

Climate Action: Toward an Equitable Transition Roadmap

In its 'Call for Action', the Brundtland Commission, about 36 years ago, stressed the need "...to keep options open for future generations, the present generation must begin now, and begin together, nationally and internationally". Since then a lot of efforts have gone into spread awareness about climate change, financing climate adaptation and mitigation, and making climate action a topmost policy priority by the governments around the world. Subsequently, the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP) happening since 1995 became an institutional multilateral platform which later led to the Paris Agreement, signed by 196 parties at COP21 in 2015. In addition, national efforts have been envisaged by countries across the world at different points of time at varying pace.

While success in creating wider climate consciousness and prompting national, regional and global campaigns on climate change are observed worldwide; more vigorously in recent years; perhaps time has come to assess the orientation and direction towards which the world is heading on. Indian Presidency of G20 aims to strengthen G20 efforts toward climate adaptation and energy transition along with thrust on accelerating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In that perspective, this issue of G20 Digest covers three papers capturing diverse reflections on just transition, sustainability and green trade. The attempt is to understand the enablers of just transition and the future roadmap especially through the trade channel. In addition, other papers capture the overall performance of G20 over time particularly in infrastructure and financial sectors. We believe the scholarly debates on the above mentioned areas would promote informed debate and inspire further research and analysis.

Enjoy reading it.

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