



Invitation to the Civil Society Forum

**G20 Climate Leadership? Voices from the Global South**

**Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm, Mercator Centre Berlin**

Berlin, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

We cordially invite you to the Civil Society Forum **G20 Climate Leadership? Voices from the Global South**, co-hosted by Germanwatch and Stiftung Mercator in Berlin on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2017, 6.00-9.00 pm.

The German Government currently holds the G20 presidency, and the Hamburg summit is only a few weeks away. An ambitious G20 energy and climate program for implementing the Paris Agreement is urgently needed. As at the G7 summit in Taormina, climate change is one of the most controversial items on the G20 table. Now with the U.S. decision positions are at least clear. Despite overwhelming support across all sectors of society and continued progress towards a global energy transition, the envisaged "G20 [or G19] Action Plan on Climate and Energy for Growth" is still in jeopardy.

On June 18/19<sup>th</sup>, Civil Society organisations from all over the world gather in Hamburg for two days of intense debates at the Civil20 Summit. Implementing the Paris agreement through decisive G20 action for a just transition towards climate-resilient, zero-emissions societies is one of the Civil20's key asks.

Germanwatch and Stiftung Mercator invited representatives from emerging and developing countries engaged in the Civil20 to share perspectives and expectations from the Global South, where societies face the twin-challenge of decarbonising and developing their economies and infrastructure at the same time.

The event will start with a short overview of the G20's climate and energy agenda and report from the Civil20 summit in Hamburg. Most importantly, we'll provide a forum for debate led by colleagues from the Philippines, China, Argentina and South Africa, including perspectives and strategies for next years' G20 in Argentina.

The event will take place at the **Mercator Centre Berlin**, Neue Promenade 6, 10178 Berlin, starting with a light buffet at 6.00 pm. Please see the enclosed agenda for the detailed program and the speakers.

We would highly appreciate if you joined us for the occasion, and contribute with your expertise to an interactive session and lively debate. As seating is limited, please be so kind register by Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> by using the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/bAn8a3K1LHbmfXr2>.

With kind regards

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