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From Hamburg to Buenos Aires and Beyond: Shifting the Trillions – Our Contribution to a Just Transition

Foundations Platform F20



For a transformation that leaves no one behind.

BACKGROUND

The F20 platform consists of foundations and philanthropic organisations from different parts of the world, yet mainly from the G20 countries. It calls for joint, transnational action towards sustainable development. F20 seeks to provide pathways to solutions for today's most pressing challenges – climate change and a just transition towards sustainable development, based on renewable energy. F20 builds bridges between civil society, the business and financial sectors, think tanks and politics – within the G20 countries, between them and beyond.

The foundations participating in F20 are convinced that only a new level of international collaboration and transformational partnerships can solve the global challenges the world is facing today. F20 thus serves as a global learning platform for advocacy work and improved cooperation, interlinking foundations globally and suggesting a variety of mutual opportunities.

The F20 platform takes a clear stance regarding the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement.

In accordance with the F20 mission statement,

- F20 aims to inspire proactive alliances towards new transformational partnerships and encourage viable cooperation.
- F20 seeks to initiate and provide opportunities for new dialogue spaces and effective discourse between foundations worldwide and especially in the context of G20.
- F20 considers contributing to the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement and the SDGs of the 2030 Agenda by applying the above-mentioned goals to our own actions and portfolio strategies to be an important task for foundations.

As an international platform and catalyst, F20 expects to

- further strengthen our commitment to increase our sustainability efforts on our own organizational agenda.
- further shape the dialogue between G20 countries regarding the UN frameworks and emphasize the role of civil society, which foundations are a part of.

In 2018, the future role and the three major functions of the F20 platform became increasingly relevant:

- F20 as an enabler and bridge-builder between non-state actors such as businesses and civil society organizations, governments and philanthropic institutions.
- F20 as a sounding board for foundations within and beyond the G20 process regarding particular issues related to climate change, renewable energy and constantly shrinking spaces for many civil society organizations.
- F20 as a global learning platform for improved cooperation, interlinking foundations worldwide and providing a range of mutually complementing opportunities.

The Foundations Platform F20 sees G20's multilateral processes and UNFCCC's Conference of the Parties (COP) formal meetings as two separate pathways heading in the same direction. G20 summits address far more than simply climate and energy-related issues, therefore the F20 platform links to the G20 process with the 2030 Agenda as its thematic umbrella and common framework.

In 2018, the F20 platform's work programme included the following three key tasks:

- Establishing a work relationship with the F20 partners in Argentina and Japan for the G20 summit in 2018 (Buenos Aires, Argentina) and in 2019 (Osaka, Japan) using previously established contacts to the G20 Troika (Germany-Argentina-Japan).
- Planning and preparing for F20 activities at the UNFCCC COP 24 in Katowice and drafting the F20 work programme for G20 in Argentina.
- Inviting additional foundations (mainly foundations from G20 countries that were not yet represented on the platform).

F20 WITHIN THE G20 PROCESS IN THE LEAD-UP TO THE G20 SUMMIT 2018, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Supported by its strong partners, the foundations Fundación AVINA and Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN) and this year's co-host, Grupo de Fundaciones y Empresas (GdFE), the Argentinian association of corporate foundations, F20 invited more than 200 participants including foundation representatives, ministers, legislators and experts to the second annual F20 High-Level Forum in Buenos Aires on 6 September 2018 to become a visible part of the G20 process.



Left to right: Klaus Milke (F20 Chair, Stiftung Zukunftsfähigkeit), Fabian Kon (CEO Bank of Galicia), María Julia Díaz Ardaya (Chair GdFE), Ricardo Lagos (former President of Chile, Member of the Elders), Rabbi Sergio Bergman (Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Argentina), Ramiro Fernández (Fundación Avina), Fernando Straface (Secretary General and International Affairs, City of Buenos Aires)

In 2018, the F20 forum highlighted innovative strategies under the theme 'Shifting the Trillions – Our Contribution to a Just Transition.' At this high-level forum, F20 called upon the leaders of the G20 countries to ensure that the outcome of the G20 summit at the end of November in Argentina would be in line with the 2015 Paris Agreement's goals and the 2030 Agenda. Furthermore, mid-term and short-term decisions by G20 finance ministers relating to energy, infrastructures and international financial flows would aim at reducing carbon footprints and clearing the way for the transformation towards renewable energy.

Guests and speakers included Ricardo Lagos, former president of Chile, Rabbi Sergio Bergman, minister of environment, Argentina, Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, former minister of environment, Peru, and current leader of the Climate Change Programme of the WWF International, Ana Toni, executive director of the Instituto Clima e Sociedad (iCS), Brasil, Mika Ohbayashi, director of the Renewable Energy Institute (REI), Japan and Naila Farouky, CEO of the Arab Foundations Forum.

Three energizing panels with a general focus on 'Shifting the Trillions – Our Contribution to a Just Transition' elaborating on the best ways of how to accelerate the

energy transition and remain well below the dangerous benchmark of the average global temperature increase of 1.5°C. It became clear that a just transition not only helps the world to stall global temperature rise but already exhibits positive business cases in many parts of the world.

The speakers made major references to the 2030 Agenda and the 2015 Paris Agreement regarding a just transition. They also stressed the particular responsibility foundations carry to shape the transitions lying ahead. Yet again, the F20 platform proved to be capable of building bridges between different stakeholders, which was very well illustrated by the third panel, 'And Action – Recommendations for G20 Head of States on How to Implement the Paris Agreement and the SDGs Considering the Paradigms of a Just Transition'. Representatives of think tanks (T20), businesses (B20), youth (Y20), cities (Urban20) and civil society organizations (C20) underlined their recommendations for the G20 state leaders, and the necessity of joint collaboration became evident.



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As the F20 High-Level Forum took place before the G20 summit, the F20 platform was able to support the Argentinian G20 presidency in a solution-oriented way to host a successful G20 meeting. The outcome of the G20 summit in November 2018 exceeded all expectations. Before the G20 summit, experts and government representatives as well as the local F20 partners of Fundación AVINA and FARN remained hesitant on whether there would

be a G20 communiqué. They were even more hesitant on whether the communiqué would include the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda or the 2° C target. Ultimately, the G20 communiqué reaffirmed the G20 commitment to fight climate change.



Left to right: Enrique Maurtua Konstantinidis (Co-Chair of the Climate and Energy Group of C20), Leandro Serino (Task Force Policy & Research, T20), Naila Farouky (Arab Foundations Forum), Agathe Cavicchioli (Urban 20)

During the G20 process in 2018, the F20 platform was able to actively participate in a preparatory meeting of the G20 Climate Sustainability Working Group in April and August and also to suggest concrete amendments to the wording of a potential G20 summit communiqué. In an internal strategy meeting in Mendoza from 7 to 9 September, directly after the F20 High-Level Forum and at the same time as the third Sherpa meeting, F20 foundations took the opportunity to draft a letter that was sent to the G20 Sherpas, proposing eight key messages to the G20 negotiators from F20 for ambitious formulations in the G20 communiqué.

These eight key messages were also included in a letter drawn up by the F20 head office and distributed by F20 foundations to their national G20 Sherpa shortly before the G20 summit. The letter called upon the G20 Sherpas and state leaders, urging them to provide clear guidance for international climate action and future climate-related investments by the private sector.



Left to right: Pablo Handl (Moderator), Moska Timar (F20 head office), Martin Bosak (F20 head office), Keith Porter (The Stanley Foundation), Mika Ohbayashi (Renewable Energy Institute), Ilsabe von Campenhausen (BMW Foundation), Allison Robertshaw (The Elders Foundation), Klaus Milke (F20 Chair, Stiftung Zukunftsfähigkeit), Naila Farouky (Arab Foundations Forum), Karl Burkart (Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation), Stefan Schurig (Secretary General F20), Olmo von Meijenfeldt (Democracy Works Foundation), Enrique Maurtua Konstantinidis (Co-Chair of the Climate and Energy Group of C20), Manuel Jaramillo (Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina), Ramiro Fernández (Fundación Avina), Annette Kleinbrod (GIZ)

In general, the F20 platform uses the G20 process as a forum to highlight specific topics such as green finance, building green infrastructures, increasing ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to limit the global temperature rise to 1.5° C and to adjust financial flows to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. At the same time, the internal strategy meeting in Mendoza was a success in terms of building relationships and ownership of the participating foundations for the F20 initiative. As a result, three more foundations signed up for the F20 platform – the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation (US), the Democracy Works Foundation (South Africa) and the Renewable Energy Institute, the local F20 partner organisation during the G20 presidency of Japan in 2019.



Left to right: Karl Burkart (Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation), Mika Ohbayashi (Renewable Energy Institute), Naila Farouky (Arab Foundations Forum), Pablo Handl (Moderator), Ramiro Fernández (Fundación AVINA), Manuel Jaramillo (Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina)

Moreover, F20 published a press release prior to the G7 summit in Canada, welcoming the G7 communiqué by G6 countries and calling for strong action regarding climate change at the G20 meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In contrast to 2017, a joint statement by G20 support groups turned out to be unfeasible. Nevertheless, F20 will continue its work as an independent stakeholder in the G20 process, while shaping its role and visibility within the process.



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F20 AT THE COP 24 IN KATOWICE, POLAND

After the COP 23 in Bonn, the F20 platform again hosted a reception at COP 24 in Katowice, Poland. Speakers at the reception included Karsten Sach, Deputy Director General for European and International Policy, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Martin Frick, Senior Director for Policy and Programme Coordination, UNFCCC, Alexander Bonde, Secretary General of the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt (DBU), Ramiro Fernandez, Director of Climate Change, Fundación AVINA, Antoni Bielewicz, Country Lead, ECF Poland, Yuri Okubo, Senior Researcher Climate Change, Renewable Energy Institute. The participants linked the G20 and the UN climate process and discussed the outcome of the G20 in Argentina while also giving an outlook on the G20 summit in Japan.



Left to right: Stefan Schurig (Secretary General F20), Yuri Okubo (Renewable Energy Institute), Alexander Bonde (Secretary General DBU), Antoni Bielewicz (Country Lead, ECF Poland), Enrique Maurtua Konstantinidis (Co-Chair of the Climate and Energy Group of C20).

Furthermore, F20 hosted a facilitated dinner discussion with a facilitated discussion (Chatham House Rules) with senior foundation representatives, members of civil society, political decision-makers and negotiators involved in the UN climate process from Germany and

Japan. This format offered an exceptional climate of confidence among participants and proved yet again as a very effective way for exchanging perspectives and establishing trustworthy relationships among different stakeholders.

SUMMARY 2018

During the past year, F20 was able to continue its advocacy work and to expand its network with a number of new partner foundations. With Australia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, Italy, Russia, South Africa and the UK, the F20 platform introduced itself to eight further G20 countries. France, Indonesia, South Korea and Turkey are meant to follow in 2019.

The growth of F20 in 2018 has led to a financially sound situation, as summarised in the financial overview in this document. Despite its economic stability, F20 continues its work with a very lean administration and low capacities. However, the achieved positive balance of 106.840,00€ in 2018 provides a good base for activities in 2019 and 2020 and also guarantees liquidity.

With the F20 steering group, the F20 platform has established an efficient decision-making body responsible for setting up the general agenda for the platform, which is then implemented by F20 chairs and the F20 head office in collaboration with F20 partners. In 2018, the steering group was joined by the following foundations: the BMW Foundation, the Renewable Energy Institute and the King Khalid Foundation. With the support of the Renewable Energy Institute and the King Khalid Foundation, the F20 platform can ensure consistency with regards to the upcoming G20 summits in Japan (2019) and in Saudi-Arabia (2020). The BMW foundation has backed the F20 platform since 2017 with its vast international network and, in 2018, it organised and conceptualised the F20 Internal Strategy Meeting in Mendoza, Argentina, which was well received by the participating foundations.

While the F20 platform has gained visibility in the G20 and the UN climate context, further outreach activities in 2019 remains a priority for the F20 head office.

The F20 chair and the F20 head office would like to thank all foundations for supporting the F20 platform over the past two or three years, ever since first concrete steps were taken to carry out the idea for this platform. Your annual contributions have helped to make the idea of an international platform for foundations a success story and we are confident that our endeavour will continue and further strengthen mutual benefits and cooperation.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW F20 – 2018

Expenses 2018	Budget	Costs	Balance	Explanation
Personnel F20 head office	110.000,00 €	117.694,87 €	-7.694,87 €	increase of personnel from 50% to 75% in October 2018
Administration (IT, Office costs, bookkeeping, etc.)	30.000,00 €	25.516,73 €	4.483,27 €	non-required financial buffer
Travel, accommodation and lodgings (F20 head office, F20 chairs)	15.000,00 €	17.956,64 €	-2.956,64 €	additional travel
Public Relations work	12.000,00 €	5.363,49 €	6.636,51 €	budgeted F20 publication for 2018 was postponed to 2019 and substituted by close interaction with G20 sherpas
F20 events (F20 High-Level Forum in Buenos Aires, F20 Reception COP 24)	90.000,00 €	72.898,37 €	17.101,63 €	non-required financial buffer
Other costs	43.000,00 €	18.407,82 €	24.592,18 €	balance of carry-over budget 2017

Income 2018	Income
Cost contributions F20 foundations 2018	364.185,92 €
Total Income 2018	364.185,92 €
Total Expenses 2018	257.837,92 €
Balance Total 2018	106.348,00 €*

* the remaining funds of 2018 are utilised by the F20 head office to secure the liquidity of the F20 platform and to increase public relations work in 2019

FURTHER STEPS IN 2019

In 2019, F20 will continue to advocate for the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda with its 17 SDGs. The platform will expand its advocacy activities within the G20 and UN climate context. On June 13, just before the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth in Nagano, Japan, F20 will host the third F20 High-Level Forum in Tokyo in close collaboration with the Japanese partner foundation Renewable Energy Institute. On June 12, the F20 platform is also inviting F20 member foundations and Japanese foundations to the first F20 Philanthropy Forum. The aim is to bring together foundations from different backgrounds, establish a dialogue and exchange ideas on the role of foundations and philanthropic organizations driving forward the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement.

Alongside the G20 activities, the F20 platform will engage in the UN climate process. By many, the year 2019 is perceived as a critical year to take effective action on climate change. Hence, the UN Climate Summit and the UN SDG Summit in New York on 23, 24 and 25 September will play a major role, especially with regard to the increased ambitions for submitting the second round of NDCs in 2020 and the COP25 in Chile in December 2019.

Key F20 dates for 2019/2020

- F20 Assembly, Tokyo, 12 June 2019
- F20 Philanthropy Forum, Tokyo, 12 June 2019
- F20 High-Level Forum, Tokyo, 13 June 2019
- F20 outreach activities at G7 summit in Biarritz/France under the French G7 presidency, August 24-26 2019
- F20 activities around the UN Climate Summit and UN SDG Summit, New York, 23 and 24 September 2019
- F20 activities at COP 25 in Chile, 2-13 December 2019

Operational goals and dates for 2019/2020

- Expanding F20 advocacy activities within the G20 and the UN climate context
- Expanding the F20 network, particularly with new F20 foundations from G20 countries that are not yet represented on the F20 platform
- Development of a F20 publication to be released around the F20 High-Level Forum in Tokyo in June
- Supporting an international business declaration for increased ambitions on climate action, to be published around the F20 High-Level Forum in Tokyo in June
- Generally increasing media presence through media statements on issues related to our core F20 subjects (e.g. divestment, renewable energy, climate change)
- Further developing the internal F20 newsletter to increase interaction among F20 foundations
- Establishing F20 Asia Hub (China is considered an important country for the G20/UN climate change track)
- Establishing a closer work relationship with future G20 presidencies
- Continuing an annual executive round table as an inspiring dialogue between founders and executives

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