

G20 Leaders' Summit 2018



MAURICIO MACRI
Argentina

“An important part of what we’re doing at the G20 has to do with the major goal we have in Argentina: to reduce poverty. Our vision is for the G20 to be a group of countries that cooperate to generate inclusive growth. In light of this, we have decided on the slogan for our presidency: “Building consensus for fair and sustainable development.” We lead the G20 based on the principle of putting people first, with a focus on equality and sustainability.



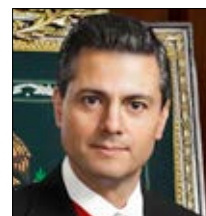
EMMANUEL MACRON, France

“In order to defeat inequalities, we must change approach and scale. First of all, revise both our trading and social rules; rather than pursuing protectionism, we must all work together to radically revise the WTO rules. We must restore the WTO’s ability to resolve conflicts, enact rules to deal with unfair trade practices, non-respect for intellectual property and forced technology transfers, which no longer allow for a fair fight. This year, the G20 in Argentina must give us a credible road map for radically reforming the WTO.”



SCOTT MORRISON
Australia

“We are a pro- trade country. We’re also a pro- investment country. We’re a pro- immigration country - three of the great pillars of Australia’s economic prosperity over 200 years and more. So it’s to stand up for those values and stand up for those mechanisms in the global market place, whether it be the G20 or the WTO or anywhere else. We are not for closed shops, on trade or the shop floor and Australia has an important role to champion free trade, open trade. We must continue to do that without allies and our strategic economic partners.”



ENRIQUE PEÑA NIETO, Mexico

“Mexico attends these meetings with a sense of responsibility. We reiterate the commitments we have made as a nation, precisely in favour of protecting and caring for the environment. We believe that the digital age and the use of digital technologies opens up spaces of opportunity to achieve greater social inclusion, facilitate entrepreneurship, and enable the new generations to be incorporated into the productive era, precisely through the use of information technologies”



XI JINPING
China

“The G20 has an important mission, which is to reaffirm the vision of pursuing inclusive growth and strike a balance between fairness and efficiency, between capital and labour, and between technology and employment. To achieve this goal, we must ensure synergy between economic and social policies, address the mismatch between industrial upgrading and knowledge and skills, and ensure more equitable income distribution. “



VLADIMIR PUTIN
Russia

“G20 is primarily an economic forum, even though many political and similar issues emerge. Nevertheless, the main issue is the development of the global economy. Overall, this forum is definitely effective, and I believe it will play a role in stabilising the global economy in general.”



MOON JAE-IN
South Korea

“Korea firmly supports efforts being made by the G20 member states to fight trade protectionism, to strengthen the multilateral trading systems centered on the World Trade Organization, and efforts to expand free trade. The benefits of free trade should be more fairly shared and to this end, the Korean government will actively work to minimize disadvantages that smaller companies or agricultural businesses might face as we expand free trade”



RECEP ERDOGAN
Turkey

“We reached an agreement to do our best so as to render global financial safety nets more effective and flexible. We expressed support for the formation of an IMF structure that has a strong, quota-based and adequate financial resource as well as a more effective lending toolkit.”



JUSTIN TRUDEAU
Canada

“As our planet becomes increasingly interconnected, we need to promote strong, sustainable economic growth that works for everyone, and embrace the need to be socially and environmentally responsible. This is about creating jobs and opportunities for everyone, and building a healthier and more prosperous tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.”



JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER & DONALD TUSK, European Union

“The G20 has played a critical role in bringing the global economy back to its feet after the crisis. Now it must ensure the global economy works for everyone. Strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth relies on multilateral cooperation and a rules based order. It also requires that we put all economic policy tools to work - monetary, fiscal and structural.”



ANGELA MERKEL
Germany

“There was a multilateral response aimed at resolving the great challenge of 2007 and 2008, the international financial crisis. This response took the form of meetings between the Heads of State and Government of the G20, whose Presidency is held by Argentina this year. Germany held the Presidency last year and the motto of our Presidency was “shaping an interconnected world”. We tried to foster global cooperation in what is not a particularly easy time. We made progress in global cooperation in the health sector, the partnership with Africa and the global steel forum, which addresses dumping and fair trade. We tried to strengthen the role of multilateral organisations and sought to promote an open global trade system.”



MICHEL TEMER
Brazil

“It should be recognised that, despite our collective efforts, the global economy still has lower economic growth than what was seen before the global crisis that began in 2008. I want to mention that three elements have deserved our special attention. First, the evolution of commodity prices. Second, the effects on the markets of monetary policies of some developed countries. And third, the volatility of financial markets - amidst factors such as high instability in geopolitically-sensitive regions of the planet and terrorism.”



GIUSEPPE CONTE
Italy

“Shared responsibility, in the framework of building peaceful, equitable and sustainable societies, is a call that we share and accept as an invitation to change: the same spirit of change that characterizes the action of the Government that I lead”



THERESA MAY
United Kingdom

“The UK is a leading advocate for free trade and open markets, for the World Trade Organisation, and for a global economy that works for everyone. But it is also important that we acknowledge some people feel left behind by globalisation, and that not all countries are playing by the rules. I have encouraged leaders to take steps to make the international trading system work better, to ensure that all our citizens can share in the benefits of the global economy.”



KING SALMAN
Saudi Arabia

“The Kingdom also participated in the G20 Summit, a step reflecting the prestigious and important position of our country in the map of the global economy. During this summit, the Kingdom has contributed to develop economic relations among the countries, overcome the obstacles and constraints and encourage and support the flow of investments, exchange of the expertise, technology transfer and cooperation in all fields for the benefit and interest of all.”



DONALD TRUMP
United States

“When the United States grows, so does the world. American prosperity has created countless jobs all around the globe, and the drive for excellence, creativity, and innovation in the U.S. has led to important discoveries that help people everywhere live more prosperous and far healthier lives. As the United States pursues domestic reforms to unleash jobs and growth, we are also working to reform the international trading system so that it promotes broadly shared prosperity and rewards to those who play by the rules.”



NARENDRA MODI
India

“As opposed to globalisation, the forces of protectionism are emerging. Their intent is to not only safeguard themselves from globalisation, but also to alter the natural flow of globalization. One of its result is that we are witnessing new types of tariff and non-tariff barriers. Bilateral and multilateral trade agreements and negotiations seems to have been stalled. Cross-border financial investment has decreased in most countries. And the growth of global supply chains has also stopped. The solution to this worrisome situation against globalisation is not in isolation. Its solution lies in understanding and accepting the change, it lies in making smart and flexible policies with the changing times.”



JOKO WIDODO
Indonesia

“I appreciate the efforts of OECD and G20 countries in overcoming Base Erosion Profit Shifting (BEPS), facilitating Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI), and implementing Multilateral Instrument (MLI). We should ensure that AEOI can return taxpayer’s obligations to its countries and ensure that the exchange of data will provide benefits.”



SHINZO ABE
Japan

“Addressing climate change, marine pollution, and disaster risk reduction are critical pillars for achieving the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. Japan will preside over the G20 next year and focus on accelerating the virtuous cycle of environmental protection and economic growth. When the seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development is held in Japan, we will extend support to African countries. We invite the rest of the world to join us in tackling this tough challenge.”



CYRIL RAMAPHOSA
South Africa

“The G20 Compact with Africa is a pioneering initiative to support Africa’s ambition to mobilise domestic and international savings through an improved investment framework. The initiative is based on the premise that accelerated economic development is achievable when African countries, G20 partner countries and international organisations work together to create a better environment for private investment to lift the standard of living for our people.”