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Governance Realignment

Infrastructure to recouple economic, social and environmental prosperity: Targets, governance and financing

T20 Task Force:

TF7 – Infrastructure Investment and Financing

Speakers:

Keynote:

- **Tetsushi Sonobe**, Dean & CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute

Panelists:

- **Arun Maira**, Author; Chairman, HelpAge International (Global Solutions Fellow)
- **Riatu Mariatul Qibthiyah**, Director, Institute for Economic and Social Research, University of Indonesia
- **Francesco Profumo**, President, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo; Lead Co-Chair TF 7 - Infrastructure Investment and Financing

Moderator:

- **Nicolas Buchoud**, President, Grand Paris Alliance for Metropolitan Development; Co-chair TF 7 - Infrastructure Investment and Financing (Global Solutions Fellow)

Session description:

Infrastructure plays a key role in supporting the recoupling of economic prosperity with social and environmental prosperity. This requires long-term investment in social infrastructure, including education, health and housing, as well as investments into infrastructure that supports a reduction of the environmental footprints. The Covid-19 crisis affects the global economy largely through and within interconnected cities. Indications that a large share of the new poor will be urban reinforces the case for a fair and equitable access to economic opportunities as a global priority supported by sustainable infrastructure investments.

This panel will discuss how existing G20 initiatives can be leveraged to support long-term investments into social and sustainable infrastructure. It will propose ways to improve conditions to mobilize public and private financial resources. Planning and governance at local, national and global level will be important to improve competitiveness and resilience in the face of current and future emergencies like climate change or pandemics.