaving no one behind. Therefore, we need a balance between what is measurable today, what is necessary and useful and what is still missing.

Strategic monitoring requires a long term, cyclic approach, in order to internalize the use of data for identifying gaps and formulating recommendations for policymaking. Accountability and transparency are important to the monitoring and review process. The independence of national statistical offices to analyze and evaluate progress is helpful to measure effective implementation. China conducted the review of its implementation efforts

simultaneously with annual assessment of the progress in achieving the 13<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. China also issues progress reports, the first of which was made public in 2017, to assess progress, identify challenges and advise future work. Third party evaluation mechanisms have also been established to review specific goals such as poverty reduction. The German Federal Statistical Office publishes annually an independent report on the state of implementation of the German Sustainable Development Strategy. In addition, a group of international peers is currently scrutinizing the Strategy itself. Mexico is taking advantage of the multidimensional poverty measurement and statistical structures that have been in place since before the adoption of the 2030 Agenda. The National Institute of Statistics and Geography is working on the development of a public website to track indicators.

#### e) Recognizing our global responsibility and partnership for 2030 Agenda implementation

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda calls to strengthen the sense of global responsibility and partnership. National sustainable development strategies need to both contribute to global public goods provision and recognize that domestic actions have global impacts. These strategies should seek to provide positive global footprint and spillovers, as well as explore ways to measure and assess global impacts of domestic action (e.g. sustainable consumption and production patterns, poverty reduction, food security, climate, and energy action).

Furthermore, all three countries have designed international cooperation initiatives aimed at supporting developing countries to implement the 2030 Agenda. Germany's "Germany has aligned its whole development cooperation with the 2030 Agenda and has e.g. initiated a 2030 Implementation Initiative as well as the transnational multi-stakeholder network 'Partners for Review' that brings together government and other stakeholders involved in the SDGs national review and monitoring process. The Belt and Road Initiative and the 2030 Agenda sub-fund of China's UN Peace and Development Fund are supporting developing countries effort to implement the 2030 Agenda, especially in the field of poverty reduction, infrastructure, innovation and social development. Building on the MDG network of Mesoamerican experts, Mexico is proposing a regional SDG network in Latin America to exchange experiences for improved implementation and encourage South-South and triangular cooperation as tools to shorten the distance between challenges and possible solutions.

## 2. Further political and institutional challenges revealed

The VPLM exchange on national alignment and policy coherence revealed a set of key aspects in the 2030 Agenda implementation that still require further discussion and innovative thinking:

- **Effective coordination:** The creation of coordination structures and inter-ministerial bodies is necessary and represents a step in the right direction, but in some cases does not by itself guarantee policy coherence. Administrative costs need to be taken into account, too. Similarly, effective ways of ensuring participation and active involvement of relevant stakeholders in developing and implementing strategies remain a key challenge. Adapting communication and participatory processes to the different audiences and stakeholders can be part of the solution. Institutionalized mechanisms as well as a continuous assessment of their functioning can be helpful in order to facilitate meaningful participation.
- **Setting priorities:** Adhering to the integrated nature of the 2030 Agenda while ensuring policy prioritization according to national contexts remains a central issue for discussion. Holistic approaches to sustainable development helps to avoid cherry picking of selective SDGs. Regarding vertical policy coherence, diverging interests between national and sub-national level may need to be taken into account. On the horizontal coherence dimension, there is no single approach to addressing interdependencies across goals and targets.
- **Monitoring with purpose:** There are risks of overburdening national statistical systems for the 2030 Agenda follow-up and review process. What is measurable is not always necessarily appropriate for a national strategy. Data and indicators are relevant only if used to inform decision-making. At the same time, decision-makers may need to have a sufficiently broad array of social, economic and environmental data at their disposal. This is only possible with strengthened statistical capacities and capabilities.

- **Incentives for behavioral change:** There is a broad acceptance of the fact that the implementation of the 2030 Agenda requires a fundamental transformation in the way of thinking and acting about economic and social development, that is, to move away from business as usual and spur cultural change and changes in individual lifestyles. Incentives can also produce behavioral change, but taking into account their complexities and potential effects and risks (for example due to one-sided application).
- **Global impacts of national implementation:** While national strategies need to strive for positive global impacts and spillover effects of domestic actions and properly address interdependence issues, closer international dialogue, cooperation and coordination are required. For example, global partnerships with the private sector in specific sectors can be conducive to foster sustainable production and consumption in global supply chains. Innovative approaches taking into account the global context are necessary to design national policies.

### 3. Lessons learnt on the peer learning process

#### ***a) Positive effects and results of the VPLM as regards national 2030 Agenda implementation***

The VPLM exchange has not only been important for countries to learn from each other about their national implementation approaches, but to engage in a critical assessment and constructive feedback on their own efforts and plans. Such feedback from other countries could inspire the adjustment of policies and redirect efforts in case of unforeseen issues.

For instance, inspired by China, Mexico will explore how to further promote innovation and pilot deep transformation initiatives. China will continue a broader social involvement taking into account Germany's dialogue experiences. Germany is interested in how Mexico links its budget to the SDGs.

This 1<sup>st</sup> VPLM round among China, Germany and Mexico showed that despite their differences, the three countries face similar challenges. Although each country is implementing the 2030 Agenda according to national context, common catalytic factors were identified.

The extensive exchange between the participating countries helped to develop a sense of network formation and interest in further exchange and mutual learning, even beyond the limits of the current VPLM round.

The VPLM promoted the active engagement of relevant national agencies involved in the design, implementation and monitoring of policies for sustainable development. In this respect, it offers a valuable space to promote cross-sectoral debate that feeds into the DWG and other G20 work streams.

#### ***Added value to the G20 and beyond***

This pioneer VPLM round has generated a remarkable knowledge sharing dynamic and a shared sense of responsibility. Lessons learned in this round are directly related to common characteristics of the G20 membership, where (a) vertical coherence can impose a critical challenge, especially in federally organized nations, (b) monitoring and statistics need to address varying conditions across institutions and regions, and (c) the global dimension of policy action needs further attention. The results of the VPLM round also revealed that G20 initiatives have tangible results.

This VPLM focused particularly on sharing experiences on coordinating processes and underlying structures that will support future policy implementation and follow-up. The format allowed for a detailed analysis of experiences, directly from the experts involved in the implementation. Such practice is complementary to and supportive of the central role of the UN follow-up and review process, led by the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

For countries involved in this VPLM international cooperation is an integral dimension of national implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and indeed peer learning is a particularly useful tool. In line with the universal approach of the Agenda, the diversity of actors and possible approaches that G20 members can share confirm that there is no

one-size-fits-all in implementing the 2030 Agenda and that every country has valuable experiences to share, regardless of their income and development level.

**b) Recommendations for conducting future VPLM cycles**

While each country has to implement the 2030 Agenda taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development while respecting national policies and priorities, peer learning on best practices has shown clear benefits and added value for every country. Peer learning among G20 members intends to capitalize on G20's diversity, thus enriching in-depth exchange. The results of this first voluntary peer learning round have shown that the VPLM will contribute to improving the implementation of the SDGs.

Concerning the design of future rounds, key recommendations are as follows:

- We recommend the VPLM to continue throughout future presidencies and encourage increased participation from G20 members, with the option to invite non-G20 countries. The G20 community is unique as it encourages interregional learning and closer interaction.
- Inviting the incoming G20 presidency as at least observers creates ownership for the respective VPLM.
- The mix between face-to-face and virtual meetings has proven to be effective in moving from knowledge sharing to learning.
- Small VPLM groups and dynamic formats create the environment for greater depth and openness in the sharing process.
- Participation of national officials and experts beyond the DWG delegates is vital for the substance of the exchange but also, to foster coherence between the DWG and the policy implementation level.
- The VPLM exercise should encourage insightful debates about internal processes, catalytic conditions, risks and indirect effects and results of the experiences shared.
- Third-party participation, for example international organizations such as UNDP and the OECD can provide additional expertise, facilitation of discussions and external views so as to encourage critical reflection (at the discretion of each VPLM group).
- Sharing and disseminating the VPLM results beyond the DWG make the case for the value added of international cooperation and, particularly, for knowledge exchange and peer learning as positive tools for improvement and capacity strengthening.
- There is an evolution of the national experiences for domestic implementation included in the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted at the Hangzhou Summit and this VPLM round. A qualitative set of updated experiences can inform VPLM rounds.

**ANNEX 2: Policy Brief by Mexico, the Netherlands and Norway on the results of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Voluntary Peer Learning Mechanism on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

<b>Key Topics of this peer learning group</b>	1) Engaging Private Sector actors in SDG implementation; 2) Monitoring of the SDGs; 3) Maintaining integrity and ensuring coherence in SDG implementation.
<b>Participating G20 members</b>	Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway
<b>Any other participants</b>	No other
<b>Duration of this round</b>	September 2017 – First half 2018

<b>Executive Summary</b>
<p>Three partner countries Mexico, The Netherlands and Norway agreed on a flexible approach to peer learning which was implemented through four virtual exchanges informed by a comparative description of their private sector experiences and information notes on the topics identified on which meaningful exchange could take place. - Professionals working in these specific fields in our departments were invited to join virtual exchanges. - As a result of this VPLM exercise, the three countries agreed on continuing the peer learning communication among private sector engagement professionals. - Mexico and The Netherlands have started collaboration to set up an SDG Charter in Mexico, based on Dutch experiences.</p>
<b>1. Which specific policy and institutional challenges were addressed through this peer learning round?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The three countries mainly focused on how to improve cooperation with the private sector for SDG implementation and how governments can stimulate private sector action and be a constructive partner,</li> <li>• During the peer learning exercise, two connected topics emerged as common interests for further exchange: i) data availability, particularly how to improve the availability of statistical measuring points to monitor SDG progress, and ii) policy coherence, how to maintain the integrity of Agenda 2030 in practice – that is, having different government agencies, civil society, academia and private sector standing on the SFG platform and pulling in the same direction.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Which approaches / solutions were shared by which countries</b>
<p>The three countries integrated a matrix to organize their private sector experiences on both dimensions, national implementation and international cooperation. In addition, each partner wrote a policy note on one of the three topics selected for further exchange.</p> <p><b>Private sector cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norway works through UN COMPACT with Norwegian Business Council for exchanging views with businesses. The Netherlands has the SDG Charter, platform for all stakeholders on SDG engagement and partnership formation, e.g. organizing stakeholder conferences and facilitating consultation. Dutch Sustainable Growth Coalition is coalition of 8 large multinationals. Advocates SDGs as core objective for both public and private sector. Mexico has conducted dialogues with the private sector to inform the 2030 Agenda national implementation strategy.</li> <li>• Both Norway and The Netherlands have a dedicated team at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs coordinating private sector cooperation on SDGs / sustainable development. The Mexican Agency of</li> </ul>

International Development Cooperation launched the Partnership for Sustainability, a platform to engage private sector in development cooperation initiatives to contribute to the SDGs.

- In The Netherlands multinationals are actively integrating SDGs in their business plans and participate in meetings to spur SDG progress. Smaller companies are increasingly trying to identify their (positive) impact beyond solely focusing on profit.
- Both Norway and The Netherlands report annually to parliament on SDG-implementation, including private sector initiatives.
- The Netherlands has developed specific financial mechanisms for private sector engagement. Each mechanism is crafted for a specific audience with clear eligibility criteria, which contributes to the accountability and transparency of the collaboration. Public funds from Norway cannot be directed to the private sector, but can support enabling elements such as feasibility studies, technology transfer among others.

#### **Data availability**

- Mexico created a strong coordination network of working groups, technical committees and executive boards to feed thematic data measurement outcomes into a national information system. The current system led by the National Institute of Statistics and Geography emerged from the structures and lessons learned from the MDG era.
- The Netherlands National Statistics Office conducted an inventory of available data to measure the SDGs among stakeholders. This boosted data availability from 37% to 50%.
- A recent report from Statistics Norway displays the SDGs with respective targets and global indicators. The reports assess the relevance to Norway of each target and indicators. Line Ministries are in dialogue with Statistics Norway on how to include global indicators in national reporting, and if needed defining indicators that are particular to the local context.

#### **Policy coherence**

- Norway is in the process of formalizing a national approach to policy coherence. An inter-ministerial group will form the core, but it will also engage a broad spectrum of actors.
- Mexico created the National Council for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for inter-ministerial coordination and reformed the Planning Law to integrate the 2030 Agenda in the national planning system. Mexico is also advancing in establishing 32 state level mechanisms for the local implementation and follow up.
- In The Netherlands SDG action is coordinated by an inter-ministerial group of focal points, ensuring all relevant departments are involved.
- To put into practice its climate ambitions, The Netherlands has integrated the Ministries of Economic Affairs, Energy and Climate.

### **3. What are the key catalytic factors of these approaches / solutions?**

#### **Private sector cooperation**

- Establish or work with an existing platform to structure collaboration.
- Give space for private sector to take active role, e.g. through consultations; working in consortium; co-creating solutions based on common goals.
- Important to focus and involve small and medium enterprises, including social enterprises, especially at the local level.
- The dialogue must be reciprocal. Public sector will have to be responsive to calls by the private sector to cooperate on themes deemed by the private sector as pivotal for success.
- Public sector should also address concerns by the private sector regarding the transition from dialogue to action so as to prove commitment and value added of working together.

#### **Data availability**

- Creating a non-political entity to coordinate statistical measuring.
- Close collaboration with National Statistics Agencies.

- Working in partnership with other organizations, such as other ministries, civil society and knowledge institutes, to retrieve SDG-relevant information from their databases.
- Local indicators need to be connected to global monitoring framework in order to secure comparability and for measuring global progress.
- Data disaggregation remains a large challenge for all countries.
- Ensuring an open, inclusive process with stakeholder participation.

#### **Policy coherence**

- Will require broad participation of all actors involved in international development policies at national levels. To make that possible, it must be founded on a commonly accepted platform and set of principles. The 2030 Agenda is such a platform. Inclusive and equitable policies are essential for effective policy coherence.
- Success in policy coherence will hinge on to which extent the public sector, civil society, academia and private sector share a common vision that defines coherence as a pillar in respective actor's policy decisions.

### **4. How can we support low income countries in implementing the 2030 Agenda?**

#### **Private sector cooperation**

Improving private sector involvement in SDG implementation aims to:

- Boost investments in partner countries in line with the SDGs, including reflecting values inherent in SDG 16;
- Bring private sector development into the partner policy dialogue, with emphasis on predictable framework conditions and equitable access to necessary financial instruments;
- Contribute to a sustainable private sector in developing regions;
- Improve effectiveness of development cooperation;
- Reduce risks for unsustainable practices in the value chain of consumer goods

#### **Data availability**

- Invest in capacity building for statistical systems.
- Build on and expand existing cooperation with Statistical Bureaus/Auditor General in partner countries.

#### **Policy coherence**

- The division between aid programmes and national development plans is, in lieu of the 2030 Agenda, getting increasingly artificial. Ownership to policy coherence may therefore be more tied to the aid provider than to the receiver.
- Investing in a strong, legitimate multilateral system to ensure a coherent UN approach to SDG implementation.
- Ensuring international cooperation policies are in line with the SDGs.

### **5. With a view to their respective domestic processes, what are participating countries taking away from this exchange?**

- Mexico is interested in learning about the specific operation and follow-up processes from The Netherlands and Norway of financial mechanisms to support or enable private sector engagement.
- Norway recognized the thoroughness in the Dutch and Mexican approaches. There is support for Policy Coherence as a vehicle for Sustainable development, based on the common observation that the 2030 agenda is the principal driver for PC. A follow up between the three countries on how policy coherence

at home can bolster implementation of the Agenda nationally as well as internationally, can turn out to be a game changer.

- The three countries agreed on continuing the peer learning communication on a monthly basis among private sector engagement professionals in order to share operational details of private sector engagement mechanisms and provide continuous feedback.

#### **6. To which extent did this peer learning round add value to the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda**

(Briefly explain why this peer learning round was relevant to the G20 Action Plan, and what the DWG might take away as main contents for future collective actions on implementing the 2030 Agenda, max 200 words)

- The peer learning exercise brings countries closer and increase mutual understanding of the structures involved in the 2030 Agenda.
- The VPLM allowed for the engagement of national actors that are not usually directly working with the G20.
- The Netherlands and Mexico, as members of the Inclusive Business Steering Committee will be able to connect the dots between the continuous exchanges among private sector experts and the G20 DWG discussions.
- The continuation of the peer learning exchanges reflects that the G20 VPLM has value added and is relevant for countries even beyond the G20

#### **7. What lessons emerged from future peer learning rounds?**

- The three countries decided for a flexible approach to the peer learning exercise. Such flexibility enabled a stronger connection between the participants and therefore, the willingness to extend the exchange.
- Small groups and working documents and previous comparative analysis allowed for greater depth in the discussion as well as diversity in the exchange.
- The main focus of the exchange were the processes, challenges and catalytic factors that allowed for progress; such approach reflects that the VPLM fulfils its purpose of sharing for learning and mutual strengthening rather than sharing for comparative ends and showcasing.
- Peer learning can promote future cooperation among different parts of the government of g20 countries, which can continue even after the peer learning.