



# Policy Note

## 2014 G20 working arrangements

Australia's G20 presidency is working to ensure that the preparatory process for the Brisbane Summit is effective and coordinated. This year's main themes are promoting stronger economic growth and employment, and building a more resilient global economy.

Preparation of outcomes for the summit under these themes takes place in two 'streams': one led by sherpas – officials who represent their leaders in G20 discussions – and the other led by Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors. In each stream, through a number of formal working groups and taskforces, officials meet regularly to

undertake technical work in specialised policy areas to prepare for the Leaders Summit in Brisbane.

Australia is committed to ensuring the two streams work closely throughout 2014, with senior officials from each stream attending the other's meetings. In June, sherpas and finance deputies will

hold a joint session to review progress on country-specific growth strategies. These strategies will include measures tailored to each country with the most potential for stimulating growth, including employment opportunities, reducing barriers to trade, increasing competition and improving investment in infrastructure. Sherpas and deputies

### WORKING ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE G20 PRESIDENCY

Sherpas will meet several times during the year in preparation for the Leaders' Summit. This is in addition to meetings of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, who are supported by corresponding meetings of Finance Deputies.

In 2014, working arrangements are built around the two themes of promoting stronger economic growth and employment outcomes and building a more resilient global economy.

As part of this process, working groups are looking at anti-corruption, development, energy, employment, investment and infrastructure, and macroeconomic policy and structural reform. Work on trade, tax reform, international financial architecture and financial regulation is being undertaken by senior officials.



Framework Working Group Co-chairs	Investment and Infrastructure Working Group Co-chairs	Task Force on Employment Co-chairs	G20 Trade Contacts Meeting Chair	Development Working Group Co-chairs	Energy Sustainability Working Group Co-chairs	Anti-Corruption Working Group Co-chairs
Canada	Germany	Australia	Australia	Australia	Australia	Australia
India	Indonesia	Turkey		Russia	India	Italy
	Mexico			South Africa		
				Turkey		

will also discuss outcomes for leaders and what will be included in the Brisbane Action Plan. Ministerial meetings on trade and employment will also be important in preparing outcomes for the summit.

## FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP (FWG)

**(Co-chairs: Canada and India)**

This year the FWG will play a pivotal role in coordinating the development of G20 country growth strategies. Working group co-chairs from each of the other working groups will participate in relevant sessions of FWG meetings. FWG delegates will work closely with their national colleagues on other working groups to ensure they are fully coordinating and integrating country input into the growth strategies. In particular, the FWG will meet with the Taskforce on Employment to ensure coherence between the growth and employment agendas.

## INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORKING GROUP (IIWG)

**(Co-chairs: Indonesia, Germany and Mexico)**

The IIWG is responsible for developing a package of individual and collective actions to boost investment, particularly in infrastructure but also in small and medium sized enterprises, which will form a key part of the growth strategies and the Brisbane Action Plan. The IIWG will work with the FWG to develop investment and infrastructure elements for the growth strategies. To increase financing for infrastructure investment in developing countries, the IIWG will work closely with the Development Working Group (DWG). IIWG members are also invited to attend relevant DWG meetings.

## TASKFORCE ON EMPLOYMENT (TFE)

**(Co-chairs: Australia and Turkey)**

The TFE will coordinate countries to develop employment plans and actions to support job creation and lift

participation. The employment agenda also has important links to development, which will be reflected in the plans. The FWG and DWG co-chairs are invited to relevant sessions of TFE meetings and vice versa. Finance deputies will contribute to the TFE's work to integrate and coordinate work on macroeconomic issues and jobs, and to incorporate employment actions into the growth strategies. TFE delegates are working with their national FWG colleagues to ensure that country growth strategies and employment plans are aligned.

## TRADE

Trade discussions do not have a dedicated working group, but at Australia's request, sherpas have identified officials to support them on this issue. A meeting of G20 trade contacts was convened in May to prepare input for the June FWG and joint sherpa and deputies meetings. At their meeting in July, G20 trade ministers will assess the trade actions included in the draft growth strategies. Ministers also will discuss how G20 leaders could help strengthen the global trading system.

## DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (DWG)

**(Co-chairs: Australia, Russia, South Africa and Turkey)**

As agreed by sherpas, work on development is integrated with the G20's broader growth agenda. The development agenda complements the growth strategies by advancing practical actions to support developing and low income countries' participation in, and contribution to, global growth. The DWG's work intersects with other

groups, including the FWG, IIWG, TFE, the Anti-Corruption Working Group, finance deputies and the sherpa-led work on trade (in relation to food security). The DWG reports to both sherpas and finance deputies on investment and infrastructure, domestic resource mobilisation and financial inclusion.

## ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP (ESWG)

**(Co-chairs: Australia and India)**

The energy agenda relates to both the sherpa and finance streams. Given the diverse representation in the ESWG, sherpas play a leadership role in providing direction to this work. In 2014, the ESWG will report to sherpas on energy architecture, gas markets and energy efficiency, and to deputies on transparency and investment, and inefficient fossil fuel subsidies. The ESWG co-chairs will update IIWG co-chairs on the outcomes of the energy infrastructure investment workshop being held in the lead up to the May ESWG meeting.

## ANTI-CORRUPTION WORKING GROUP (ACWG)

**(Co-chairs: Australia and Italy)**

The ACWG reports to sherpas but also has links to work in the finance stream and the DWG's domestic resource mobilisation agenda. The ACWG will develop high-level principles on beneficial ownership transparency in collaboration with relevant G20 experts from across the sherpa and finance streams.

### Further information

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