



KICK-OFF MEETING

18th January, 2024

Working Groups Priorities



CLIMATE, ENERGY TRANSFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Description

The Working Group is in charge of addressing the Climate and Ecological Crisis and the need to accelerate the Just Transition. The G7 can play a positive role in ensuring the full implementation of multilateral agreements, particularly the Paris Climate Agreement and plans to implement the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD), starting with financial commitments, while simultaneously addressing environmental and social concerns

Main Issues

- ✓ **Prepare strong NDCs in 2024**, in line with the common objective, further enshrined in Dubai, **to limit global warming to 1.5°C**. The G7 will need to implement and go beyond the decisions made in Dubai, setting the goal and establishing a path for **fossil fuel phase-out** and **ecological and energy just transition**, kicking off strong plans to scale up Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy Efficiency, leading by example.
- ✓ **Mobilize resources for climate finance until and beyond 2025**; mobilize resources to support Adaptation Fund and the new Loss & Damage fund also.
- ✓ **Boost implementation of Montreal Action Agenda for Nature and People (CBD)**; push the creation of a **legally binding treaty on plastic waste**; boost **High Seas Treaty**; decide an initiative to help to protect and finance **the most valuable rainforest areas and ecosystems**, while much better protecting **indigenous people rights**.

Description

The C7 Working Group on Economic Justice and Transformation aims to promote a broader structural change of the current economic, trade and financial architecture, based on justice, centred on the sustainability of life, and aligned with social, economic and cultural rights.

Main Issues

- ✓ Debt relief and debt restructuring
- ✓ Access to concessional finance (Special Drawing Rights, Official Development Assistance)
- ✓ Role of MDBs in fair financing and Publicly-backed private finance
- ✓ Climate finance (i.e. debt swaps, RST and others)
- ✓ Tax justice
- ✓ Trade justice
- ✓ Friendshoring, reshoring and secure supply chains through transparency
- ✓ International trade, finance and the digital economy
- ❖ Cross-cutting human rights, gender equality, decent work, food security, inter-generational impacts (youth and elders) and the climate crisis, among others.
- ❖ Other ongoing processes and dynamics during 2024, such as G20 and FFD, will be considered in this group discussions.

Description

In the current era of polycrises, billions of people are prevented from enjoying their right to health. The Global Health Working Group (GHWG) will advocate for the right to health for all, with access to quality, rights-and-evidence based health services when and where people need them, without incurring in financial hardship, so that everyone everywhere can achieve the highest level of physical, mental, and social well-being.

Main Issues

- ✓ Increased resources and investments in low and middle-income countries towards UHC, particularly elevating the role of community-based and community-led service delivery
- ✓ Most marginalized and vulnerable groups and populations at the centre of global health
- ✓ Rights-based gender-transformative approaches in global health, including timely access to quality sexual and reproductive health and rights
- ✓ Inequalities and barriers to accessing sexual and reproductive health and rights
- ✓ Global health governance and the role of WHO as the global health coordinating institution
- ✓ Addressing the health challenges of today and tomorrow (e.g. HIV, TB, malaria, NCDs, NTDs, mental health, ageing...)
- ✓ The ever-shrinking space of civil society
- ✓ Planetary health and One Health approach in pandemic PPR plans
- ✓ Intellectual property (IP) rights and IP waivers



PRINCIPLED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Description

With ongoing numerous violent and mostly protracted conflicts, resulting in massive human suffering and forced displacements, destruction of civilian infrastructure, and no real and clear political resolutions to resolve them, the C7 Principled Humanitarian Assistance WG will continue to raise awareness of critical humanitarian issues and needs of millions of people, ensuring these remain a priority in dialogue between civil society and the G7.

Main Issues

- ✓ **Humanitarian principles and humanitarian action** – highlight the impact of erosion of principles and provide recommendations for elevating the humanitarian principles - the only tool humanitarians have
- ✓ **Reinvigorating multilateralism/addressing humanitarian financing gap** – including the need to expand donor base and call for multilateralism as essential in addressing the growing humanitarian needs.
- ✓ **Encouraging greater operational involvement of development in protracted crises**
- ✓ **Accountability to Affected People / Age, Gender, Diversity and Disability in Humanitarian Action**
- ✓ **Enhancing of humanitarian Access & Humanitarian Space**
- ✓ **Protection of civilians** including addressing the increasing Gender-Based Violence
- ✓ **Disaster risk reduction and anticipatory action**

Cross-cutting Issues

- ✓ Climate crisis and impact on humanitarian aid; migration



PEACE, COMMON SECURITY AND NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Description

The presence of conflicts in the world, from those of the largest scale and impact to those that are less well known but no less bloody, should put Peace and Common Security in the G7 agenda. In this Working Group the representatives of civil society, providing already established expertise and with their experience in the field, will try to elaborate concrete suggestions and possible policy initiatives for the G7 Governments, towards a “shared global security” that strengthens multilateral cooperation (in the political, economic, democratic, social sense) and concrete steps for Nuclear Disarmament

Main Issues

- ✓ **Inequality is an aspect present in every conflict**, so we must work to implement policies that can prevent lack of democracy, lack of rights, and the raise of poverty
- ✓ The resolution of specific conflicts cannot be achieved without a **new world balance leading to a global agenda based on common and shared security**
- ✓ **Multilateralism and democratic access to global decisions must become working paradigms also for the G7**, to foster cooperation and not conflict
- ✓ **Humanitarian disarmament as the base ground for Peace**: the presence of nuclear weapons configures the maximum (symbolic and practical) summit of a militarization that solves none of the global problems, but exacerbates them by weakening the possible paths to Peace

Cross-cutting Issues

- ✓ **The impact of climate crisis on conflicts and global security**, and on the other hand the impact of arms production and military economy on pollution and climate emergency

HUMAN MOBILITY AND MIGRATION

Description

Migration has been a fundamental part of human development throughout history.

A map of the world today shows, on all continents, a complex network of internally displaced persons, refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

Migration is a permanent phenomenon, it has always existed and will always exist.

Main Issues

- ✓ *The mass movement of people is one of the most significant challenges facing the world today, producing a profound and lasting impact on human rights and gender equality in the lives of those who migrate and in communities of origin, transit and destination.*
- ✓ *The world has lost long-term perspective on migration, approaching it as a crisis rather than a stable part of states' policies.*
- ✓ *The C7 Working Group on Human Mobility and Migration is working within the framework of multilateral action, to demonstrate that the G7 Presidency in 2024, in true partnership with the Global South and diaspora, has the opportunity to serve as a bridge to a comprehensive approach to the global challenge of human mobility.*



FOOD JUSTICE AND FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION

Description

Food Systems are central to ecosystem health, social justice and well-being, food and nutrition security, culture and landscape protection, and planetary rights, while the current model of industrialized agriculture is posing critical challenges regarding biodiversity loss, overconsumption of water, greenhouse gas emissions and groundwater pollution, with severe implications for human animal and environmental health.

Main Issues

- ✓ Participation promotes small-scale producers in decision-making processes on food systems
- ✓ Access to funding, infrastructure, inputs, markets, and markets, and ensure that their land rights are protected, and policies in coherence
- ✓ Price inflation and inequalities. Support a human rights-centered approach in the transformation of our food systems
- ✓ Support the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS).
- ✓ Investments comply with environmental and human rights standards, whether public or private.
- ✓ Access to natural resources, conflict, and repressive governance on youth migration.
- ✓ Co-programming pathways for agroecology and food systems transformation.
- ✓ Limitation of livestock keeping and aquaculture system industrial version and the use of antimicrobials
- ✓ Implement public policies that facilitate women's and youth access to resources and services that guarantee their land rights