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B20, the OECD, and Business at OECD co-host Joint Event: From Crisis-Management to a Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Paris, France, 2nd September, 2020 – “The world is facing an urgent need to unite the efforts of political leaders and cooperate in the face of the current COVID-19 crisis. Collaboration between governments, international organizations, businesses and civil society is the only way to achieve an effective and timely resolution to this pandemic. The global business community has taken significant steps to redesign operating models and build resilience to adapt to this new normal. But while addressing short-term needs, it’s critical that we also don’t lose sight of the long-term issues that the world must prepare for now,” said Yousef Al-Benyan, Chair of B20 Saudi Arabia, at the first-ever virtual event jointly hosted by B20 Saudi Arabia, *Business at OECD* and the OECD,” said **Yousef Al-Benyan, Chair of B20**, at 6th annual event jointly hosted by B20, *Business at OECD* and the OECD.

Countries around the world are tackling the immediate health, economic, labor and social impact of the COVID-19 crisis while easing lockdowns to reignite economic activities. In this context, The B20 - *Business at OECD* - OECD hosted a high-level session, in its sixth edition, which offered a reflection on key issues for businesses, policy-makers and experts, including recommendations for a sustainable and inclusive recovery.

In the panel discussions, leaders from the B20 community, G20 Sherpas, and the OECD senior experts discussed the G20 Saudi presidency agenda, business priorities, and expected outcomes at the Riyadh Summit in November this year. The group also exchanged views with G20 members’ policymakers.

“As a Knowledge Partner to B20 Saudi Presidency, *Business at OECD* provides business perspectives and expertise across all areas of the B20 taskforce discussions. We also support the OECD in its vital mission to seek a path to resilient, sustainable, and inclusive recovery from the global pandemic. This is where the OECD has a unique role to bring different government agencies together and to convene OECD and G20 governments to develop concerted efforts,” said **Phil O’Reilly, Business at OECD (BIAC) Chair**.

The event was successfully closed by **Angel Gurría, Secretary General of the OECD**, who underlined the importance of the G20, Multilateralism and the future of globalization for the world leaders to work together toward a better future.

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About B20

The Business Twenty (B20) is the official G20 dialogue with the business community. As the voice of the private sector to the G20, it represents the global business community across all G20 members and all economic sectors.

The B20 supports the G20 through specific policy recommendations, the consolidated representation of business interests and economic expertise. It also fosters dialogue between the public and private sector.