



# Digital Conference on B20 Global Dialogue in India

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## Background Note

### 1. Overview of Key G20 Engagement Groups

G20 is an important global forum that promotes multilateralism through constructive debates, discussions, and dialogues. In past 10 years, G20 at the Leaders' Summit level has gained more acceptance and the scope of its agenda has widened significantly. In addition to issues of economic growth, financial stability, and international financial architecture, G20 has gradually covered development issues including Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the recent years. Besides the contributions by Finance and Sherpa Tracks led by the host governments, G20 process has benefitted enormously from the inputs provided by different Engagement Groups such as T20, B20, S20, W20, C20, among others.

The three engagement groups of T20, B20 and S20 representing three important pillars of G20 agenda hold great relevance. In a holistic sense, T20 for academics and scholars, B20 for business leaders and entrepreneurs and S20 for scientific fraternity and innovators together in the G20 countries have been representing the critical intellectual mass of G20 manifested in series of policy recommendations, reports, policy briefs and other forms of publications. The specific roles and contributions of these groups to the G20 Summits are as follows:

#### ○ **Business 20 (B20)**

Established in 2010, B20 represents the interests, opportunities, and challenges in the business and industrial sectors in G20 countries and in the world. The group includes business leaders from various member countries and leading business organisations across the world. Many a time, private sector issues and concerns are not properly articulated in policy circles hence remain unaddressed. B20 provides a useful platform for them to collate their interests and pool technologies, skills, and expertise across the countries of the world. Different task forces comprising of over 100 business enterprises, work towards a unique business aspect and comes forward with policy recommendations. These are presented to the G20 leaders in the form of a communiqué.

- **Think Tank 20 (T20)**

As part of this engagement group, leading Think Tanks, and research institutions from the G20 member states contribute research papers and policy briefs, to aid research-based policy making. The aim is to produce a huge pool of ideas and reach out to the broader public on these issues of global importance. Generally, several task forces are constituted by T20, each conducting in-depth research around on themes and set of priorities. Some of those task forces are common across presidencies such as trade and investment, infrastructure financing, gender, health, climate change, etc. However, each Presidency can also bring out a specific task force related to an area that has not been extensively discussed or requires some fresh inputs. For instance, Saudi Arabia has initiated a task force on COVID-19 such that advice from some of the best thought leaders can be consolidated to avert the current crisis. The Engagement Group presents its recommendations to the presidency in the form of T20 communiqué ahead of the Leaders' Summit.

- **Science 20 (S20)**

S20 is one of the youngest engagement groups within G20 as it was established in 2017. It was formed to encourage discussions around scientific policy making and enable a smooth flow of ideas among the scientific community. All the task forces under it focus on a chosen topic of interest and come forward with implementable recommendations which are backed by extensive deliberation and consensus among the members. Some important issues include future of health, circular economy, digital revolution, etc. Summarizing the contributions by all task forces, a communiqué is prepared and officially presented to the G20 leaders at the G20 Summit.

## **2. Major Goals of Saudi Arabia's G20 Presidency**

Saudi Arabia which holds the G20 Presidency for the year 2020 aims at youth and women empowerment, diversification of economy, and pursuing of more private public quality partnerships across various G20 participant countries, among others under the theme of **'Realizing Opportunities of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century For All'**. The three key agenda items to be addressed under this theme are, **Empowering People**, by creating the conditions in which all people especially women and youth can live, work and thrive; **Safeguarding the Planet**, by fostering collective efforts to protect our global commons; and **Shaping New Frontiers**, by adopting long-term and bold strategies to share benefits of innovation and technological advancement.

### **B20 Saudi Arabia**

B20 Saudi Arabia is an official 'Engagement Group' of G20 and has the mandate to deliver an impactful and differentiated policy development process while reinforcing and sustaining the critical role of G20 business community. To deliver on this, B20 Saudi Arabia will follow the strategic principles of developing action-oriented and impactful policy recommendations through an inclusive, collaborative, and transparent approach and adopting highest professional standards. **The six identified areas for policy deliberation are digitalization, energy, sustainability and climate, finance and infrastructure, future of work and education, integrity and compliance, and trade and investment. The process for developing policy recommendation will comprise of constituting separate taskforces for each of the six highlighted policy areas.**

In addition to above, an Action Council on 'Women in Business' has been created to address the issue of ensuring gender diversity in business. 'Women in Business' is Saudi Arabia's signature topic and a key aspect of differentiation which, despite being high on many leaders' agenda, still remains largely unsolved with limited progress over the past decades. Two cross-cutting themes i.e. 'SMEs and Entrepreneurship' and 'Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)' will also be covered across all taskforces.

### **3. India's Upcoming G20 Presidency in 2022**

The Indian presidency of G20 in 2022 would be an opportunity for both the G20 leaders and for India to set a road map for the future of the world economy, as the expected recovery from the pandemic would start consolidating in late 2021. India being a leading emerging market and a representative developing country would play critical role in shaping the course of G20 negotiations and help address major developmental challenges faced by the developing countries. Governments, businesses, academia, and civil society organisations in India and the G20 countries would have to take higher responsibilities and find place to contribute effectively to this timely opportunity.

#### **Coalition of Indian Engagement Groups**

The inputs from the Engagement Groups have been useful and important sources of ideas and perspective for the G20 leaders. The analysis of past presidencies suggests the growing role of the Engagement Groups such as T20, B20, S20, W20, L20 in identifying priorities, fostering ideas, and generating policy recommendations. In fact, most of those are reflected in the deliberations of the Leaders' Summits and have been included in the Leaders' Declarations. Engagement groups broadly operate in their own domains and each engagement group tries to maintain continuity in addition to identifying contemporary challenges in their discourses and deliberations. Very little interaction takes place among them during the course of a particular presidency which not only restricts them to present singular views of the problems facing the world economy but also weakens the strength of specific policy actions or recommendations as they often overlap across Engagement Groups.

By recognizing some of these limitations and to bring synergy in generating meaningful inputs for the Indian Presidency of G20 in 2022, the three leading institutions namely, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Research and Information system for Developing Countries (RIS), and Indian National Science Academy (INSA) representing B20, T20 and S20 respectively has formed a Coalition of Indian Engagement Groups. The Coalition has started working on the various pillars of its activities, which include the following:

- Brainstorming sessions on priorities for Indian G20 presidency
- Theme-based regional seminars in different cities of India
- Publication of outcome documents of seminars and conferences
- Policy briefs by the coalition members
- Separate session for involvement of research scholars and students in coalition seminars
- Liaisoning with T20, B20 and S20 counterparts in Saudi Arabia, Italy, and Indonesia

#### **About the Coalition Members**

- **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering Industry, Government, and civil society through working closely with Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and business opportunities for industry. For 125 years, CII has been working on shaping India's development journey and, this year, more than ever before, it will continue to proactively transform Indian industry's engagement in national development. The premier business association has more than 9100 members, from the private as well as public sectors, and an indirect membership of over 300,000 enterprises from around 288 national and regional sectoral industry bodies. With 68 offices, including 9 Centres of Excellence in India, and 11 overseas offices in Australia, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Indonesia, Singapore, South Africa, UAE, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with 394 counterpart organizations in 133 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

- **Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)**

RIS is a leading think tank that specialises in issues related to international economic development, trade, investment, and technology. It has significantly contributed to effective policy dialogue and capacity-building among developing countries on global and regional economic issues. As part of T20 and in view of the diversity of issues taken up in G20 platform, RIS has begun a journey by bringing out 'G20 Digest' to gather views, opinions, and scholarly research. This shall enable dissemination of important ideas, thereby aiding the coalition process. Moreover, for a focused discussion and a dedicated platform, it aims to bring out a new series called as 'RIS G20 Policy Series'. Interim findings of the RIS in-house research studies and contribution of RIS faculty to T20 policy briefs would appear as policy briefs from time to time.

- **Indian National Science Academy (INSA)**

The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) was established in January 1935 with the object of promoting science in India and harnessing scientific knowledge for the cause of humanity and national welfare. As part of S20, INSA aims to collaborate its research with other science leaders around the globe and help G20 member countries to be able to benefit from it.

#### **4. Key Objectives of the Digital Conference on B-20 Global Dialogue in India**

In view of the extraordinary economic situations in India and the other G20 countries, the **Digital Conference on B-20 Global Dialogue in India** is being organised to discuss the major challenges faced by the manufacturing and services sectors of the economy in the G20 countries with particular focus on India. As COVID-19 pandemic has paralysed the economies across the world, the immediate thrust would be ensuring an orderly economic recovery as countries come up with vaccines and necessary medical solutions in 2021. It is critical to address the long-term recovery needs in terms of immediate health, economic, labour, and social impact of the pandemic. This will help in shaping our economies and society in a more resilient, inclusive, sustainable, and prosperous way. The focus of the

dialogue is to bring together ideas and views cutting across various sectors of economy from the specific lens of the three engagement groups of G20 such as T20, B20 and S20.

Besides the views of India's G20 Sherpa and the views of various ministries of Government of India, panel discussions will highlight key issues around finance, infrastructure, digitalization, trade, and investment. Considering the current pandemic, there will also be extensive discussion on the prevailing global business environment, exit plans and stimulus packages, path to economic recovery and innovative development cooperation partnerships. The key policy recommendations of the B20 Saudi Arabia Taskforces will be highlighted.

## 5. Overview of Conference Sessions

- **Inaugural Session**

The Inaugural Session of the Conference which will be presided over by **Shri Suresh Prabhu**, Member of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha) & India's Sherpa to G20 and G7 as the Chief Guest, shall provide an overarching view on the fast-tracked changes required by the business community to adapt to the post pandemic world and the reforms required to support widespread and inclusive growth. The Session would also deliberate upon the major B-20 areas of work for the year which are supporting SMEs, promoting women entrepreneurship, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

- **Session on Saudi B- 20 Joint Recommendations of Task Forces**

The Session on Saudi B- 20 Joint Recommendations of Task Forces will focus on the joint policy recommendations arising out of the deliberations of the Taskforces on Integrity and Compliance, Energy, Sustainability & Climate, Future of Work and Education, Digitalization, Finance & Infrastructure and Trade & Investment, among others. The deliberations will focus on the implementation aspect of the suggestions in various participating countries and assess if they offer any scope for further enhancement.

- **Session on T-20 & S-20: COVID-19 Pandemic, Economic Recovery and Global Business**

The Session on T-20 & S-20: COVID-19 Pandemic, Economic Recovery and Global Business will focus on developing an advance and coordinated roadmap to ensure the economic growth and development as well as achievement of entrepreneurial objectives of the G20 nations while combating the COVID-19 pandemic. It will also deliberate upon the human and economic implications of the pandemic. The key goal would be to develop a set of policies to safeguard the global economy without compromising on the health of the citizens of various countries. The Session will provide a holistic perspective about how the G20 nations can participate and introduce regulatory reforms to help the world emerge stronger and more prepared from the COVID-19 crisis.

## 6. Profile of Key Speakers

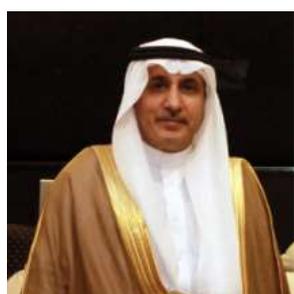
### Distinguished Speakers

- **Shri Suresh Prabhu, Member of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha) & India's Sherpa to G20 and G7**



Shri Suresh Prabhu, Member of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha) & India's Sherpa to G20 and G7 is known as a man of action, having a penchant for undertaking reforms, scripting turnarounds, and achieving superlative results by working in mission mode. An advocate for decisive growth-driven change, he is well respected for his impeccable integrity, passion, and commitment towards society at large. Featured among the top three Indian leaders of the future by Asia Week magazine, Hong Kong in its cover story "Giant on the Move," he has been guided by the dream and mission to balance the needs of human development while preserving the fragile environment. Shri Suresh Prabhu has served as the Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation of Government of India. He has handled several ministries in past from Railways to Environment, Power and Heavy Industries. He has also been the Chairman of the Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers. As soon as he assumes charge of an assignment, he secures the blue-print of development, and sets target dates for specific action points. He is well known for his easy accessibility to the public, which not only acts as a deterrent to bureaucratic delays and corruption in the functioning of his Ministry, but also encourages new ideas and view-points. He is also a believer in people's participation in the working of the Ministries under him, especially through the involvement of stakeholders.

- **H.E. Dr Saud Mohammed Alsati, Ambassador, Embassy of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Republic of India**



H.E. Dr Alsati has done PhD in International Politics from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, U.S.A (1999). He received his Master's degree in Public Administration (1993) and Political Science (1994) from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He has held various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served in the United States, the United Kingdom and Egypt. Since January 2012, he has been serving as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to India. He has participated in various international forums including Davos Economic conference in Switzerland, Tallberg Forum in Sweden, Wilton Park in Britain, GCC European Dialogue conference at Menton in France and the sixth Heart of Asia Ministerial conference in Amritsar, India.

- **Shri Rahul Chhabra, Secretary, Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs**



Shri Rahul Chhabra took over the post of Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs on 8th June 2020. Prior to taking over his current post, Shri Chhabra was High Commissioner to Kenya, Ambassador to Somalia and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) & the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), based in Nairobi from Nov. 2018 to June 2020. He was Ambassador to Hungary and Bosnia & Herzegovina from August 2015 to October 2018. At Headquarters, he worked as Joint Secretary (Central Europe). He conceived and organized the first two editions of the India-Central Europe Business Forum which has now become a regular feature in the Indian business calendar. During this assignment, he was instrumental in focusing India's foreign policy towards the Arctic and the V-4. While earlier serving in New Delhi, he worked to promote foreign investment flows into India, having been part of India's delegation to the World Economic Forum at Davos. Later, he served as Director for External Publicity at the Ministry of External Affairs and Director in the Foreign Secretary's Office. During his stints abroad, Shri Chhabra has served in Kenya, Hungary, China, United States, Philippines, France, Senegal and Belgium. After an undergraduate degree in Economics, on the merit list, from the prestigious St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, he obtained a graduate degree in Economics, with a national scholarship, from the premier institute Delhi School of Economics and Masters in Business Administration from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Calcutta, where he was placed on the Roll of Honour.

- **Dr. Indu Bhushan, Chief Executive Officer Ayushman Bharat National Health Authority**



Dr. Indu Bhushan serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB - PMJAY) and the National Health Authority (NHA), Government of India.

Dr. Bhushan is an ex-Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Indian Civil Services, 1983 Rajasthan cadre. He holds a Doctorate in Health Economics and a Master of Health Sciences from the Johns Hopkins University, USA. He is an alumnus of the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology-Banaras Hindu University (IIT BHU) and IIT Delhi where he completed his B. Tech and Post-Graduate Diploma, respectively. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).

Dr. Bhushan is a bureaucrat-turned-economist with a career spanning 35 years across a multitude of sectors. He served for nine years in the IAS prior to leaving government service. Thereafter, he worked as Senior Economist with the World Bank Group prior to moving to ADB.

Until his appointment as CEO, AB - PMJAY, he served as Director General, East Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He has held multiple positions within ADB including Director General, Strategy and Policy Department and led ADB's engagement with the People's Republic of China (PRC), Hong Kong, Republic of Korea,

Mongolia, and Taiwan including management of \$12.6 billion portfolio comprising of 113 projects. Dr. Bhushan administered and provided oversight to sectors like energy, environment, natural resources and agriculture, transport, public management, financial sector and regional cooperation, urban and social development. He also supervised ADB's resident missions in the People's Republic of China and Mongolia.

- **Shri K Rajaraman, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance**



Shri K. Rajaraman, a senior Indian Administrative Service Officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, is a B. Tech in Electronics & Communications, a first class MBA and Master of Economics. Starting his career as a Design Engineer in BHEL, Trichy, during his rich and varied experience as an IAS Officer, he had held various administrative positions in the areas of Investment Promotion, Foreign Direct Investment, Public Sector Undertakings, Industrial Infrastructure, VAT Administration, etc. He was MD of Chennai Metro Railways for nearly 4 years during its early construction phase, Commissioner for Commercial Taxes in Government of Tamil Nadu and Joint Secretary Expenditure in Government of India in the recent past. He currently serves as Additional Secretary, Investment, IER and Admn. in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. He has published articles in Business Line on 'Right to Information' and 'Energy conservation Policy'. He is a certified trainer in Incident Command System for Disaster Management and has served as a Disaster Rescue Team leader in Nagapattinam (Tsunami relief) and Kanchipuram (Floods 2015, 2016). His special interest is in the field of Right to Information, Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Human Development, Consumer Protection, Disaster Management, Urban Mobility and Entrepreneurship.

- **Shri P Harish, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs**



Shri P Harish is Additional Secretary (Economic Diplomacy & States) in Ministry of External Affairs. Since joining the Indian Foreign Service in 1990, he has learnt Arabic at the American University of Cairo and passed the examination with distinction. He has served in the Indian Missions in Cairo and Riyadh and headed the Post as India's Representative to the Palestinian Authority stationed in Gaza city. He was on Secondment to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) as the Chief of the Policy Analysis Unit at UNRWA Headquarters in Gaza. He thereafter worked in the East Asia and External Publicity Divisions in the Ministry of External Affairs. For a period of five years since 2007, Mr. Harish was the Joint Secretary and Officer on Special Duty to the Hon'ble Vice President of India and Chairman of the council of States of the Indian Parliament, Mr. M. Hamid Ansari. Mr. Harish has been the Consul General of India, Houston, USA since 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Before joining as Additional Secretary (Economic Diplomacy & States), Mr. Harish was the Ambassador of India to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to June 2019.

- **Shri Bipin Menon, Additional DGFT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry**



Shri Bipin Menon serves as an Additional Director General of Foreign Trade in Ministry of Commerce & Industry. He has also worked as a Director in Ministry of Commerce & Industry. He has also worked for more than 3 years as a First Secretary in WTO as Permanent Mission of India to WTO.

Shri Menon has done B-Tech in Electricals from Indian Institute of Technology (Banaras Hindu University), Varanasi. He has also done MBA in Finance Marketing from Faculty of Management Studies - University of Delhi & also holds LLB-Law degree from Delhi University.

As an Additional DGFT Shri Menon holds many divisions like RMTR Division, RMTR Coordination, FTA Coordination, G-20, BRICS, SCO, Commonwealth, IBSA, OECD, G-15, G-77, G-24, APTA, BIMSTEC, APEC, ASEM, IORA, UN, GSP. TPD: NAMA and ITA.

### **Speakers from B20 Saudi Arabia & T20 Saudi Arabia**

- **Mr. Yousef Al - Benyan, Chairman, B20 Saudi Arabia**



Mr Yousef Abdullah Al-Benyan is the Vice Chairman and CEO of SABIC and a member of the Investment Committee. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master's degree in Industrial Management. In addition, he has received several specialized courses in Executive Management. Mr. Al-Benyan also serves as the B20 Saudi Arabia Chairman. Additionally, he is Chairman of the Boards for the Yanbu National Petrochemical Company (Yansab), the Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Company (SAFCO), and Saudi Iron and Steel Company (HADEED). He also holds leading positions on some national and regional associations and committees, including Chairman of the Gulf Petrochemicals and Chemicals Association (GPCA), and Chairman of the Petrochemical Manufacturers Committee.

Furthermore, Mr. Al-Benyan is a member of several national and international business councils, forums, associations and boards, including: the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum; the Global Business Council of the Bloomberg Global Forum; the Board of Directors of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA); the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA); the Royal Commission for Jubail & Yanbu; and the Saudi Ports Authority. Mr. Al-Benyan is also a member of the King Saud University Advisory Board, and a member of the International Advisory Board of the King Fahad University of Petroleum & Minerals. He is a member of the Board of King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology, the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), and the Constituent Council of Future Transportation Sector Development Project.

- **Dr. Abdulwahab Al- Sadoun, B- 20 Sherpa, Saudi Arabia**



Dr Abdulwahab Al-Sadoun has been Secretary General of the Gulf Petrochemicals & Chemicals Association (GPCA) since 2009, following a career of more than two and a half decades in the GCC region's petrochemicals and energy sectors. In his current role he covers the GPCA's operational and strategic functions, reporting to a Board comprised of 15 CEOs from leading GCC Chemical Companies.

Amongst his achievements with the GPCA, he contributed to successfully defending the industry's position on several trade remedies cases filed in Taiwan, Egypt and the EU, in addition to developing content and bilingual publications to share thought leadership and industry insights with regional peers. Dr. Al-Sadoun played a pivotal role in expanding the GPCA's events portfolio by 261%, from one event in 2008 attended by 928 delegates, to six events in 2014 attended by 3,350 delegates. His direction has also seen the Association's member base increase by 109% over the past 5 years, as a result of structured marketing campaigns.

His career began in 1990, as a Senior Researcher at SABIC Research and Development Center in Saudi Arabia. He has since worked for several of the most prominent agencies in the region, including Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting (GOIC), Al-Sharq Plastic Industries Co., and PetroBaas for Industrial Investment Co. Dr. Al-Sadoun is member of the Steering Committee of the International Council of Chemical Associations and the Board of Trustees of the Riyadh Economic Forum and the Arabian Society for Human Resources Management. He holds a PhD in the field of Industrial Chemistry granted by King's College, University of London, United Kingdom, in addition to being a graduate of the General Management Program (GMP3), Harvard Business School (HBS), Harvard University, USA, and a graduate of several Executive Management & Technical training programs at leading international institutions in Japan, USA and Europe.

- **Dr. Fahad M. Alturki, Chairman, T20, Saudi Arabia**



Dr Fahad Alturki is Vice President of Research at the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC). He is also the Chair of T20 Saudi Arabia, a G20 engagement group. Fahad is a board member of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) and a member of the Board of Directors of the Saudi Energy Efficiency Center. He was the chief economist and head of research at the Jadwa Investment Company and an independent board member of the General Authority of Statistics. Fahad has over 20 years'

experience in economics, including as the chief economist at Barclays Saudi Arabia, an economic specialist at the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority, and an economist at the Middle East and Central Asia Department of the IMF. He holds a B.A. in Business Administration from King Saud University and master's and Ph.D. degrees in economics from the University of Oregon.

## **Distinguished Speakers from Coalition of Indian Engagement Group**

- **Dr. Naushad Forbes, Past President & Chairman, CII International Council**



Dr Naushad Forbes, Past President & Chairman, CII International Council, is the Co-chairman of Forbes Marshall, India's leading steam engineering and control instrumentation company. He is an active votary of energy conservation in industry and has founded and started the annual CII Energy Efficiency Summit and Awards for Excellence in Energy Management. He was visiting faculty at Stanford University from 1987 to 2004. He serves as an independent Director on the Boards of several companies as well as on the Boards of educational institutions. He is currently Chairman of the Governing Council of the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad. He supported the establishment of the Forbes-Marshall Energy Efficiency Centre at IIT-Bombay in 2016.

- **Mr. Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry**



Mr Chandrajit Banerjee is the Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). He has been with the CII for over 33 years and has served as its Director General since 2008. In this post, he is responsible for the overall operations of CII. He is a Member of several important Government Advisory Bodies at the National and State levels. As DG of CII, he is responsible for leading and contributing to many policy level dialogues and discussions to enhance the competitiveness of India Inc and towards the development of India.

He holds / has held Trusteeship and Board Member posts in many institutions which includes Institute of Economic Growth (IEG); Global Innovation and Technology Alliance (GITA); Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST); Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM); World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Agenda Council of India; Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC); Indian Institute of Management (IIM), etc. He is also a Member of the Managing Committee of SPORTSCOM and Governing Council Member of Healthcare Sector Skill Council (HSSC). CII Foundation and India@75 Foundation, which are promoted and supported by CII, are also two institutions where he is a Board level member. He is also a Director of Singapore India Partnership Foundation (SIPF). Mr Banerjee is a Director on the Board at the "Invest India" which is set up by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. He is also Secretary for many bilateral CEOs Forums constituted by the Government of India like Australia, France, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, Sweden, South Africa, etc.

He has been honoured with the China-India Friendship Award by the Chinese Premier for his contributions towards the development of bilateral ties between India and China. Mr Banerjee was conferred with the decoration of "Knight Commander" by His Majesty the King of Spain in recognition of his meritorious achievements and exceptional contributions towards promoting relations between India and Spain. Mr Banerjee is a Post-Graduate (MS) in Economics with specialisation in Economics of Planning and Econometrics from the University of Calcutta. Earlier, he did his Graduation from St.

Xavier's College (Calcutta) in Economics (Hons). He has also been honoured with Honorary Doctorate (D. Phil Honoris Causa).

- **Mr. Deep Kapuria, Co Chairman, CII International Trade and Trade Policy Council**



Mr Deep Kapuria, Co Chairman, CII International Trade and Trade Policy Council is the Chairman of the Hi-Tech Group of Companies comprising The Hi-Tech Gears, the Hi-Tech Engineering Systems, the Hi-Tech e-Soft and The Hi-Tech Robotic Systems. He completed his schooling at Mayo College, Ajmer, before graduating with an Engineering degree from B.I.T.S., Pillani. He holds an Advance Management Programme from Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmadabad. He is also an alumnus of the Harvard Business School, U.S.A. where he studied the Owner Management Programme. Deep has also undertaken specialized training in Management and Technology in Austria, Germany, Japan, and U.S.A. A Past President for two terms in 2002-03 & 2004-05, Mr Kapuria has been one of the key leadership of Auto Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA).

- **Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information system for Developing Countries**



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi is currently Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based Think-Tank. He works on issues related to development economics, involving development finance, SDGs, and South-South Cooperation, apart from trade, investment, and innovation linkages with special focus on WTO. He is also Member, Board of Governors, Reserve Bank of India. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi has been part of several important initiatives of the Government of India and takes keen interest in transforming economic policymaking towards integrated and evidence-based approaches. He is one of the foremost commentators on India's external sector economic engagements and partnerships. He is considered as most dynamic and affable by his peers and has mentored several bright scholars and researchers in the profession. He has authored/edited more than 20 books, apart from contributing several chapters in the edited volumes and also publishing several research articles in prestigious journals. He is on the Editorial Board of several journals including the South Asian Economic Journal, IDS Bulletin, Sussex, UK among others. His book "The Logic of Sharing – Indian Approach to South-South Cooperation" has been acclaimed internationally as one of the best volumes on international development cooperation.

- **Prof. J P Khurana, Vice-President, International Activities, Indian National Science Academy**



Prof. Jitendra Paul Khurana has a distinguished career both as a researcher and academician. He did pioneering work on the isolation and characterization of Arabidopsis mutants defective in sensing blue light for regulating phototropism. He has contributed extensively in the area of light and hormone signal transduction and plant genomics. He has mentored seventeen Post-Doctorates, sixteen PhD Scholars, nine MPhil and twenty five Master's students. He is an active member of several academic societies and served on several Advisory Committees of DBT, DST, ICAR, CSIR and UGC.

### **Distinguished Speakers from Industry and Think Tanks**

- **Mr. K R S Jamwal, Executive Director, Tata Industries Ltd.**



Mr. KRS Jamwal is Executive Director, Tata Industries, and is responsible for the incubation of new ventures like Tata Health and Tata ClassEdge, as well as investments made by Tata Industries in new businesses and start-ups. Mr. Jamwal chairs the board of Tata Unistore (Tata CLiQ), Tata Smartfoodz and Inzpera Healthsciences. He is also a member on the board of Qubit Investments PTE, which he represents on the boards of Flisom AG, i3 Equity Partners and SDX Partners LLC, USA. Mr. Jamwal started his career with TAS (Tata Administrative Services) and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Management from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, where he was awarded the scholastic gold medal and the KV Srinivas Award for the best all-rounder.

- **Dr. Shekhar Shah, Director General, NCAER**



Dr Shekhar Shah is the Director General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). As the CEO of India's oldest and largest independent economic think tank, he manages NCAER's wide-ranging research activities across all sectors of the economy, including its extensive data collection, innovation, and curation activities. Prior to joining NCAER Shah was the World Bank's Regional Economic Adviser for South Asia and, earlier, Sector Manager in the Bank's research complex and a principal author of the 2004 World Development Report, Making Services Work for Poor People. During a World Bank career spanning more than two decades, Shah also served as the Bank's Deputy Research Administrator, Sector Manager for Public Sector Management for Europe and Central Asia, and Lead Economist for Bangladesh. Before joining the Bank he was the Ford Foundation's Program Officer for Economics and International Relations for South Asia. He worked earlier in Washington DC consulting for the US Federal Reserve Board, FDIC, the OCC, and US banks and bank holding companies. Shah received his BA in Economics from St Stephens College, Delhi University, and his MA and PhD in Economics from Columbia University.

- **Prof. John Kirton, Director and Founder, G20 Research Group, University of Toronto**



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