

# Germany's Position Paper: G20 Leaders' Summit

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Agenda: Promoting Solidarity, Equality & Sustainability

"True global progress demands not just vision-but the courage of cooperation, the justice of equality, and the wisdom of sustainability."

#### I. Introduction

Germany holds that solidarity, equality, and sustainability are not separate ideals - they are the foundation for a stable, equitable, and resilient global economy. As one of the G20's largest economies, Germany commits to leading by example: leveraging its resources, innovation, and diplomatic influence to forge collective action and long-term stability.

# II. Germany's National Perspective

# **Solidarity**

- Germany remains one of the world's leading contributors to international development. In 2023, it committed about 0.79% of its GNI to Official Development Assistance (ODA).
- Germany channels aid not only to humanitarian relief but also to climate action, poverty reduction, and building resilience in fragile states.

#### **Equality**

• Germany supports inclusive growth policies - promoting equal access to education, technological infrastructure, and economic opportunity. As part of its global cooperation, it backs gender equality( women now make up over 46% of the German labor force, strengthened by legal protections and equal opportunity frameworks )and social inclusion programmes.

## **Sustainability**

- Under its national Climate Change Act, Germany targets greenhouse-gas neutrality by 2045, with ambitious intermediary goals: a 65% reduction in emissions by 2030 (vs 1990 levels), and 88% by 2040.
- Germany champions a Just Transition approach, recognizing that social inclusion, retraining, and community support are critical to phasing out fossil fuels, thereby sharing crucial lessons and models with other large economies.
- To reach this, Germany plans substantial investments in renewable energy, green infrastructure, and energy system overhaul including solar, wind, hydrogen, and grid modernization.

• In 2024, Germany committed €11.8 billion for international climate and sustainability financing, supporting renewable energy expansion, climate adaptation, and sustainable development in partner nations.

## **III. Proposed Solutions**

### 1. Launch a "G20 Global Resilience & Innovation Fund"

- Purpose: to provide financial and technical support for developing and vulnerable economies focusing on climate-resilient infrastructure, renewable energy access, sustainable agriculture, and digital public goods.
- Rationale: Strengthen global solidarity and reduce inequality between nations, especially in the face of climate change and economic instability.

## 2. Promote Inclusive Digital & Educational Access

- Collaborate on a "G20 Digital Inclusion & Skills Initiative" to ensure access to digital infrastructure, education and vocational training especially for youth, women, and underrepresented communities. This must include co-investing in resilient Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to ensure secure, inclusive, and interoperable digital service delivery across nations, directly supporting the "digital public goods" component of this proposal.
- Aim: Support economic equality and build human capital globally, bridging digital and opportunity divides.

## 3. Accelerate Transition to Green Economy & Sustainable Finance

- Encourage all G20 members to adopt common standards for ESG-based investment, sustainable infrastructure, and climate-risk disclosure.
- Promote joint investment in renewable energy (solar, wind, hydrogen), clean transport, energy efficiency, and circular-economy systems.
- Support debt-relief or concessional financing for developing nations transitioning to low-carbon economies, making sustainability accessible not a burden.

## **IV. Conclusion**

Germany affirms that only through shared responsibility, equal opportunity, and sustainable development can the G20 forge a future that is resilient, fair, and prosperous for all. As G20 members gather, Germany urges: let us not treat solidarity, equality, and sustainability as separate goals, but as a unified strategy for global stability, justice, and survival. By embracing cooperation over isolation, investing in people over profits, and safeguarding the planet over short-term gain - we will build a world that reflects our highest ideals, and secures a sustainable legacy for future generations.

Germany stands ready to lead - and calls on all nations to join in because the future belongs to those who build it together.