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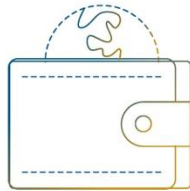
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ABOUT THE G20



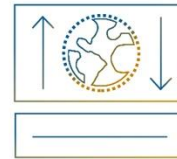
Population

60% of the world population



Economy

80% of global GDP



Trade

75% of global exports

The G20 is the international forum that brings together the world's major economies. Its members account for more than 80% of world GDP, 75% of global trade and 60% of the population of the planet. The forum has met every year since 1999 and includes, since 2008, a yearly Summit, with the participation of the respective Heads of State and Government. In addition to the Summit, ministerial and finance track deputies meetings, working groups and special events are organised throughout the year.

Participants

The G20 members are: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union. Spain is also invited as a permanent guest.

Each year, the Presidency invites guest countries, which take full part in the G20 exercise. Several international and regional organisations also participate, granting the forum an even broader representation.

How the G20 works

The G20 does not have a permanent secretariat: its agenda and activities are established by the rotating Presidencies, in cooperation with the membership.

A "Troika", represented by the country that holds the Presidency, its predecessor and its successor, works to ensure continuity within the G20.

The Troika countries are currently Saudi Arabia, Italy and Indonesia.

Origins of the G20

In 1999, in the wake of the 1997 economic crisis, the G7 Finance Ministers announced the creation of the "Group of 20", aimed at including other countries in their discussions related to global economics and finance. The first official meeting of the G20 was held in Berlin in December that same year.

Following the 2008 financial crisis, the United States proposed to increase the level of participation of the G20 to Heads of State and Government.

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, the Heads of State and Government decided to institutionalise the G20 as the main forum for global economic and financial cooperation.

The G20 Leaders have met every year since 2010.

ITALIAN G20 PRESIDENCY

PEOPLE

PLANET

PROSPERITY

The world is facing many difficult challenges today, which the G20 is intensely working to address, by identifying – and implementing – shared, coordinated and equitable responses. This requires vision, dialogue, mutual understanding, and a profound awareness of our common global responsibilities.

The pandemic has had profound impacts on the health of humans worldwide. It has affected peoples' livelihoods, our economies, international trade. It has added its burden onto other systemic problems, from climate change to inequality, which are hampering our ability to fully prosper and express our potential. It has also made one thing clear: we live in an era in which local problems swiftly become global challenges. This, however, also means that we can work together to recover from this crisis and seize the opportunity to build back better, learning from our shared experience and ensuring that efficient, innovative tools and technologies become the basis for a more resilient, sustainable and greener growth.

In an increasingly interconnected world, multilateralism is far more than an abstract concept. It is the key to responding to these challenges, and the G20, bringing together much of the world's population and of the global economy, must live up to its role. This is why the 2021 G20, under the Italian Presidency, will focus on three broad, interconnected pillars of action: **People, Planet, Prosperity**.

Within these pillars, we are taking the lead in ensuring a swift international response to the pandemic - able to provide equitable, worldwide access to diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines - while building up resilience to future health-related shocks.

We are also looking beyond the crisis, towards ensuring a rapid recovery that addresses people's needs. This implies a focus on reducing inequalities, on women's empowerment, on the younger generations and on protecting the most vulnerable. It means promoting the creation of new jobs, social protection and food security.


The G20 is also intent on paving the way to rebuilding differently in the aftermath of the crisis. More efficiently, through a better use of renewable energies and with a firm commitment to protecting our climate and our common environment.

This is a prerequisite for our sustained prosperity. A prosperous future, however, also requires that we properly harness the main drivers of growth and innovation. We are working to bridge the digital divide and make digitalization an opportunity for all, improve productivity and – in short – to leave no one behind.

2021 MINISTERS' MEETINGS

Many institutional meetings (Working Groups, Ministerial Meetings and final Summit) and special events will take place over the course of the year-long Italian Presidency. The intense schedule will embrace a large part of the country, highlighting many of the excellences scattered throughout Italy.

The dates and format of the events may be subject to change.

		
4 th May	Tourism	VTC
22 nd - 23 rd June	Labour and Education	Catania
29 th June	Foreign Affairs and Development	Matera
30 th June	Ministerial Event on humanitarian assistance	Brindisi
9 th - 10 th July	Economy and Finance	Venice
22 nd - 23 rd July	Environment, Climate and Energy	Naples
29 th - 30 th July	Culture	Rome
5 th - 6 th August	Innovation and Research	Trieste
5 th - 6 th September	Health	Rome
17 th - 18 th September	Agriculture	Florence
12 th October	Trade	Sorrento
30th - 31st October	G20 Summit	Rome

AGRICULTURE MINISTERS' MEETING

CONTEXT

The Italian G20 Presidency will host the **G20 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting in Florence on September 17-18, 2021**. The meeting will be preceded, on **September 16, 2021**, by the **Open Forum on Sustainable Agriculture**.

The G20 Ministers of Agriculture met for the first time in Paris in 2011 to address the impact of the economic crisis on the agricultural sector threatened by price volatility. Since 2015, they have met annually to discuss food security, nutrition and global agricultural development.

The Agriculture Ministers' Meeting will focus on sustainability of agricultural and food systems and it has been preceded by Agriculture Deputies preparatory Meetings and by the Meeting of the Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS). Since 2012, the Agricultural Chief Scientists have met regularly to identify global priorities and scientific research objectives, promoting cooperation between the public and private sectors. The Italian G20 Presidency organised two scientific workshops on antimicrobial resistance and on agriculture and climate change.

During the preparatory meetings, the three dimensions of sustainability - economic, environmental and social - and the policies necessary for resilient agriculture were discussed. The G20 delegates focused their debate on the role of research and innovation and on the necessity of sharing the technological knowledge as tools to ensure sustainability and resilience. New breeding techniques and digital traceability were also discussed.

The protection of **biodiversity** and **ecosystems**, **responsible investments**, **trade in the agri-food sector**, the enhancement of people's role in the production system, and environmentally- friendly agricultural practices respectful of natural resources have been set at the basis of the path for a transition towards sustainable food and agricultural models.

Recalling the commitments of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, Delegates discussed of the upcoming United Nations Food Systems Summit, trusting for balanced results and objectives that recognise the diversity of food production systems.

The **Ministerial Meeting on 17 and 18 September 2021**, will bring together the G20 Ministers of Agriculture, Guest Countries and leaders of the main International Organizations involved in the agricultural sector - among them FAO, OECD, WORLD BANK, OMC, WFP, WHO, ILO, CGIAR and IFAD - to discuss the five themes identified by the presidency:

- How to combine the three dimensions of sustainability in food systems: challenges, opportunities and successful experiences.
- Sustainable agriculture in times of global health emergency: the possible responses through the One Health approach.
- Research as a driving force behind sustainability.
- Working together to achieve the Zero Hunger goal: successful projects implemented by the Ministries of Agriculture.
- G20 Contribution to the upcoming UNFSS and COP 26.

At the end of the Meeting, the Agriculture Ministers' Communiqué, containing the topics discussed during the Italian G20 Presidency, will be adopted.

The meeting aims at being an opportunity to rethink cooperation between countries, in consideration of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and implementing the commitments undertaken in a multilateral context

OPEN FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

The Open Forum on Sustainable Agriculture precedes the Agriculture Ministers' Meeting.

On **September 16, 2021**, as part of the programme of the Italian G20 Presidency, the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, is organising the **Open Forum on Sustainable Agriculture** which will be attended by the Ministers of Agriculture, Delegates of both G20 and non-G20 countries, representatives of farmers' organisations and international organizations, and agricultural entrepreneurs.

The Forum, which aims to promote and enrich the debate on the role of agriculture as a key vehicle for sustainable growth, will take place in Florence, at the Teatro della Pergola, and will be opened and chaired by the Italian Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies Stefano Patuanelli.

The informal character of the Forum will promote a multilateral and multi-stakeholder dialogue to exchange experiences on sustainability, agricultural policies and strategies, and to strengthen public-private collaboration.

The debate will focus on economic, social and environmental sustainability: topics that are crucial for the future wellbeing of humans and the Planet. Given that establishing synergies enhances the effectiveness and quality of outcomes, an inclusive dialogue between different stakeholders is deemed essential to develop a common understanding of the issues and identify coherent approaches.

The event will be organised in four separate sessions. The first session, within the general framework of economic sustainability, will focus on increasing productivity, employment, and value-addition in agricultural systems. This will be followed by a second session dedicated to improving the livelihoods and promoting inclusive economic growth in rural communities. The third session will deal with environmental sustainability. The final session will deal with international cooperation, with a specific focus on meeting the growing demand for food in Africa and the role of sustainable agriculture.

Special guests of the event are Brunello Cucinelli, Italian luxury designer, and Filippo La Mantia, Italian Chef, who will be contributing to the debate with their own experiences on sustainability.

A musical performance offered by the Conservatory of Florence "Luigi Cherubini" will be held at the conclusion of the Forum.

The event will be held in a hybrid format: a combination between an in-person and a virtual event.

HOST CITY: FLORENCE



Florence is a city that has its roots in the Etruscan civilization. It began to take shape in 59 BCE, during the Ancient Roman era, in an area where it was easier to cross the Arno River. Florence spans a history of more than two millennia during which, starting from the Middle Ages, it underwent unprecedented cultural and economic growth that reached its peak in the Renaissance. This has rendered the history of the city unique in terms of its artistic and cultural wealth which still characterises it today, making it a popular destination for students and visitors from all over the world.

A city that throughout history has maintained a strong connection with its territory, as can be seen from the "wine windows" in the walls of Renaissance palaces, from which Florentine nobles sold the wine they produced.

Established in 1753, the Accademia dei Georgofili is the world's oldest institution to deal with agriculture, environment and food, and has since then been committed to promoting the advancement of knowledge, the development of technical and economic activities, and social growth.

The agricultural landscape that we admire today is the constantly changing outcome of the efforts, intellect and love of generations of people that have succeeded each other in this territory for centuries; plants such as cypress trees, vines and olive trees have become icons of the Florentine and Tuscan landscape.

Today, the Municipality of Florence extends over an area of 102 km² with 373,000 residents. It is the capital of the Tuscany Region and of the Metropolitan City of Florence which includes 41 municipalities and 1 million inhabitants. The Municipality of Florence, in collaboration with the University of Florence and the numerous trade associations, is proactively addressing environmental issues by means of concrete actions to reduce the negative effects of anthropisation. Among these are urban forestation projects, construction of the new Florentia Park, plastic-free campaigns, increasing separate waste collection, and urban agriculture projects: a vision that looks to the future of the new generations.

AGENDA 16 september 2021



14:00 – 14:30

Opening session - Welcoming statement by the Italian Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies Stefano Patuanelli
(Teatro della Pergola – Florence)

OPEN FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

14:30 – 15:25

Session 1

Increase productivity, employment, and value-addition in agri-food systems

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

15:25 – 16:20

Sessione 2

Improved livelihoods and inclusive economic growth

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

16:20 – 16:35

Performance

Music Conservatory of Florence “Luigi Cherubini”

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

16:35 – 17:30

Sessione 3

Environmental sustainability

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

17:30 – 18:25

Sessione 4

International cooperation: meeting the growing demand for food in Africa

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

18:25 – 18:40

Performance

Music Conservatory of Florence “Luigi Cherubini”

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

18:30 – 18:45

Closing Remarks by Minister of Agricultural Food and Forestry Policies Stefano Patuanelli

OPEN FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

AGENDA 17 settembre 2021



08:30 – 09:00

Arrival of the Heads of Delegation and greeting by the Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies Stefano Patuanelli
Palazzo Vecchio

Host Broadcaster + official photographers + camera operators

Inauguration Ceremony, Opening Statements, Report on Open Forum and Session One - Agriculture Ministers' Meeting

How to combine the three dimensions of sustainability in food systems: challenges, opportunities and successful experiences

Host Broadcaster (image distribution)

09:00 – 12:10

Session Two – Agriculture Ministers' Meeting

Sustainable agriculture in time of global health emergency: the possible responses through the One Health approach

Session Three – Agriculture Ministers' Meeting

Research as a driving force behind sustainability

12:10 – 12:30

Closing remarks

12.30 – 12.35

Joint Statement by the Italian G20 Presidency and the FAO Director-General
Piazza della Signoria

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

13:45 – 18:00

Field visit: wine and olive growing - examples of sustainability

Host Broadcaster (image distribution)

19:30 – 20:30

Special tour of the Uffizi Galleries

Host Broadcaster (image distribution)

AGENDA 18 settembre 2021



09:00 – 09:20

Opening remarks and G20 MACS Report

9:20 – 10:15

Session Four – Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting

Working together to achieve Zero Hunger goal: successful projects implemented by the Ministries of Agriculture

10:45 – 11:45

Session Five – Agriculture Ministers’ Meeting

G20 Contribution to the upcoming UNFSS and COP26

11:45 – 12:30

Adoption of the Communiqué and Closing remarks

12:30 – 12:45

Historical parade of the City of Florence

12:45 – 13:45

Press Conference by the Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies Stefano Patuanelli

Palazzo Vecchio – Sala dei Gigli

Host Broadcaster + accredited press

MEDIA PROGRAMME: INFORMATION

The events will take place at the following venues:

Teatro della Pergola – Via della Pergola 12/32 - Open Forum on Sustainable Agriculture

Palazzo Vecchio – Piazza della Signoria – Opening ceremony, Single sessions, Closing ceremony and Press Conference

Journalists, photographers and TV crews interested in physically attending the media programme, the final Press Conference, and accessing the Media Centre, may request **accreditation** no later than 23:59 of 14 September 2021 local time, via the following link: <https://g20italia2021.org/> or by clicking on the “Accreditation” section of the Italian G20 Presidency website: <https://www.g20.org/>

For first-time registration (if not already registered for G20 events) applicants must fill in the form providing the required details and upload a copy of the following documents (PDF or JPEG format, max 2MB):

- Valid passport or ID card (mandatory)
- Letter of assignment on official letterhead (mandatory also for freelance journalists)
- Photo (exclusively JPEG format, max. 2MB)
- Press card

A selection of the photos and videos of the event will be ensured by official operators, including the Family photo (screenshot), and will be made available on the Italian G20 and Ministry websites.

The **Media Centre** is located in the **Auditorium Vasari – Uffizi**, entrance in Piazzale degli Uffizi and will be open on the following days:

Thursday, 16 September: 14:00 – 17:00

Friday, 17 September: 8:00 – 17:00 (lunch box will be provided)

Saturday, 18 September: 8:00 – 17:00

To collect the badge, access the Media Centre and attend the media programme and the Press Conference, media representatives are required to show a negative rapid antigen test, carried out within **48 hours**. Beyond that period of time the badge will cease functioning. It is therefore advisable to undergo the antigen rapid test close to the date of the event.

FFP2 face masks be worn at all times.

Following approval of the registration, accreditation badges will be provided to media representatives at the **Accreditation Centre** of the **Auditorium al Duomo** which will be open on the following days:

Wednesday 15 september: 9:00 – 18:00

Thursday 16 september: 9:00 – 18:00

Friday 17 september 8:00 – 18:00

Saturday 18 september: 8:00 – 11:30

Please note that due to Covid-19 and space limitations there may be additional restrictions and controls in place.

Please note that the press representatives of some countries must obtain a visa to enter Italy. This must be checked in advance by accessing the link <https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home.aspx>. Visa requirements and compliance with anti-Covid security protocols must be met before arriving in Italy.

Media representatives will have to arrange their own travel and accommodation

The **Press Conference for the Agriculture Ministers' Meeting** will take place in Sala dei Gigli at Palazzo Vecchio at 12:45, local time.

The press conference will be held in Italian, with simultaneous translation provided in English. It will be broadcast live on the Ministry's official website in Italian and on the [G20 YouTube channel](#) in English.

The **Open Forum on Sustainable Agriculture** will also be broadcast in streaming on the Ministry's official website in Italian and on the [G20 YouTube channel](#) in English.

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