

# C20 2018 Final Report

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### Objective

This final report has been prepared with the objective of providing a record of the functioning and most relevant information of Civil 20 (C20) 2018. It is further intended to provide Japan and subsequent C20s, with a framework that might be useful for adoption, in full or in part, as they form their own operational arrangements for engagement with the G20.

# General Information about C201

C20 is one of the seven G20 Engagement Groups. It is characterized as a specific space through which civil society organizations from different parts of the world can contribute to the G20 in a structured and sustained manner, thus ensuring that world leaders listen not only to the voices representing the governmental and business sectors, but also to the proposals and demands of civil society as a whole.

The objective of this Engagement Group is to generate spaces to discuss and build, through transparent and inclusive processes, high-level policy papers to be presented to the G20 in order to influence it.

The C20 obtained its recognition as Engagement Group of the G20 in 2013, becoming stronger and more relevant in the field of the G20.

Although the work themes and priorities of each C20 have varied from year to year, all the C20s have always sought to reflect the perspective and experience of civil society in a diverse range of topics.

Similarly to the G20, the C20 does not have a permanent structure, so it does not have a permanent secretariat, or central offices or officials. It also has a rotating presidency that changes annually. Generally, the G20 host country appoints the C20 chair and co-chair.

In recent years, the **C20 adopted the division into different specific Working Groups as a work modality,** where different topics are addressed in depth and high-level policy papers are prepared and then presented to the G20.

Bearing in mind that G20 and the C20 are global spaces, both local and international organizations that wish to discuss issues on the global agenda with an impact on the G20 can participate in the C20.

The final result of all the C20 work is reflected in the C20 communiqué, which, during 2017 and 2018 was formally presented to the Presidents of the G20 host country.

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<sup>1</sup> https://civil-20.org/

# C20 in numbers

During 2018 more than **600 civil society organizations from 45 countries**<sup>2</sup> have been working together via the C20 to engage with the G20 on the most critical challenges facing today's world.

Between December 2017 and July 2018 the C20 developed **eighteen policy papers** with specific policy recommendations and one Policy Pack that summarizes the recommendations of the C20 to the G20 in 2018.

Furthermore, **five joint statements** were presented together with the rest of the G20 Engagement Groups:

- C20-L20-S20-T20-W20-Y20 joint statement on addressing labour gender gaps
- B20-C20 joint statement calling G20 countries to implement their existent anticorruption commitments through the development of national anti-corruption strategies
- B20 C20 recommendations in order to increase transparency and integrity in state-owned enterprises
- o B20-C20-T20 joint statement on climate action
- o B20-C20-W20 Joint statement on gender and corruption

As part of the C20 activities, during 2018 **two face to face events** took place in Buenos Aires City, Argentina. The first event was held in April and was a meeting of Working Groups and the second was the Summit of the C20, which was held in the month of August.

In addition to the two official events, throughout 2018 there were **seven side events**, **including two sessions at the IMF-WB Civil Society Policy Forum**. Unlike the official events, the side events focused on a specific theme per event and were organized together with the support of other partners. The side events that were carried out were:

- o Gender and Corruption
- o Infrastructure (in the framework of the WB-IMF Spring Meetings)
- Financial transparency and anti-corruption (in the framework of the WB-IMF Annual Meetings)
- o Future of work

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Argentina, Germany, Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Spain, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Netherlands, Turkey, England, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zimbabwe

- Education Financing
- Beneficial Ownership
- Transitions between education and work

Finally, this year the C20 had access to 11 G20 official meetings and got 40 places to attend the G20 International Media Centre (IMC).



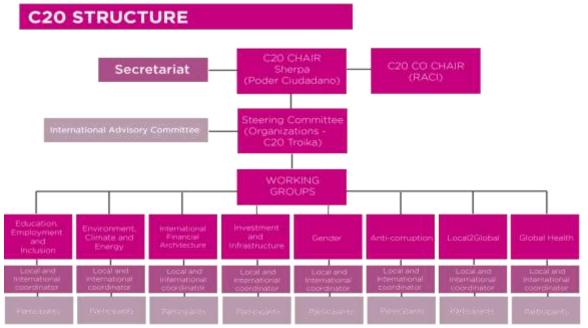
# C20 2018 Structure

Drawing on the work undertaken in previous years within the framework of the G20 and the C20, the results of an international survey launched during 2017 and the priorities established by the G20 for 2018, the key issues being addressed by the C20 during 2018 were:

- o Anti-corruption
- Climate
- Education
- Employment
- Enabling Environment
- Energy
- o Gender
- o Implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Inequality
- o Infrastructure
- o Investment
- Sustainable Development
- o Technology and Digitalization

The C20 2018 main goals were not only to push for change and hold leaders accountable for the commitments they have made to citizens, but also to strengthen the C20, ensuring continuity from previous C20s and a transparent an inclusive process.

Chaired by Poder Ciudadano and Co- chaired by RACI, the structure of the 2018 C20 consists of a Chair, Co-Chair, an International Advisory Committee, a Steering Committee, a C20 Sherpa, a Secretariat, thematic Working Groups and their corresponding Coordinators or Chairs, detailed in the following structure:



 Troika: With the aim not only of ensuring greater continuity, but also of strengthening the C20, for the first time ever a troika was constituted for the C20.

The troika allowed for dialogue and coordination between civil society organizations from G20/C20 current host country, the host country of the previous year and that of the next year. During 2018 the troika consisted of Germany, Argentina and Japan.

During 2018 the troika facilitated the continuity of the civil society process, building on the C20 2017 in Germany and working towards C20 2019 in Japan.

- <u>Chair and Co-Chair:</u> The C20 Chair and Co-Chair were responsible for directing the C20 process.
- Steering Committee (SC), was the main point of contact with external stakeholders (G20 representatives, International Organizations, media, G20 Engagement Groups) and was also responsible for the operative management of the C20 Presidency. During 2018 the Sherpa also provided a basic orientation for C20 recommendations and supervised the C20 Secretariat and the preparation process for policy papers, supporting the Working Group Coordinators in everything they needed. In addition, it reported to the Steering Committee and the International Advisory Committee on the progress of Working Groups.
- Secretariat: The main functions of the Secretariat included: administrative, financial and logistical coordination tasks.
- Steering Committee: Both the SC and the International Advisory Committee (IAC) were the governing body of the C20 and were responsible of ensuring that the C20 could be an open space to voice a broad range of civil society's views to the G20.

The SC had the responsibility of leading the process and ensuring that the C20 and its working groups could meet regularly among themselves and with government representatives. It also helped coordinate the agendas for the inperson meetings (April and August).

Decisions of the SC were reached by consensus. In the event that that was not possible, voting took place- based on a simple majority voting system. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair had a double vote.

 International Advisory Committee (IAC): This was the Steering Committee advisory body and was constituted by international organizations with work experience within the G20. Its main function was to advise the Steering Committee in strategic decision-making, undertake the public and political promotion of the C20 recommendations to guarantee more visibility. The joint meeting between the SC and IAC addressed strategic and political objectives and challenges. The IAC provided advice when it was required and/or made suggestions and recommendations when considered necessary.

The IAC worked in tandem with the SC, therefore had regular communication with it.

The SC and the IAC were composed by civil society organizations with expertise in the different areas invited by the chair and co-chair according to the following criteria: experience working at C20/G20 level, geographic and thematic representation, ensuring gender balance in its composition.

- Working Group Coordinators: Each C20 Working Group was coordinated by two organizations or professionals (one belonging to a local organization and one belonging to an international organization) with relevant experience on the subjects debated within the Working Group they coordinated. Their principal duties included moderating the debates of the thematic Working Groups, drafting policy papers, presenting the recommendations of the Group that they coordinated at G20 meetings and reporting their activities to the C20 Sherpa.
- Working Groups: Thematic spaces where civil society organizations from all over the world met, in order to debate and generate concrete recommendations and policy proposals for the G20 through the elaboration of policy papers. These groups were comprised of all those civil society organizations (both local and international) interested in participating actively in the C20.

All the work of the working groups was developed through an online platform.

Taking into account the work continuity of the C20, the priorities of the G20 2018 and the survey that we launched some months ago, during 2018 the C20 had eight working groups.

# Chair & Co Chair



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# International Advisory Committee



# **Working Groups**





























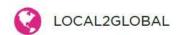
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# C20 Timeline

Although the activities of the C20 started in December 2018, the preparatory activities began during 2017:

- September 2017: An email was sent to all the Civil Society Organizations registered in the C20 2017, inviting them to join the C20 2018 mailing list.
- October 2017: an international survey was launched asking civil society organizations to vote for the main topics they considered the C20 should address during 2018.
- December 2017: C20 Kickoff event. The event, which counted with the attendance of more than 120 people, the G20 Sherpa, Deputy of the Finance Track and Sous Sherpa took place on December 12<sup>th</sup> in Buenos Aires and was the official hand-over of C20 2017 to C20 2018. In addition, it had a high level panel in which representatives of civil society, G20, UNDP and OECD debated around the challenges and opportunities that the G20 presents for the global agenda.
- February 2018: In the week of February 12, the C20 Working Groups started to work, through an online platform, on policy recommendations.
- o April 2018: Face to Face Working Groups meeting.
- July 2018: The draft version of the C20 Policy Pack was shared with all the C20 participants in order to receive their feedback.
- August 2018: C20 Summit and C20 Policy Pack official presentation.
- December 2017- December 2018: Advocacy at G20.



### C20 Website

The central tool for all the Working Groups work and communication was an e-Platform. This e-Platform was used to communicate news and updates around events and activities and also was the main channel through which many civil society organizations involved themselves in the activities of the different working groups.

Taking into account that the C20 is a global space and therefore seeks to involve civil society organizations both local and international, it was essential to have an e-Platform through which the different Working Groups of the C20 could develop their tasks, with institutional emails that allow a fluid communication both for the C20 and for the coordinators of the Working Groups.

The Secretariat's email address was 20@civil-20.org and it was the main contact email of the C20. This email was included in the e-Platform so that anyone who needed to communicate with the Secretariat could do it quickly and safely.

There were two access routes to the C20 website:

- https://civil-20.org/
- https://www.g20.org/es/g20-argentina/grupos-de-afinidad

The website had sections open to public in general and a specific private section which was only available for those who had an account with a password.

Open Sections	Private Section
Home: It is the main page of the	Working Groups: Allows Access to the
website.	forums in which debates of each
	Working Group will be held.
<b>About C20</b> : Provides general	
information about 2018 C20 and	
previous C20.	
Working Groups: Provides the	
description of the working groups and	
information about the coordinators	
(local and international).	
<b>News</b> : In this section newsletters and	
general news about the C20 are published.	

Events: Events of the C20 are announced in this section.

Documents: In this section all documents of the Working Groups are loaded.

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Next, the characteristics of each section.

- <u>Home</u>

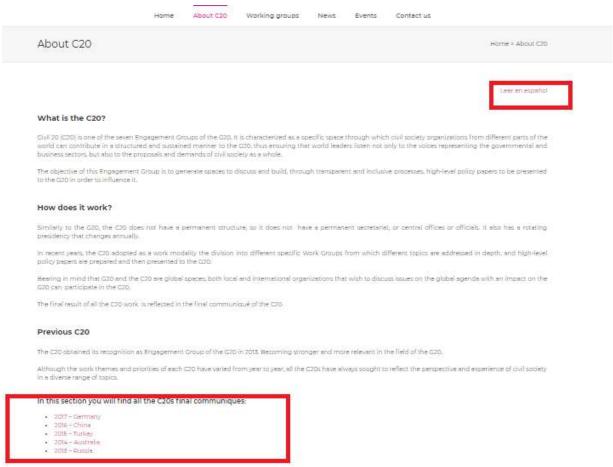


View of the Home of the C20 website

According to its design, it fulfilled three main functions:

- o Raise awareness about the role and importance of C20.
- Inform about the C20 2018.
- Allow all civil society organizations that want to work in the different Working Groups of C20 2018 to do so through a secure channel.

#### - About C20

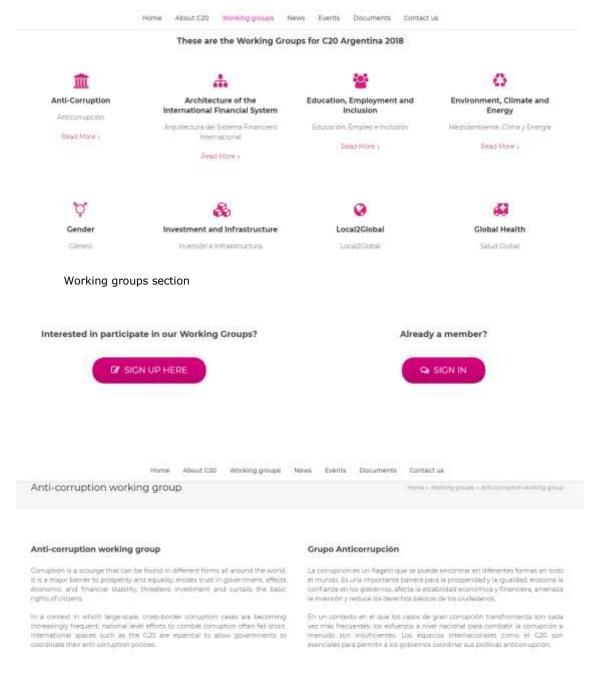


"About C20" Section C20 Website

Regarding the awareness of the role of the C20, the web page had a specific section called "About C20" through which information was provided on what the C20 is, how it works and the **final communiqué of all the previous C20s**.

Bearing in mind that during 2018 the presidency of the G20 was held by a Latin American country; and that therefore, a high participation of Spanish-speaking organizations took place, this section had contents in English and Spanish.

#### Working Groups



View of the Anti- Corruption Working Group

In this section was all the information related to the C20 Working Groups: a description of all the working groups and information of their coordinators. There was also the option to register in the group or groups that civil society representatives interested in working in the C20 wanted.

#### - News and Events

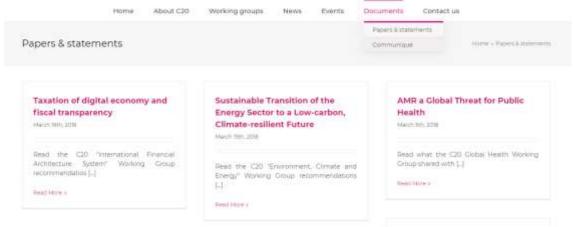
In relation to the information of C20 2018, the website had a specific "news" section, which was subdivided into "News" and "Newsletters", through which the main news of the C20 2018 process were published. Furthermore, there was a section entitled "Events" through which all C20 events were announced.



News and Events section

#### Documents

The section of "papers and statements" contains all the position papers that the working groups have prepared during 2018. In the section entitled "Communiqué", the C20 Policy Pack was uploaded.

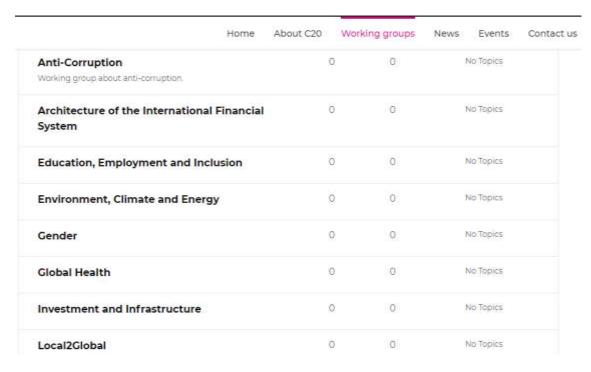


View of Document Section

#### Working Group (Private Section)

Finally, regarding the work of the Working Groups, it is important to highlight that the website had high security standards to reduce the risk of hacking. In this sense, the page is https, instead of http and to access the Working Groups it is necessary to have a username and a password. In this way, it is guaranteed that the debate of the Working Groups and the process of preparing their policy papers could only be seen by those Civil Society Organizations that participate in the debate.

In addition, the website had a forum for each Working Group. Through these forums, civil society organizations were able to work in an orderly manner in the preparation of the Working Group's policy papers in which they participate.



Forums through which each of the Working Groups can develop their activities

The main features of the website for the Working Groups work were the following:

- Specific and independent discussion forums for each Working Group.
- The possibility of creating different topics within the forums.
- The possibility of uploading files in different posts.

# C20 Face to face meetings

In order to ensure a strong participation, during 2018, most of the C20 work was carried out virtually through an e-platform so that all the civil society organizations could actively participate and make their contributions in the working groups. In this way it was possible to counteract the disadvantages of the schedule and geographical location of the participants, allowing a fluid participation.

In addition to the e-platform, two face-to-face events took place, whose main objective was to promote a debate around the themes set by the Argentine Presidency of the G20, and to deepen the lines of work of the C20 Working Groups. As well, bringing all

the participants of the C20 together so that they could have a fluid dialogue in person and continue making their contributions in order to prepare policy papers and the final policy pack.

#### **WORKING GROUPS FACE TO FACE MEETING:**

During the month of April, a face-to-face meeting of the C20 Working Groups was held on April 4th and 5th in Palacio San Martín, Buenos Aires City.

This event was the only case in which the civil society organizations from different parts of the world that have been working through the C20 e-platform were able to meet face to face in order to advance in the preparation of the policy pack and exchange ideas with representatives of the G20.

**More than 200 people** from different parts of the world including the G20 Sherpa, G20 Finance Track representative and national and international coordinators of each C20 working group attended the event. Furthermore, the Treasury Minister of Argentina participated in the closing of the event.

The event lasted two days and was divided into plenary sessions and parallel meetings of each C20 Working Group:

- 1) Plenary sessions: in this instance, all the C20 working groups met in the same physical space in which, at the same time, high-level panels were held. Through these panels, the main topics addressed by both the C20 and G20 were analyzed. In order to ensure multiple points of view, the panels were composed of representatives of the G20, civil society and international organizations.
- 2) C20 Working Group Parallel meetings: in these meetings, each of the C20 Working Groups dealt in depth with the issues that concern their respective group, and advanced in the preparation of their final policy paper.

In order to deepen the engagement with the G20, one of the C20 Working Group Parallel meetings was with the local G20 Working Group Chairs. Thanks to this, each C20 Working Group had the possibility to dialogue, for more than one hour, with each of the G20 Working Group local chairs (Sherpa and Finance Track).

It is important to bear in mind that during the face-to-face meeting, all the C20 Working Groups took into account what had been done in the virtual forums through the C20 website.

#### Summary:

- o 2 days
- o 200 assistants
- 4 Plenary sessions
- 5 Parallel C20 Working Group meetings
- Participation of the G20 Sherpa, Treasury Minister, International Organizations, local G20 Working Group chairs.

#### **SUMMIT:**

During the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of August, the C20 Summit took place in Buenos Aires at Palacio San Martín. Approximately **600 people from more than 40 countries attended the event**.

During the event, the C20 policy pack was formally presented to Mauricio Macri, the President of the Argentine Nation, the G20 authorities (G20 Sherpa, G20 Finance Deputy Track and local G20 Working Groups Chairs), representatives of International Organizations (OECD, UNDP, ILO, UNICEF, UN Women) and all the G20 Engagement Groups.

In addition, 13 Workshops and 2 High Level Panels also took place during the Summit.

It is important to highlight that, in relation to the workshops that were developed, the C20 carried out an open process, making an open call for civil society organizations all over the world to present workshop proposals. In order to evaluate the workshop proposals the C20 SC and IAC created a specific Summit Committee.

The main objectives of the Summit were:

• Presentation of the C20 communiqué and the recommendations of the working groups: each working group of the C20 intended to address in depth the main issues that will be dealt with in the framework of the G20. Since February, more than 600 civil society organizations that make up the C20 were working on the preparation of the proposals that were finally presented to the G20. The final result of the work of each working group was crystallized in their final Policy paper.

These documents had as objective to identify the commitments assumed by the G20, the challenges for the implementation of these commitments and the concrete proposals that we make from the Civil Society for the fulfilment of all the commitments assumed by the leaders in the framework of the G20. That is why all the final policy papers had the same format.

The C20 Policy Pack, containing the cover statement and working group final policy papers, was formally presented to the G20 presidency on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

• Identify the challenges and opportunities presented by the G20 for the realization of the main global challenges: at present, the world faces a series of challenges of great relevance that do not respect any border and that can only be successfully addressed if all countries commit themselves and work in a coordinated manner.

During the C20 event, it was proposed to hold, during the plenary sessions, high-level panels in which the panellists can discuss the challenges and opportunities presented

by the G20 for the realization of the main global problems. These panels provided the opportunity to share with civil society on the main issues addressed by the G20 in a more transversal way, with all C20 participants and the rest of the Commitment Groups and representatives of the G20.

#### **High Level Panels**

As part of the C20 Summit 2 High Level Panels took place. Through these panels, the main issues that both G20 and C20 worked on this year were addressed. To guarantee multiple views and reinforce the C20 advocacy strategy the High Level Panels had the participation not only of civil society, but also of G20 representatives.

#### Workshops:

During the C20 Summit 13 Workshops were held.

The workshops addressed the main issues appointed by C20 2018 and allowed discussion with representatives of G20, G20 Engagement Groups and International Organizations, on the main recommendations of the C20.

Likewise, the workshops allowed the outline of the advocacy strategy for the coming months.

#### C20 Policy Pack:

As from December 2017, more than 600 Civil Society Organizations from all over the world have been working together via the C20 to engage with the G20 on the most critical challenges facing today's world.

These include the growing impacts of climate change; growing inequality between and within countries; corruption scandals; the gender gap; worrying levels of global debt; high risks of another financial crisis, environmental degradation; health crises; lack of access to basic goods and services; inequitable access to education, absence of decent employment and the impact of digitalization and technology on employment.

# The C20 Policy Pack contained the cover statement and the working group final policy papers. Taken together, these constituted the C20 communiqué and summarized the recommendations of the C20 to the G20 in 2018.

The content of the policy papers themselves has been developed through the participative and open working group process which started in December 2017. The Cover statement was drafted by a SC- IAC sub Committee that was created for this purpose. The draft version of the C20 Policy Pack was shared not only with the SC and IAC members, but also with the C20 Working Group chairs, and posted on C20 website (working groups section) and circulated via e-mail to C20 participants in order to receive feedback. Once this consultation process was over and all the suggestions and comments were received and analyzed, the C20 Policy Pack was ready to be formally presented!

#### Media Pack:

A Media pack with suggested tweets and Hash tags was send to all the registered participants. The main hash tag was: #G20takeaction other hash tags were: #G20 #C20Summit

The C20 Twitter and Facebook accounts were really active before, during and after the Summit.

#### **Summary**

- o 2 days
- o 600 assistants
- 13 Workshops
- 2 High level panels
- Participation of President of the Argentine Nation, G20 Sherpa, G20 Finance Deputy Track, International Organizations and G20 Engagement Group representatives
- Presentation of the policy pack

# C20 Engagement with G20 processes

One of the main objectives of the C20 2018 was to strengthen not only the C20 as the main space for CSOs all over the world willing to influence the G20, but also to ensure a strong and productive engagement with the G20, ensuring that the G20 representatives take into account the recommendations produced by civil society.

In order to ensure a strong engagement with the G20, different actions were taken:

- C20 Working Groups developed specific policy papers for G20 Working Group meetings with specific policy recommendations.
- o C20 advocated in order to ensure participation in the G20 meetings.
- C20 requested access to the G20 International Media Centre (IMC)
- C20 advocated at a national level.

Since 2017 the C20 Sherpa worked hard and quickly to establish relationships with relevant stakeholders in government, the Sherpa's office, the G20 Taskforce, the Argentine working group co-chairs and with all the G20 Engagement Groups.

Having the possibility of attending G20 Meetings is an important opportunity not only to share the C20 recommendations with the G20 representatives but also to exchange ideas. This year, the G20 Working Groups generally welcomed the input from C20 representatives. Although it was requested in several occasions, the C20 was not invited to participate in any of the G20 Finance Track Working Group Meetings

#### The C20 participated in the following formal G20 meetings:

- Employment Working Group Meeting #1
- Anti-Corruption Working Group Meeting #1
- Health Working Group Meeting #1
- Energy Sustainability Working Group Meeting #1
- Sherpa Meeting #2
- Joint Meeting of the Employment and Education Working Groups
- Anti-Corruption Working Meeting #2
- Health Working Group Meeting #2
- Digital Economy Task Force Meeting #2
- Anti-Corruption Working Meeting #3
- Health Ministers Meeting

For several years, civil society organizations (through the C20) have had access to the G20 IMC. This is an important engagement opportunity with journalists about the G20's process and deliberations, helping communication about the G20 through civil society and to the broader community. This year and after long negotiations and an important delay in sending official accreditations, **the Argentine Presidency granted access to 40 C20 representatives to the IMC**.

In order to ensure a wide thematic balance and participation, each C20 Working Group had a quota of 5 people to attend the IMC. The evaluation criteria applied to analyze each expression of interest of civil society organizations that wanted to attend to the IMC was: Actively participated in the C20 2018; Geographical balance; Thematic balance and gender balance.







