

FINAL REPORT OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE Y20

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As the Canadian delegates selected by Young Diplomats of Canada, we were honoured to attend the Youth 20 (Y20) Summit in Jakarta and Bandung, Indonesia, from July 17th to 24th, 2022.

Hosted by the G20 Presidency, the Y20 is one of the official engagement groups for the G20 Sherpa Track. The Canadian delegates joined each G20 member delegation of 4 youth each and observers to ensure the G20 took into account youth voices. In the months leading up to, and at the summit, delegates negotiated a communiqué presenting the views of young people across the G20 on key issues across 4 tracks selected by the Y20 organizing committee.

Each delegate was responsible for specific track(s): Sustainable & Livable Planet (Jodi-Ann Wang), Youth Employment (Olivier Li), Digital Transformation (Sameer Esmail), and Diversity & Inclusion (Brandon Nguyen).

This report summarizes the outcomes of the 2022 Y20 Summit, the achievements of the Canadian Delegation's consultation and advocacy work, and advice and recommendations for delegates interested in attending the Y20 Summit in the future. The report closes with personal reflections from each member of the delegation.

We are hopeful that the work we have completed through the Y20 will impact the G20 and Canada's contributions at the Summits in the years ahead.

Canada's 2022 Y20 Delegation

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DELEGATE PROFILES

SAMEER ESMAIL (he/him/il)

HEAD DELEGATE

Sameer Esmail is a 4th-year Bachelor of Arts and Master of Management student at the University of British Columbia (UBC), specializing in International Relations. He is an open-minded and passionate leader who is committed to advancing the ideal of global citizenship. Sameer currently works as a Junior Policy Analyst with the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat in the Open Government Team under the Office of the Chief Information Officer. Before joining this team, Sameer worked as a Junior Analyst at Global Affairs Canada in the Asia-Pacific Team.



Sameer previously worked with Young Diplomats of Canada as a Delegate & Communications Coordinator to the 2021 OECD Forum. He volunteers with many organizations in the Metro Vancouver region including as Co-President of the UN Association in Canada's Vancouver Branch. At UBC, Sameer is a Student Ambassador and President of the Student Alumni Council. Sameer also serves as an advisory council member at alumniUBC and CityHive Vancouver.

Sameer is an avid public speaker and global public policy enthusiast with a passion for the future of work and digital transformation in government. Throughout his many experiences, he has understood the importance of youth voices in shaping our world's future. Sameer brought a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach with him as the Head Delegate and delegate responsible for Digital Transformation at the 2022 Y20 Summit.

BRANDON NGUYEN (he/him/il)

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Brandon Nguyen is pursuing a Master's in Environmental Economics and Climate Change at the London School of Economics as a Rotary Global Scholar. Born in Toronto, he completed a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. He currently works as a Junior Associate at Terranomics, a consultancy specialized in climate and conservation finance.



Previously, he has interned at McKinsey & Company as a consultant, the United Nations Environment Programme as a pro-bono consultant, the Centre for Clean Air Policy as a Climate Finance Policy Intern, Greenlearning Canada as a Program Manager and EcoSpark as a Communications Intern. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Sierra Club Canada Foundation.

Aside from his professional career, his research interests include environmental racism, energy policy and multilateral governance of natural resources. His advocacy and research have led him to being selected as a Top 30 Under 30 in Sustainability, a Global 30 Under 30 in Environmental Education and a Top 25 Environmentalist Under 25 in Canada. He focused on advocating for more ambitious policy commitments at the intersection of climate and global environmental justice at the Y20 Summit in Indonesia.

OLIVIER LI (he/him/il)

ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Olivier Li is a public policy professional, regional planner and intercultural bridge-builder. He is passionate about the intersection of regional development, labour and workforce development, agglomeration economies, innovation and creativity. He holds a MPhil in Planning, Growth and Regeneration (Merit) from the University of Cambridge and a BA in Sociology and Political Science (First Class with Distinction) from McGill University, where he studied abroad at Sciences Po Paris.



Olivier has extensive experience in international affairs. He currently serves as a Policy Analyst in at Employment and Social Development Canada, where he works on the negotiation and implementation of labour provisions on behalf of Canada in free trade agreements such as Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) and Canada-Indonesia CEPA.

Prior to joining the Public Service of Canada, Olivier was awarded a 2018 Policy and Data Science Fellowship at the Conference Board of Canada and researched on sectoral innovation and the knowledge economy in North America. As a McBurney Latin America Fellow, he worked on information advocacy strategy at the United Nations World Food Programme. He also conducted policy research at Brookings-Tsinghua Center for Public Policy and G20 Research Group. He is fluent in English, French and Mandarin Chinese and conversational in Spanish.

JODI-ANN WANG (She/her/elle)

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COORDINATOR

Jodi-Ann Jue Xuan Wang is a Chinese Canadian currently living in London, UK, where she works as a Senior Climate Policy Analyst at the UN Principles for Responsible Investment, advising governments and financial institutions on the regulations and actions needed for an equitable transition to net zero. Calling White Rock, BC her home, Jodi-Ann is passionate about climate resilience-building, inclusive policy-making, and the effective delivery of climate finance globally in a just and inclusive manner.



Jodi-Ann holds an MPhil in Development Studies from the University of Cambridge, with a thesis on political ecology. At Cambridge, she served as the Co-President of the Cambridge Society of Social and Economic Development, Co-Producer of the Cambridge Development Podcast, and a Carnegie-Tsinghua Young Ambassador. She has been a youth delegate to COP26, COY17, and COP27. Currently, she leads the Commonwealth Youth Climate Change Network as the Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator and is also a member of the Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP, and of the UNECE's Resource Management Young Expert Group.

As a Y20 2022 delegate and the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coordinator for the Canadian delegation, Jodi-Ann represented her fellow Y20 delegates in delivering a policy brief at the Y20-UN joint session on intergenerational equity and youth co-ownership in decision-making on all issues.

THE Y20 EXPERIENCE

Y20 Pre-Summits

The Y20 experience began for our delegation with a series of four Pre-Summits hosted by Y20 Indonesia in a hybrid format. The Pre-Summits were hosted by four Indonesian cities: Palembang, Lombok, Balikpapan, and Manokwari. These Pre-Summit sessions included discussions with experts on each of the Y20 priority areas and track-specific negotiation preparations. Our delegation attended these sessions virtually and had the opportunity to make opening statements for each of our tracks at each Pre-Summit. In these Opening Statements, we outlined the policy proposals we would be bringing forward on behalf of Canadian youth. The recorded Opening Statements are available here for [Youth Employment](#), [Digital Transformation](#), [Sustainable and Livable Planet](#), and [Diversity & Inclusion](#). The Pre-Summits were where delegates completed the majority of the preparatory work necessary for final negotiations at the Summit. This work included the formation of working groups, design of policy proposals, and debate on the final text of the draft Communique to be discussed at the Summit.

Y20 Summit: In-Country Experience

The Canadian delegation is grateful to Y20 Indonesia and Indonesia Youth Diplomacy for their tireless work to make this Summit possible. The Canadian delegation had the opportunity to travel to both Jakarta and Bandung, Indonesia. Outside of official track negotiations, a number of other events occurred throughout the week in these cities. These events included an Opening Ceremony at the Indonesian Parliament, dinners with the Governors of Jakarta and West Java, networking nights, city tours, and talk shows with experts from various countries on each of the priority areas. Canadian Delegate for Sustainable and Livable Planet, Jodi-Ann Wang, hosted one of these talk shows on "[Ensuring a Sustainable and Liveable Planet for our Common Future](#)" with panelists Alok Sharma (COP26 President), Mari Elka Pangestu (World Bank Managing Director), Dyah Roro Esti (Indonesia MP), and Arsjad Rasjid (Chairman of Indonesian Chamber of Commerce). The Canadian Delegation also used the opportunity of being in Jakarta to set up a meeting with the Canadian Embassy in Indonesia. This meeting with embassy staff, led by Deputy Head of Mission (Charge D'Affaires) Mr. Richard Le Bars, was a particularly insightful meeting for our delegation as we learned more about the Canada-Indonesia relationship and connected Canadian priorities at the G20 and Y20 to Indonesian interests.

Y20 Summit: Track Negotiations

After 5 months of on- and off-record negotiations in the lead up to the Y20 Summit, delegates arrived in Bandung to begin a 3-day in-person final negotiations towards the final Y20 Communiqué. Building on the aforementioned progress made in the first 5 months, the final track negotiations necessitated a complex process of line-by-line voting of the Communiqué within each Track. Specifically, consensus was required for the adoption of each line, and objection from any delegate would result in the removal of said line. To this end, track negotiations was an intense but rewarding process, where youth solidarity foregrounded our diverse perspectives and priorities. Many of the line-by-line negotiations consisted of finalizing specific policy vocabulary usage to further ensure policy implementation is equitable to the realities of each nation. The Canadian delegates were successful in retaining all initial policy priorities in the final Y20 Communiqué, while ensuring the prominent and equitable embedment of Indigenous rights, perspectives, and knowledge in relevant proposals.

Y20 Summit: Plenary Session

The Y20 Summit's Plenary Session took place at the Asia-Africa Conference Building in Bandung, Indonesia. The building was the site of the Bandung Conference of 1955 where Asian and African states, many of which had just become independent, held a conference to discuss issues across the developing world. The Plenary Session is the designated negotiation session for the final approval and passage of the Y20 Communiqué. Canada was represented in these negotiations by Head Delegate, Sameer Esmail, who was supported by the full Canadian team. During these final negotiations, debate focused on topics such as the order of policy proposals, preambulatory clauses, and the adoption of a Cross-Cutting Proposal on Global Health. The Canadian delegation voted with all Y20 delegations to adopt the Y20 Communiqué by consensus at the end of the session. The Plenary Session was followed by the Signing Ceremony and Closing Ceremony to end the Y20 Indonesia 2022 Summit.

THE Y20 COMMUNIQUE

Canada and the 2022 Y20 Communique

The Canadian Delegation made significant progress towards the development of the final version of the Y20 Indonesia 2022 Communique. Several policy proposals included in the final text of the Communique started as Canadian ideas that came out of our consultations with Canadian youth and subject matter experts. The track summaries above provide greater detail on Canada's contributions in each area of the Communique.

Preamble & Cross-Cutting Proposal

The preamble of the Communique outlines the core policy priorities of the Y20 delegations. It calls on G20 leaders to recognize trust as a building block of good governance and take meaningful multilateral action that goes beyond political divides in order to ensure we build equitable and resilient economies and societies of the future for all. The preamble notably indicates that "building and sustaining peace" is a prerequisite for shared development and that "ongoing violence and conflicts" have implications for food supply, energy security, and humanitarian crises. G20 leaders are also asked to continue to facilitate youth participation in decision-making. We close the preamble by calling on G20 leaders to take concrete and measurable action on our policy proposals in an equitable manner that supports disadvantaged, marginalized, and historically excluded communities. The Canadian delegation's commitment to advocating for peace in the Ukraine conflict and other violent conflicts worldwide as well as the commitment to advancing equity and justice through the Y20 are evident in this Preamble. The Cross-Cutting Proposal calls on G20 Leaders to adopt a number of commitments on Global Health. The first commitment is to recognize the intergenerational right and responsibility to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment - drawing a link between planetary health and human health. The following commitments cover topics including using technology to tackle public health challenges, collecting health data in an equitable manner, supporting access to mental health services, promoting comprehensive sexuality education for youth, and ensuring that price disclosure mechanisms create fair pharmaceutical and medical manufacturing markets.

Sustainable & Livable Planet

By Jodi-Ann Wang

To ensure a sustainable and livable planet, Y20 delegates call on G20 leaders to embed environmental, social, and equitable economic sustainability through 41 proposals covering the priority areas of protecting global commons, transforming food systems, enabling sustainable production and consumption systems, accelerating a just energy transition, strengthening the resilience of a built environment, and mobilising sustainable finance while prioritising Most Affected People and Areas.

The global context of the Y20 (and G20) Indonesian Presidency has not only heightened the bloc's responsibility to deliver for the betterment of the rest of the world, but also the role of youth therein given the time-scale of many of these challenges and their impacts. We experience a deteriorating planet as evident by the growing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events; breaching of the international peace architecture and escalating geopolitical conflict; spiralling food and energy insecurity; regressing reproductive rights; and deepening fragmentation of social systems that render society's most vulnerable more marginal...to name a few.

Needless to say, the aforementioned crises are intersectional, Despite efforts to raise awareness on the interconnectedness of today's crises -- climate-nature, science-policy, climate-peace, climate health, etc -- mainstream approaches to tackling them remain siloed and fragmented at best. As such, across the SLP Track, it was a commonly recognised priority by all delegates to negotiate on key issues via an intersectional approach, addressing their challenges and opportunities as interconnected to other global challenges.

Recognising the challenges and opportunities wrought by the planetary crisis that are specific to Canada, during negotiations, the Canadian delegation particularly emphasized the need for (1) Deliver legally-binding national plans for the full and equitable phase-out of all fossil fuels (and related subsidies), while recognizing different responsibilities, capacities, and historical contributions; (2) mandate legally-binding Paris-aligned transition plans with 1.5c no-overshoot scenario and interim targets for public, large private entities, and governments; (3) Establish a G20 Expert group on critical metals for renewable technologies to affect ESG standards and circularity measures along supply chains, implement UNDRIP and FPIC across all projects and jurisdictions.

Sustainable & Livable Planet (Continued)

While the Sustainable and Livable Planet Track, unlike others, did not have formal delegate leads or co-leads for each topical working groups, the Canadian Delegation was actively leading negotiations in “sustainable production and consumption systems”, “energy transition”, “resilient built environment”, and “sustainable finance” working groups. Notably, during the first on-record negotiation, the Canadian Delegation successfully motioned for the establishment and implementation of a “sustainable finance” working group. This was in response to Canadian youth expressing climate finance mobilization and alignment as a key priority, and Canada’s leadership in previous G20 negotiations on this matter, as well as as a co-lead of the Climate Finance Delivery Plan with Germany at COP26.

Recognising the need to mainstream climate education in curricula, the Canadian Delegation, in alignment with all other delegations, reaffirmed Education for Sustainable Development for all as critical for the mobilisation of collective action and strengthening political will for joint action on plenary wellbeing.

Importantly, the Canadian Delegation was at the forefront of advocating for intergenerational solidarity and unity in diversity across all delegations on the Track. Despite national priorities and our contextual challenges and opportunities, what bound all Y20 delegates was the solidarity of the future generation, that above all else, we are all youth of the world demanding for a just, resilient, and sustainable future. Such a common belief was key to the successful adoption of many policy proposals, where youth has, once again, broken the status quo and business as usual mindset to an existential challenge.

Youth Employment

By Olivier Li

The Youth Employment track put forward 35 concrete and actionable policy recommendations, which aim to address the systemic impact of the pandemic on employment, as well as the long-lasting youth employment challenges so as to achieve progress towards the G20 Youth Roadmap 2025. With an overarching principle to promote meaningful and sustainable inclusion of disadvantaged groups, the chapter encompasses six priority areas: social safety net coverage, skills development, school-to-work transition, social entrepreneurship ecosystem, financing and incentives, and fair and sustainable employment.

As Co-Chair of the Fair and Sustainable Employment working group, the Canadian Delegation advocated for a set of common and forward-looking principles on employment to be upheld across G20 countries. Notably, the Canadian delegation played a critical role in securing the inclusion of sexual orientation and sexual identity as protected characteristics at work, which marked the first time in Y20 history. The Canadian delegation also negotiated a commitment to mainstream sexual harassment prevention in workplace and implement complaint redressal mechanisms on a par with the International Labour Organization Convention No. 190 and Recommendation No. 206. Our advocacy aligns with and complements the Government of Canada's Gender Equality, LGBTQ2I People and Feminist Foreign Policy. In the midst of ongoing wars, the Canadian Delegation championed a proposal to call on G20 leaders to deliver a coordinated response to provide pedagogical and employment support for young refugees and youth in dislocation.

To simultaneously tackle the systemic impact of the pandemic on the world of work and confront critical challenges for a future-facing workforce, the Canadian delegation supported the establishment of social insurance mechanisms in concert with active labour market policies, which aim to promote meaningful market inclusion of young workers.

Youth Employment (Continued)

To foster innovation and social entrepreneurship that are critical to our economic prosperity and social development, the Canadian delegation empowered the exchange of best practises on entrepreneurship between G20 countries and the establishment of community-based entrepreneurship hubs, which help young entrepreneurs from all walks of lives to obtain access to end-to-end support from business ideation to long-term financing. The Canadian delegation also built consensus and supported “win-win-win” tax policy for social enterprises, which not only incentivize innovation but also enable both employers and employees to better prepare for the future of work.

The Canadian delegation has also been at the forefront of labour rights advocacy, which led to reaffirming a strong and concerted commitment across G20 countries to enforce and monitor workers’ protections, rights and standards with trade unions under the tripartite framework. The Canadian delegation has particularly emphasized the criticality of implementing evidence-based policy and developing tailored workforce plans, especially for the rural and Indigenous communities. To build resilience in the face of technological disruption and energy transition, the Canadian delegation championed social security and re-skilling/up-skilling/skilling policies to address job losses due to green restructuring and automation.

Digital Transformation

By Sameer Esmail

The Digital Transformation chapter consists of 21 proposals that outline a vision to achieve a digitally transformed society under the following themes: Improving digital infrastructure, bolstering digital and financial literacy, implementing a G20 strategy on Digital-By-Design government, committing to multilateral digital governance, and ensuring proactive policies for emerging financial technologies. A core Canadian priority in this section was ensuring that inclusivity and equity was prioritized in the design and implementation of each proposal.

As Co-Chair of the Digital Government working group, the Canadian delegation had a key role in drafting the section titled “An Inclusive, Cross-Jurisdictional G20 Strategy on Digital-by-Design Government”, which focuses on transforming the ways that governments deliver services to citizens and building public sector digital capacity. This section also calls for increased open data sharing and youth engagement, the creation of citizen participation tools, the development of secure digital identification systems, and the inclusion of less digitally literate groups in the transition of service delivery. Much of this strategy aligns with and builds on the Government of Canada’s Digital Ambition.

Considering the impact of digital transformation on mental health and overall safety of youth around the world, the Canadian delegation proposed and negotiated a recommendation within this chapter for leaders to adopt a multi-stakeholder G20 Digital Well-being Charter that outlines principles prioritizing mental health, suicide prevention, and consumer protection. Considering the changing nature of education and the growing importance of reskilling and upskilling in the economy, the Canadian delegation championed a proposal for the co-creation of national guidelines for the use of microcredentials in collaboration with employers and educational institutions.

The Canadian delegation also actively supported critical proposals to achieve affordable last-mile connectivity in Internet and cellular services, mitigate algorithmic bias against marginalized groups, counter disinformation and social media manipulation, promote climate-responsible practices in electricity consumption of digital technologies, developing consumer protection principles for blockchain and crypto-assets, and promoting the safe and sustainable growth of digital financial services.

Diversity & Inclusion

By Brandon Nguyen

The D&I section of the Communique was comprised of five sections with 34 policy recommendations. The main focus areas of the D&I section of the communique include inclusive and quality education, creative economy and the world of work, culture and intersectionality, leadership and civic engagement, and health, mental health, and wellbeing. Throughout, a focus was placed on tackling the root drivers of inequities (employment, education, health, etc.). Furthermore, specific callouts were made to tailor policy solutions to the needs of historically marginalized groups, while still providing leeway for G20 members to define how doing so might apply to their specific socio-cultural and historical contexts.

As a co-lead of the Leadership and Civic Engagement Working Group, the Canadian delegation emphasized advocacy efforts on calling for more inclusive and meaningful youth engagement opportunities in formal and informal political processes. For example, recommendations to “Create compensated national Youth Advisory Bodies that encourage youth participation in public leadership, prioritize marginalized groups, use technology to promote access, and undergo effectiveness reviews,” “provide resources to local communities to co-design grassroots, youth-led participatory governance initiatives” and “Ensure that soft skills training and leadership development are formalized within national curricula by 2025” were all largely based off of initial Communique inputs from the Canadian delegation as a result of the consultations we were conducting.

Outside of the Leadership and Civic Engagement Working Group, the Canadian delegation focused advocacy efforts on issues such as “Safeguard and advance women's sexual and reproductive rights by providing legal, safe and accessible medical procedures, including abortions, fully subsidizing hygienic products, and implementing social safety nets for female-specific health conditions” and various other policies related to inclusive education, including calling for G20 countries to “allocate funding to guarantee effective educational resources²⁸ for all students, particularly those from marginalized communities, with a specific focus on persons with disabilities.”

DELEGATION MEETINGS, CONSULTATIONS, AND ADVOCACY

MEETINGS WITH DECISION MAKERS AND TRACK EXPERTS

The Canadian delegation has liaised with a wide range of subject experts and high-level decision makers in the country for Y20 policy engagement and youth advocacy. In total, the team participated in 13 events and undertook more than 40 stakeholder meetings.

To develop and promote Canada's Y20 agenda, the Canadian delegation has consulted and collaborated with the Global Affairs Canada G20 Sherpa team (Michael Bonser & Halleh Koleyni). In advance of the summit, the delegation met with Canadian officials at the Embassy of Canada to Indonesia and expanded our understanding of Indonesia's objectives for its G20 Presidency and its socioeconomic context. Following the Y20 Summit, Canadian delegates shared the Y20 Communiqué and outcomes from their respective tracks and discussed possible policy priorities for next year's G20 presidency with working-level officials from Finance Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, Employment and Social Development Canada, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada and Women and Gender Equality Canada.

The Canadian team has engaged with decision-makers at the political level. The delegation had the opportunity to speak with Senator Peter M. Boehm and Senator Peter Harder on Canada's foreign policy and multilateral engagement. Pre-departure and post-summit meetings were held with Minister of Women, Gender Equality and Youth Marci Ien (including staff from her office) and the Office of Minister of International Trade Mary Ng. The team also met with other G20 engagement groups such as Canada's G20 Youth Entrepreneurs Alliance.

On youth-focused policy issues, the team consulted stakeholders including the Prime Minister's Youth Council, World Vision Youth Council Canada, BC Council for International Cooperation and Futurpreneur. Canadian delegates sought input on policy priorities from subject experts such as Digital Opportunities Trust, UBC CIO Office, UBC Assistant Vice Provost Office, Youth Climate Save Canada, Indigenous Youth Leaders of BC, Future Skills Centre, the Conference Board of Canada and Canadian Council for Youth Prosperity.

MEETINGS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS

During the course of our mandate, the Canadian team has engaged in productive and robust dialogues with other Y20 delegations through a variety of channels, which allowed us to foster strong and long-lasting relationships built on multilateralism and youth cooperation.

Prior to the Y20 Summit, the Canadian team had seven delegation-wide bilateral meetings that included Indonesia, US, UK, China, Russia, France and Brazil. Through individual bilateral meetings, team members were able to connect with their counterparts from all Y20 teams in the four tracks. These meetings enabled the Canadian delegation to establish meaningful connections, discuss policy proposals with other delegations and strategize ahead the round of negotiations. Notably, the Canadian delegation took the lead to initiate and organize two multilateral cross-track discussions, which subsequently paved the way for the inclusion of core policy priorities in the Y20 preamble and cross-cutting proposal.

CONSULTATION EFFORTS

The Canadian delegation has conducted nationwide consultation with the aims of harnessing the views of Canadian youth from all walks of life, engaging with youth stakeholders in Canada and beyond, and advocating for youth leadership in the global arena. Through shared learning and exchange of experience, the team had met with their predecessors from Y20 2021 and undertook a YDC training session on negotiations.

The Canadian team launched a nationwide survey that aimed at understanding youth priorities from coast to coast in the four pillars of the 2022 Y20 and served as an integral part of the delegation's policy proposal. Furthermore, the Canadian team conducted consultation with key youth organizations in the country, which include Prime Minister's Youth Council, World Vision, G20 Youth Entrepreneurs Alliance, Futurpreneur and Canada-Mexico Youth Lab.

Moreover, Canadian delegates pursued track-specific consultation with youth-focused stakeholders such as PennyDrops, Digital Opportunities Trust, Youth Climate Save Canada, Indigenous Youth Leaders of BC, Y20 / C20 Youth and Canadian Council of Youth Prosperity. They also engaged in policy-level dialogues with youth through events including Y20 The Power of Youth in Fighting Climate Change, Y20 OECD Workshop on AI Principles, Y20 OECD Workshop on Creating Opportunities for Young People, Kakehashi Alumni Network Event and Youth and the Future of Diplomacy GAC Panel.

PROMOTING DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

During the course of our mandate, the Canadian delegation aimed to ensure that the perspectives and advocacy efforts of traditionally marginalized communities in Canada were centered and prioritized. This was important for our Delegation to holistically and equitably represent the viewpoints of all Canadian youth.

Across all tracks, Canadian delegates sought partnerships with other countries with similar historical legacies and those facing similar contextualised challenges such as safeguarding Indigenous rights, immigration, the digital divide, food and energy (in)security, etc., so as to negotiate via blocs to further emphasize the importance of these issues.

At all off- and on-line engagements before, during, and after the Summit, the Canadian Delegation made land acknowledgements recognizing the traditional territories of Indigenous people(s) who called the land home before the arrival of settlers, thus encouraging others to also to learn and unlearn history. This was something many other delegations asked about and were able to implement into their own work.

POST-SUMMIT ADVOCACY

The Canadian Delegation has pursued a number of post-summit advocacy efforts in order to support the implementation of the many proposals included in the Y20 Communique.

In collaboration with other Y20 delegations, the Canadian team helped to develop a promotional video that outlines the Y20 Communique and it has supported the drafting and revision process of a joint statement from the Y20 and Y7.

At home, the Canadian Delegation engaged in a number of post-summit meetings to advance the Communique's recommendations with key ministries in the Canadian government. The full Canadian team met with the Deputy Director for the G20 at Global Affairs Canada as well as the Office of the Minister of Women, Gender Equality, and Youth after returning from Indonesia to share the outcomes of the Communique. Canadian delegates also pursued individual meetings with public servants responsible for G20 coordination efforts in various departments. The Canadian team met with the Ministry of Finance of Canada (FIN), Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Women and Gender Equality Canada (WAGE), Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (TBS), and Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada (ISED).

The delegation has worked closely with the Mexican Y20 Delegation and the Canada-Mexico Youth Lab to create a joint event to promote the Y20 Communique in our respective countries. The trilingual (English, French, and Spanish) event was held on October 17, 2022 and featured guest speeches from the Canadian Ambassador to Mexico and Mexican Ambassador to Canada.

The delegation has also worked to actively use our personal and YDC social media platforms in order to amplify the Y20 Communique. Our individual LinkedIn posts have generated thousands of views and have increased the reach of the Communique across Canada and the world.

POST-SUMMIT ADVOCACY (CONTINUED)

Canadian Delegate Jodi-Ann Wang was a guest speaker for a Kakehashi Alumni Network event on the Y20 Communique in collaboration with the Japanese Y20 Delegation. The Canadian Delegation also led the drafting and publication of a Y20 Response Statement to the Joint Environment and Climate Ministerial Meeting (JECMM) and Energy Transition Ministerial Meeting and Y20 Statement on Meaningful Multilateralism. Jodi-Ann has also co-authored op-ed's on the G20 fit for purpose on delivering on climate (Jakarta Post), on meaningful youth engagement (Jakarta Post), on G20 Leaders' Summit agenda (Euronews Bulgaria), and on G20 Leader's Declaration (Canada's National Observer). She has also been featured in Canada's National Observer in their spotlight column on youth climate action. Together with the Russian Delegation, we successfully advocated for the implementation of a proposal on sustainable standardization in critical raw materials for low-carbon technologies with the B20 (Business 20). Alongside other delegates, the Canadian delegation also strongly advocated meaningful youth engagement at Chatham House, and co-organised two side events at COP27, the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, where two key Y20 proposals were prominently featured and showcased.

Canadian Delegate Sameer Esmail was a guest speaker for a Global Affairs Canada panel event on youth and the future of diplomacy. This event helped spark dialogue between the senior leadership at GAC and youth in the department to discuss the future of Canada's diplomacy. This was an important way to highlight our delegation's commitment to uplifting youth voices in Canada. Sameer also delivered a presentation to the Office of the Chief Information Officer of Canada and Digital Policy Leads within the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat that highlighted the areas of alignment between the Government of Canada's new Digital Ambition and the Y20 Communique. The presentation encouraged our Canadian leaders in Open and Digital Government to consider global youth voices in how they shape their work. Finally, Sameer also worked with the media management team at the UBC Sauder School of Business on a feature story about his participation in the Canadian delegation at the Y20 Summit.

DELEGATE REFLECTIONS

SAMEER ESMAIL

HEAD DELEGATE

TRACK: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to represent Canadian youth at the Y20 Summit this year and advocate for their interests on the global stage! I applied for this delegation so that I could advance youth dialogue on some of the most pressing political, economic, and social challenges and opportunities that have emerged from the drastic digital transformations being experienced in our world. The Canadian delegation began this experience with a great deal of ambition for what we would try to accomplish during the course of our negotiations. Despite numerous challenges, we were able to push forward our agenda for a more inclusive Y20 Communiqué that pursued action on the scale of the political, social, and economic challenges being experienced by young people around the world today. I am incredibly proud of the efforts of each member of the team and how we were able to work in a determined and collaborative manner to engage with every delegate in the Y20 to create a youth policy architecture we could all look to with optimism.

As the delegation's track lead for digital transformation, I was particularly eager to push for recommendations that championed equity and the well-being of youth in our digital societies and economies. This meant pushing for bold policy actions such as the development of a Digital Well-Being Charter that recognized the importance of mental health and consumer protection in the digital age. It also meant acting ambitiously to integrate digital and financial literacy into education frameworks across the G20. As a passionate advocate for digital government, I made it a priority to push for strong action to increase youth participation in government, build governments' digital talent pools, and work to safely and responsibly digitize all government services. Through my work in all of these areas, I worked with 19 other extremely capable delegates representing their own country's youth on digital transformation. I learned a great deal from all of the expertise they brought to each and every negotiation.

Following the delegation, I remain cautiously optimistic about the future of youth voices in global policy-making. The reality remains that youth are not always given a seat at the table and delegations like these remain out of reach for many youth around the world. We have made it a priority of our team to advocate for the inclusion of more youth in decision-making processes going forward and we hope that all Canadian youth will join us in pushing towards this goal. From a global policy perspective, the Y20 Communique is a starting point for concrete recommendations from youth to G20 leaders but it is by no means the end point. We look forward to having our work built on by subsequent delegations and generations.

Being a part of this delegation has been an incredibly fulfilling experience for me as an individual. It has affirmed my strong interest in International Relations and Digital Diplomacy while also expanding my horizons into the world of tech policy. I found that attending the Y20 was an experience that built my professional network, helped me to become a better negotiator and speaker, and increased my exposure to perspectives that were different from my own. The experience also enabled me to connect with both the political and public service levels of government and champion issues that I cared about. I would wholeheartedly recommend this experience to any prospective delegate and any Canadian youth eager to engage in advocacy on a global stage.

I would like to close with some big thank-you's. To my Team Canada - Brandon, Olivier, and Jodi-Ann - you have all been incredible to work with and have had a massive impact on this team and on my own life. Your expertise, negotiation skills, and dedication are why this team succeeded at championing so many of our proposals in the Communique and increasing the public profile of our work. Thank you to Young Diplomats of Canada, especially Yu Cai Tian, for your consistent backing and support. Thank you to all of the stakeholder organizations and Canadian youth who have consulted with us throughout the policy design and negotiation process. Finally, thank you to the Y20 organizers and all of the delegates we worked with throughout the negotiation process.

BRANDON NGUYEN

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR TRACK: DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

I feel so incredibly lucky to have been given the opportunity to take part in this process. Originally applying on a whim, without the expectation of anything happening of it, I had little idea how transformative of an experience this would all become. The people I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with, the places I've had the chance to experience, and the ideas I've had the opportunity to research, discuss and rally behind have provided immense learnings. Months later, and the impact of this experience has anything but diminished. Seeing fellow delegates continue to advocate for and work towards causes they are passionate about has only served to inspire me.

Diversity and inclusion as cross-cutting, intersectional issues embedded within the broader G20 agenda has been rightfully gaining more traction and attention in recent years. This was the first year that diversity and inclusion had a track at the Y20 on its own – a forum through which these cross-cutting and intersectional issues could be deliberately and intentionally discussed. Getting to act as the liaison between the Canadian Delegation and the Diversity and Inclusion Track has been a privilege, and I can only hope that these important issues are continued to be addressed not only embedded throughout every G20 advocacy and diplomatic process, but also through dedicated spaces for intentional discourse beyond just the Y20.

More broadly, I remain hopeful about the state of youth engagement in the G20 process and other multilateral institutions. In my hopeful view, processes like the Y20 and the youth communique are becoming less a symbolic artifact, and more a serious input into the policy setting process. This is particularly driven by increased pre- and post-summit advocacy conducted on behalf of all the Y20 delegations. Moving forward, I hope to see this trend continue– for the emphasis to be less on having a symbolic, high-level event and more on leveraging the process through pre- and post-summit advocacy to ensure that youth perspectives are genuinely integrated in the agenda setting process at forums like the G20 and beyond.

I'd also like to thank everyone who made this experience so memorable– Thank you to the Y20 organizers and volunteers for their immense dedication and work that led to such a seamless and incredible experience. Thank you to Yu Cai and the YDC team for helping to facilitate the entire experience and make this all possible. Thank you to the other Y20 delegates from other member organizations, for being such inspiring collaborators and co-creators during the several months leading up to the summit, for continuously pushing and strengthening our thinking, and for becoming such great friends. Thank you to the Canadian youth who volunteered their time and experience in helping to inform our policy positions, whether that be through filling out the survey, engaging in focus groups or participating in consultations. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to Sameer, Jodi-Ann and Olivier for being such great co-delegates. Your drive, enthusiasm, patience, kindness (and humor) have made working together this past year such a delight.

OLIVIER LI

ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR TRACK: YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now living in a world that has been hit by continued economic slowdown and an irreversible wave of de-globalization. Geopolitical shifts, localized supply chains and the global rise of authoritarianism are shattering the post-cold war international order that has been underpinned by multilateral rules and economic integration. We the young people, by far the most globalized and connected generation in history, will not only inherit the brunt of the economic downturn, but also an array of multiplying long-term challenges coupled with increasingly limited socio-economic opportunities. Following a two-year pandemic hiatus, the Y20 Summit is back in-person in 2022. At this critical juncture, I am beyond grateful for being part of the Y20 process this year and working hand in hand with other young delegates to demonstrate the value of youth solidarity and leadership in action. Multilateralism is irrefutable and youth is once again at the forefront of promoting international cooperation.

The global pandemic has taken a heavy toll on jobs, resulting in millions unemployed. G20 countries, representing roughly 80 percent of the world's economy, should take on a greater share of responsibility, respond with concerted actions and lead by example for the rest of the world in a time of economic uncertainties. As the Canadian delegate for Youth Employment, I am incredibly honoured to have the opportunity to represent Canadian youth and join the collective endeavour to develop a blueprint for G20 leaders on the future of work. This involved advocating for bold, actionable and concerted policies. I am particularly pleased to have negotiated and put forward in the final communiqué a set of ten common and forward-looking principles for employment and the inclusion of concrete policy plans to foster innovation and social entrepreneurship across G20 countries. It has been an exhilarating and enriching experience working alongside inspiring and brilliant minds from G20 and beyond in the track, with a shared mission to tackle the systemic impact of the pandemic on the world of work and confront critical challenges for a future-facing workforce.

The ratification of the Y20 Communiqué has been the pinnacle of six months of hard work including four pre-summits, consultations with Canadian youth, decision makers, academics and civil society as well as countless internal meetings and negotiation sessions with fellow delegates and observers. Of note, I'm incredibly proud that the Canadian delegation has adopted an equity lens throughout the process of policy engagement and advocacy. We have been dedicated to advancing equity across tracks and ensuring that our policy proposals take into consideration the needs of the marginalized youth. However, more must be done, much more. Looking back on my Y20 journey, I could not forget the protests led by young activists in Bandung who voiced the lack of representation in Y20. This strikes at the core of the problem we are facing today on a global scale - the malaise of multilateralism and disillusionment with globalization. Over the past decades, an increasingly connected world has emerged and the global economy has seen enormous growth. Yet, this hasn't been the reality for a considerable share of the population, who has been left out. Wealth gap has widened exponentially across all G20 countries. To revive and strengthen multilateralism, we need to build trust from everyone and make international cooperation more inclusive and people-focused. Y20 has been a leading focal point for enabling youth to express their visions to world leaders. Moving forward, we have to keep the conversation moving and prioritize meaningful engagement with youth from all walks of life.

From the bottom of my heart, I am incredibly thankful for all the amazing people I have had the privilege to meet along the journey. To Sameer, Jodi-Ann and Brandon, my experience would not be the same working with the absolute dream team! Cheers to all of you and thank you for your leadership, passion, dedication and mostly importantly our friendship. We made Canada proud! Thank you to the Young Diplomats of Canada for putting faith in me and offering me this unparalleled and tremendous opportunity. Finally, I wish to express my most sincere gratitude to Indonesian Youth Diplomacy and the Organizing Committee of Y20 Indonesia for your hospitality, support and impeccable chairing of the summit over the year.

JODI-ANN WANG

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COORDINATOR TRACK: SUSTAINABLE AND LIVABLE PLANET

There is no right combination of words that could encapsulate moments over the past year and specifically Summit week in Indonesia. I am filled with pride with the strength and power of my generation in demanding the better, the fairer, the greener world. I am made hopeful by the tenacity and courage of our generation to confront the systemic forces that have brought us to the point of a planetary breakdown, and seek common solutions with empathy and solidarity. We must take care of ourselves and remain optimistic in continuing pushing for more, not only for ourselves, but for our future generations.

The evolution of the 13-page Communiqué is a testament to the agency and power of youth in advancing equity, inclusion, and accountability across critical issues. It is symbolic of the intergenerational approach we need to tackle global challenges, as well as the meaningful multilateralism, inclusion, and solidarity we must restore in an increasingly polarized world. I am grateful and honoured to have been part of the Canadian Delegation that pushed for many proposals surpassing previous years' ambition, including proposals on enshrining in international law the intergenerational right to a clean and health environment; mandating legally-binding reporting of transition plans for all governments and large entities; and the establishment of a G20 Technical Expert Group on Strategic Metals.

Young people around the world have been pivotal in elevating intersectional, intergenerational issues on political agendas through a combination of grassroots activism, policy advocacy, and leadership initiatives. Yet, as we advance the prominence of youth participation, it remains paramount to continue eradicating barriers to ensure youth voices and agency are respected on all levels, on all issues, and in all areas and mechanisms of political engagement. We must ensure the inclusive participation of society's most marginalized youths. Nothing about us without us.

We live on borrowed time. The question and debate around 1.5c should be overcome by the unwavering reality that it is not a target, but a limit, not an aspiration, but the existential, lived reality of affected communities, many of whom also reside within the borders of Canada. As was shown in the Y20 Communiqué, from youth to non-youth decision-makers, we must move beyond non-committal climate action banalities and mandate legally-binding action. We cannot afford to "reaffirm," "acknowledge," or "encourage" our way out of a planetary breakdown.

Of course, my delegate experience is only made possible with the support of many others who hoisted me in this process and held me accountable. I want to extend my utmost gratitude to the Y20 Organizing Committee for the experience of a lifetime, and to Young Diplomats of Canada for choosing and trusting me to represent Canadian youth. I have learned more in this process than I could have ever imagined. To Sameer, Olivier, and Brandon, I want to thank you all for being an all-round impeccable team. I feel honoured to have raised the Canadian flag alongside all of you, and I walk away from this experience having made genuine friends. To the Sustainable Livable Planet Track chairing team of the Y20 Indonesia Presidency - Hanny, Nabilla, Pina, and Nicole - thank you for guiding us with your leadership, and for always pushing for greater ambition from all delegates.

Last but certainly not least, my final thank-you to Canadian youth and all youth: thank you for sharing with us your vision for an equitable and sustainable world - it has been an absolute honour to represent you. I hope we continue to build on the legacies of those who have come before us, strengthen institutional memories across all youth advocacy efforts, and safeguard a planet that is peaceful and livable for our future generations. A love-based global climate youth movement is united, engaging, accepting, tireless, and hopeful. This is only the beginning of what we can achieve together. Onwards and upwards.

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We look forward to seeing how future delegations will continue to build on the work completed at Y20 Indonesia 2022. We hope to see Canadian youth continue to become champions for placing the ideas of youth and youth-oriented policies at the front of the G20's agenda. Looking ahead to Y20 India 2023, we are excited to welcome a new Team Canada to take the reins. Our world continues to face a number of complex problems, many of which will affect future generations more significantly than those who currently lead our governments. It is the duty of youth advocates to continue to amplify the needs and demands of our generation and the ones that follow us in order to create a more peaceful and prosperous world for all.

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