

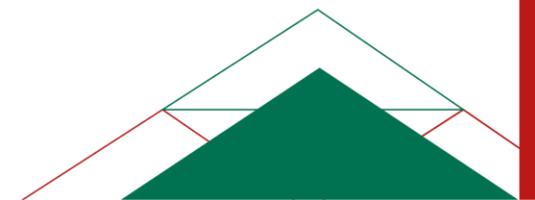


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SAUDI G20 PRESIDENCY EMPLOYMENT WORKING GROUP ADDRESSING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

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COVID-19 STATEMENTS ACROSS G20 2020 TRACKS



March 6th

**Finance
Ministers and
Central Bank
Governors**

- Closely monitoring the evolution of COVID-19.
- Welcomed the measures/plans put forward by countries to support economic activity.
- Welcomed the steps taken by the IOs to help member countries

Riyadh



March 7th

**Health Working
Group**

- G20 countries will continue to lead global efforts to enhance global health risks and coordinated action to improve emergency response core capacities.
- *"It is paramount that we (Health Working Group) are prepared to face any health-related issues that might arise to better protect our people"*.

Jeddah



March 12th

**G20 members
Sherpas**

- Reemphasized the Finance and Health COVID-19 statements.
- Agreed that G20 members will enhance cooperation and coordination to control the outbreak
- Agreed to protect people, mitigate the economic impact, and maintain economic stability, while avoiding stigmatization.

Khobar



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March 30th

Trade and Investment Ministers Meeting

- Ensuring a collective response to support micro, small and medium sized enterprises.
- Committed to working together to deliver a free, fair, transparent, predictable and stable trade and investment environment and called on the IOs to provide an in-depth analysis of COVID-19 on world trade.

Riyadh



March 31st

Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors

- Welcomed the World Bank's Group readiness to deploy as much as US\$160 billion over the next 15 months to support its member countries to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Tasked the relevant working groups to deliver on the roadmap by their virtual meeting on 15 April 2020

Riyadh



G20 Leaders Extraordinary Virtual Leaders' Summit 26th March



G20 Leaders Met in an Extraordinary Virtual Leaders' Summit on March 26th

Committed to take all necessary health measures and seek to ensure adequate financing to contain the pandemic and protect people, especially the most vulnerable.

Agreed of \$5 trillion (USD) to support the delivery and achievement of this commitment.

Determined to spare no effort, to Protect lives. ▪ Safeguard people's jobs and incomes. ▪ Restore confidence, preserve financial stability, revive growth and recover stronger. ▪ Minimize disruptions to trade and global supply chains. ▪ Provide help to all countries in need of assistance. ▪ Coordinate on public health and financial measures.

To ask the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to monitor the pandemic's impact on employment.

Additionally, to introduce vigorous measures to support our economies; protect workers, businesses, especially micro- small and medium-sized enterprises, and the sectors most affected; and shield the vulnerable through adequate social protection.

EMPLOYMENT WORKING GROUP RELEVANCE TO COVID-19 OF G20 2020 POLICY PRIORITIES



Current Outcomes by priority

Relevance to COVID-19



Adapting Social Protection to Meet the Changing Patterns of Work



Economic slowdown - the result of the outbreak will affect job markets, thus emphasizing importance of Social Protection, specifically for self-employed and platform workers



Better Preparing Youth for Transitions to Work



COVID-19 crisis will generate major labor disruptions and pose new challenges regarding Youth employment, whether its those seeking employment, entering work or remaining in jobs



Exploring Behavioral Insights for a Transitioning Labor Market, within the Policymaking Context



This will focus on the value of knowledge sharing in the face of unexpected threats and its impacts on global labor markets How we can share knowledge and best practice on effective policy making, taking full account of COVID-19.



2020 G20 EWG RESPONSE



- The Employment Working Group working on a **statement on COVID-19** on behalf of all G20 member countries.
- The Employment Working Group seeks to further engage directly with **L20** and **B20**, and with other global stakeholders, to contribute to and inform our next EWG meeting on 8th April , providing valuable and critical insights.
- The Employment Working Group added a new session to their planned virtual, “**Action to Reduce the Impact of COVID-19 on Global Labor Markets**” for the 8th April 2020. This session will include a detailed report from ILO and OECD on the global impact of COVID-19 on global labor markets and the measures being taken globally
- Following G20 2020 Leader’s statement, **ILO/OECD** have been commissioned to create a **G20 outlook report**, on how COVID-19 will impact the labor dynamics in 2020 and beyond.
- We welcome further collaboration with **IOE and ITUC** for their insights, feedback and consultation, all of which will help inform the deliberations of the Employment Working Group when we meet on 8th April.





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