



CHAIR'S SUMMARY

V20 Dialogue with High Level G20 representatives

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The V20 met in a first ever dialogue with High Level representatives of the Group of Twenty (G20) On Sunday April 23rd 2017, ministers of the V20 and G20 met in Washington DC for the first ever V20-G20 dialogue and expressed interest to continue serious discussion. Both group's demonstrated clear interest to work together on many important issues on climate change, with each shared a strong commitment to the ambitious implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The meeting highlighted how climate action is mutually beneficial to different economies, and explored areas of convergence between the respective groups. Among the areas of convergence identified were the following:

The need for ambitious action

Representatives of both groups highlighted the importance of increased ambition to meet the Paris Agreement. Representatives of G20 countries present at the meeting welcomed and supported the V20 goal of achieving a 100% renewable energy vision by mid-century with 1.5 degrees now an important international objective.

- V20 representatives also emphasized an ambitious outcome of the G20 in relation to the Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda as vital for 2017 and expressed support for the G20 German presidency toward the objective.
- NDCs will have to be increased in ambition and implemented in a decisive and transparent manner. For the V20 countries this will require capacity building of key ministries to ensure a transformational vision is able to be translated into the reality on the ground and collaboration on financing instruments.
- The role of collaboration and knowledge exchange, through platforms such as the NDC partnership was identified as a useful method to support the implementation of NDCs.

The need to align financial flows with the objectives of the Paris Agreement

- Representatives from both groups noted the critical importance of increasing and aligning financial flows to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, recognizing the increased ambition of the regime introduces a new level of urgency. G20 representatives attending the dialogue remain committed to working for increased multilateral financing through Multilateral Development Banks.
- Enhancing the capabilities of Ministries of Finance of vulnerable countries would be vital for enabling a more active role in economic and financial responses to climate change, and the G20 members expressed strong support for assisting that process.
- Implementing the recommendations of the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures in support of Paris Agreement goals, and exploring the broader development policy implications of green financing.
- The need for establishing strong insurance mechanisms, including through collaboration with Insuresilience, in strengthening risk pooling, and leveraging private investment for developing

countries was highlighted, along with the role Multilateral development banks in attracting and de-risking private investment.

- MDBs have a key role to play in supporting the objective of the Paris Agreement in aligning financial flows for ambitious mitigation action but also towards ensuring maximal resilience is achieved.
- Members present at the meeting also highlighted the importance of removing inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that are inconsistent with sustainable development. They also strongly supported the decision by V20 countries to establish carbon pricing in their countries by 2025.

The desire for continued dialogue:

- G20 and V20 representatives present at the meeting agreed on the value-add of the dialogue and the need for continued exchange. They voiced their interest in collaborating further on how they could help each other address the climate change challenge.

Insufficient resources from climate protection will only create economic instability. Investing in climate action, by contrast, is critical to inclusive development, job security and economic growth. This is an opportunity not just for the V20 economies but for the developed economies as well.

The V20-G20 dialogue, initiated today, is an important engagement tool in that regard; one that highlights how climate action is mutually beneficial to different economies. We need to pursue and deepen this partnership with common goals. It is time to act strategically to advance truly transformational programs that redesign nothing less than the investment agenda of the world economy.
