



T20 U.S. in 2026: Harnessing Knowledge and Ensuring Continuity for Better Policymaking in Uncertain Times

T20 U.S. Overview (May 2026)

Through the [T20 U.S. in 2026](#), the Think Tank 20 (T20) policy research network is once again poised to **produce and share practical and timely knowledge products for all G20 policymakers**, ensuring continued engagement on key themes of international policy relevance to all Member States and regional groupings. In 2026, these include, but are not limited to, the G20 U.S. working group themes of: 1. removing regulatory burdens; 2. unlocking affordable and secure energy supply chains; 3. pioneering new technologies and innovation; and 4. identifying areas of consensus on trade issues. Additionally, the T20 is committed to continued work on, among other major legacy issues, sustainability, inequality, international financial architecture and collective security reform, human rights, pandemic prevention and public health, migration and refugees, gender and youth empowerment, disabilities, humanitarian action, food insecurity, and peace.

Kicking-off the T20 U.S. in 2026, the recently convened six-week G20 and Global Governance Innovation E-Consultation (24 February - 8 April 2026) provided key insights for the year ahead. This **NEW Synthesis Report** details the analytical insights and creative policy and institutional reform proposals of this online forum's **450+ scholars**, policy researchers, advocates, and practitioners from around the world. The report highlights initial analytical findings and policy recommendations for G20 policy-makers from six consecutive, one-week online dialogues that cover many of the thematic priority areas of the T20 U.S. Workstreams and Advisory Council launched this past April. Stay tuned for future **policy notes**, **policy solutions**, and **commentaries** building on several of the ideas flowing from the e-consultation, which built-upon the momentum and creative thinking generated during recent T20's, including those hosted (from 2022-2025) by leading think tanks in Indonesia, India, Brazil, and South Africa, respectively.

Concrete ways to contribute this year to the activities of the T20 U.S. include the preparation of **policy notes** commissioned by **five distinct Workstreams** (formerly taskforces) and succinct **policy solutions** undertaken by a **revamped Advisory Council** (which will also oversee the production of “incubator ideas” on, for instance, T20/G20 Implementation Roadmaps, Scorecards, and Foresight Hubs). The T20 will further team-up with other G20 engagement groups on **joint statements**, **webinars**, and other **outreach activities**. In particular, participating think tanks will engage G20 and other policy-makers across five thematic areas:

- 1. Fostering Trade and People-Centered Economic Growth.**
- 2. Safeguarding Energy Security and Resilience.**
- 3. Boosting Innovative Technologies, including Artificial Intelligence.**
- 4. Mobilizing Finance and Tackling Debt Constraints, including through International Financial Architecture Reform.**
- 5. Sustaining and Strengthening Global Coordination on Socioeconomic Development and Peacebuilding**

Select upcoming **T20** and **G20 Calendar-of-Events** (*and we welcome further think tank self-initiated T20 side events throughout 2026, which the T20 U.S. organizing team will help to promote*):

- 1-2 June: **Global Solutions Summit 2026**, including **T20 U.S. Workstreams and Advisory Council** strategy sessions (Berlin).
- 29-30 June: **Sherpa Meeting II** (Washington, D.C.)
- 1-3 July: **ACUNS Annual Meeting 2026**, including a roundtable on **Continuity and Contestation: the G20 at a Crossroads and its Implications for the UN System** (Lisbon).
- 31 August - 1 September: **G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Ministerial** (Asheville, North Carolina)
- 20-26 September: **UNGA High-Level Week**, including a **T20 U.S. side-event**, possibly in collaboration with other G20 informal engagement groups (New York).
- 1-2 October: **Sherpa Meeting III** (Washington, D.C.)
- 12-18 October: **2026 Annual Meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund**, including a **T20 U.S. convening** (Bangkok).
- 30-31 October: **G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting** (Atlanta)
- 16-17 November: **Pre-T20 U.S. Summit Track 1.5 Dialogues** (New York)
- 18-19 November: **T20 U.S. Summit** (New York)
- 11-12 December: **Sherpa Meeting IV** (Miami)
- 14-15 December: **G20 Leaders' Summit** (Miami)

T20 U.S. Summit in New York: The T20 U.S. will convene, in hybrid format hosted by the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice (with anticipated sessions held across the street at United Nations Headquarters), a large and internationally diverse T20 Summit from 18-19 November in New York. As per custom, the gathering aspires to produce a final T20 U.S. communiqué (combining, in a synthesized format, chief recommendations from both the Workstreams and Advisory Council) for wide public promotion in the run-up to the G20 Summit from 14-15 December 2026. The T20 Summit will highlight the implications of this work for the U.K.'s 2027 G20 Presidency, and it will support continuity into the next G20/T20 cycle.

If you wish to participate in the discussions and activities of the **T20 policy research network**, you are welcome to join the network's **WhatsApp group** by emailing T20US@stimson.org. If you have any questions about the T20 U.S. in 2026 at this time, please write to: T20US@stimson.org. Among other promotional mediums by the Stimson Center, Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, and Brookings, the monthly Global Governance Innovation Network (GGIN) Update will showcase a regularly featured T20 U.S. Update (*including YOUR think tank's self-initiated T20 U.S. side events*). To receive the monthly **GGIN Update** in your in-box, please register under "Stay Informed": <https://ggin.stimson.org/>.

