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The G20 for People, Planet and Prosperity Rekindling Multilateralism in a post-Covid World

Rome, 1 February 2021 – The **Inception Conference** of the 2021 **Think20** – the engagement group which serves as the ‘ideas bank’ of the G20 and brings together hundreds of leading international think tanks to provide policy recommendations to the G20 leaders - will be held **on February 8 and 9** focusing on ‘**The G20 for People, Planet and Prosperity. Rekindling Multilateralism in a post-Covid World**’

The event will be held **virtually** and journalists who intend to attend must be accredited, by filling out the form at the following link <https://www.t20italy.org/t20-inception-conference-programme/>.

The world is confronted with a number of daunting post-pandemic challenges including global health cooperation, universal access to vaccines, growing inequalities and poverty, the worst recession since WWII and the risk of a world debt crisis. These challenges go hand in hand with long-standing trends, from climate change to digital transformation. What can the international actors do to address these unprecedented challenges. What priority objectives should be pursued by the G20, the largest multilateral forum, which is chaired by Italy this year and what new initiatives should it undertake to achieve them? How can think tanks contribute to shaping and renewing the G20 agenda to adjust it to the emerging challenges?

High-level personalities and top experts worldwide will come together to answer these questions on the occasion of the Think20 (T20) Italy Virtual Inception Conference, including **Paolo Gentiloni** (European Commissioner for Economy), **Virginia Gamba** (Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict), **Jeffrey Sachs** (Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University), **Emma Bonino** (former European Commissioner and Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs), **Alicia Bárcena** (Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean - CEPAL), **Fatih Birol** (Executive Director, International Energy Agency- IEA).

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