

G20 COUNTRY EXPERIENCES ON CLIMATE AND ENERGY

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The challenges of a climate change that the world faces today invite us to consider that the actions of individual countries will play a role in determining the kind of path the world will take. As G20 member countries, we have a responsibility to set an example and work together to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change. The successful implementation of the Paris Agreement also requires us to find and scale up innovative solutions.

The Argentine G20 Presidency created a working group to discuss climate change: the G20 Climate Sustainability Working Group (CSWG). The three key discussion topics chosen by the Presidency for the CSWG, are:

- Adaptation to climate change and extreme weather events with a focus on the development of resilient infrastructure and job creation,
- Long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies with a focus on approaches and methodologies for their design, and
- Aligning international climate finance flows to the effective implementation of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) to climate change and to long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies.

As part of the deliverables of the 2018 Climate Sustainability Working Group country experiences from G20 members and invited countries were compiled covering a range of climate and energy topics in the form of specific country experiences gained through various types of policy options, processes, actions, and initiatives, including valuable lessons learned. These experiences may serve as inspiration or example of innovative solutions for countries who are exploring or facing similar options and/or challenges.

Building on the work achieved during the German G20 Presidency in 2017 and on the work of the Climate Sustainability Working Group under the Argentine Presidency, I present the following collection of country experiences.

The adoption of this report by the CSWG in no way entails the endorsement of specific country experiences by other members, but rather reflects the result of a fruitful knowledge and information sharing experience.

In this regard, I find in G20 a valuable and representative environment to strive towards consensus and leadership in the context of countries' unique development paths and thank the proactiveness of all country members who actively engaged with my team during 2018 to prepare this compilation in a true spirit of collaboration.

Taking care of our common home is in our best interest. We all share the responsibility towards future generations. I sincerely hope these experiences will be informative and encouraging, reflecting an atmosphere of openness and trust so as to ensure a future of hope and promise for all of humanity. In this sense, I would like to encourage G20 and all other relevant partners to continue this track, take a leadership role, and challenge ourselves to go beyond what is expected from us, accelerating collaborative and consistent work towards sustainable development.

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