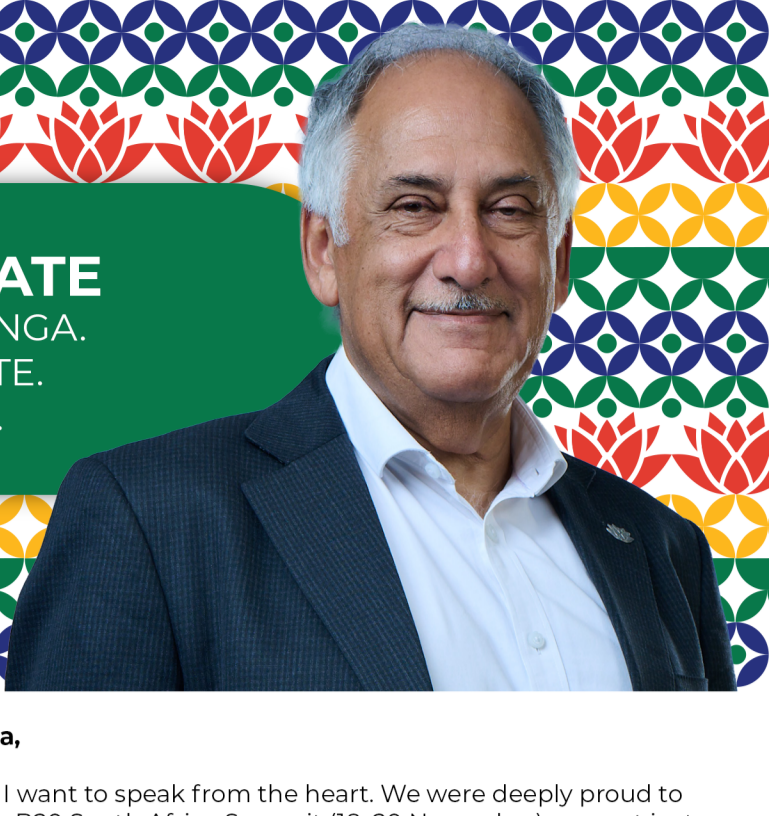




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Dear Friends of B20 South Africa,

As we close this remarkable year, I want to speak from the heart. We were deeply proud to host the world on African soil. The B20 South Africa Summit (18–20 November) was not just a gathering; it was a celebration of Africa's capacity to convene, to lead and to inspire.

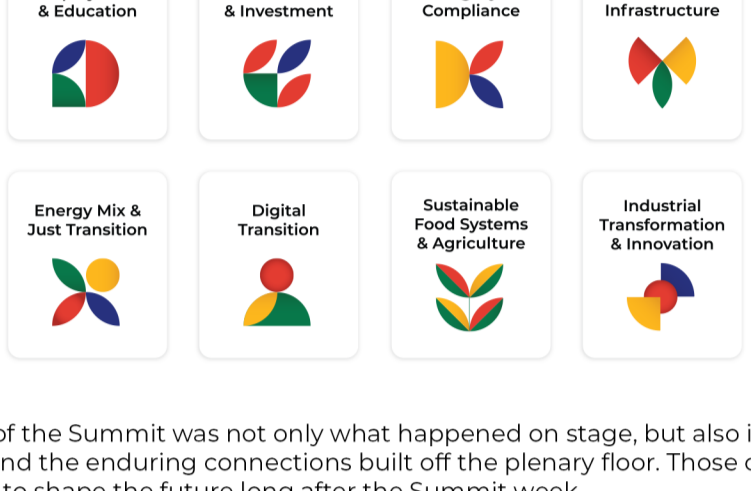
This update talks about continuity and impact. The B20 South Africa will pursue engagements with fellow Sherpas to ensure implementation and impact, in country and across G20 nations.



The Summit: Pride and Purpose

The Summit was vibrant, energetic and purposeful. Months of preparation came together in three days of robust debate and meaningful consensus. Stakeholders agreed that it was more than a platform for global business leaders to connect; it shifted perceptions of Africa itself. That shift will inform investment decisions and strengthen Africa's role as a value-adding partner in global growth.

Our **Task Forces** deserve special recognition. Their work was rigorous, their debates robust, and their outputs constructive. They gave substance to our recommendations and ensured that the B20 South Africa voice was clear, credible, and impactful.



The success of the Summit was not only what happened on stage, but also in the calibre of discussions and the enduring connections built off the plenary floor. Those conversations will continue to shape the future long after the Summit week.

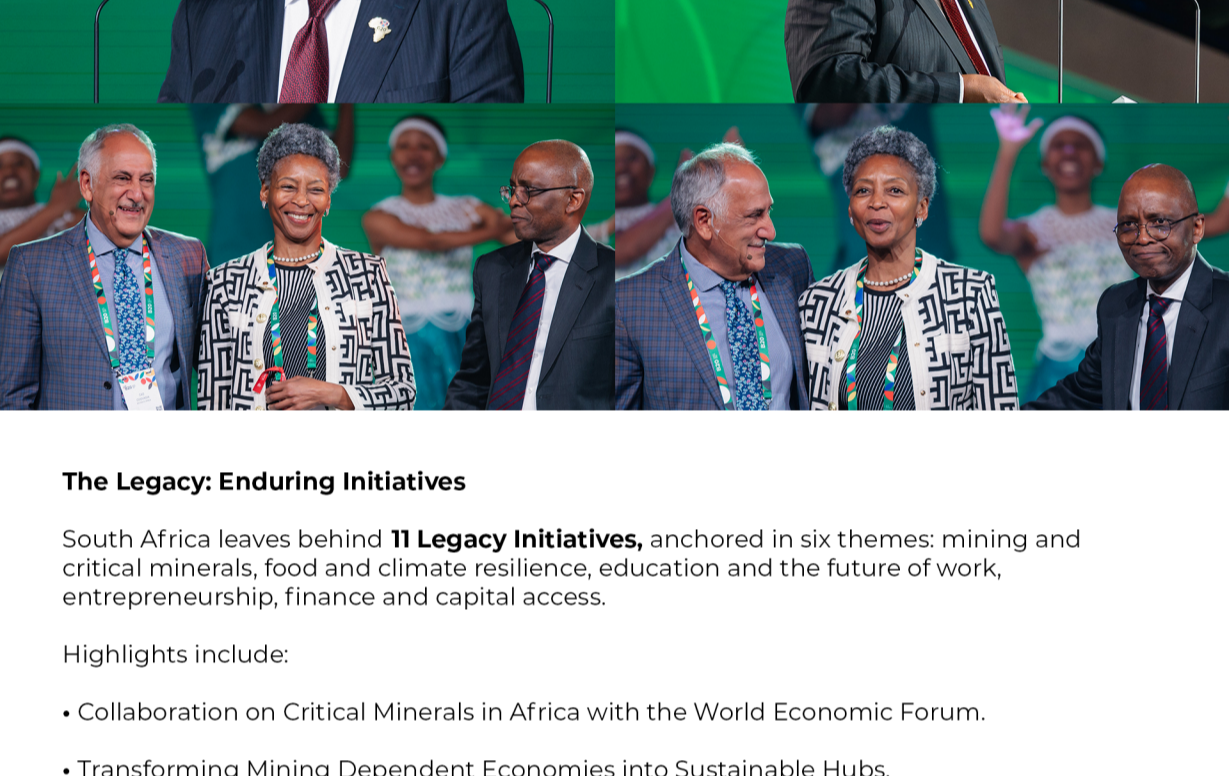
Leadership on the Global Stage

I would like to again acknowledge His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa. He gave us an example of a respected African statesman on the global stage, and just days later, convened a globally resonant G20. His leadership reminded us that Africa is not a bystander in global affairs, but a driver of solutions and a convener of trust.

"As the work done by the B20 has made clear, Africa has the potential to be the next frontier of global production, commerce as well as innovation...Through its deliberations over the past year, the B20 has done much to reinforce the value of Africa's rise.

It has outlined in detail the actions that need to be taken as well as the conditions that needs to be met to realise the rise of the continent I am talking about. The B20 has done much to position business as force for progress... Keen to work with governments. Multilateral bodies, social partners and communities in pursuit of the common good."

– H.E. President Cyril Ramaphosa



The Legacy: Enduring Initiatives

South Africa leaves behind **11 Legacy Initiatives**, anchored in six themes: mining and critical minerals, food and climate change, and the future of work, entrepreneurship, finance and capital access.

Highlights include:

- Collaboration on Critical Minerals in Africa with the World Economic Forum.
- Transforming Mining Dependent Economies into Sustainable Hubs.
- Tackling Food Loss and Waste with Nestlé and the Consumer Goods Council.
- BloombergNEF Academy South Africa, building climate leadership capacity.
- Reducing the Cost of Capital for Africa Through Credit Rating Reform.
- Bridging Business and Philanthropy into the Next Presidency.

These initiatives are practical, measurable, and designed to endure. They are the true legacy of B20 South Africa.



Continuity: The Road Ahead

The Summit also marked a successful handover to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, underscoring the resilience and continuity of the B20 process.



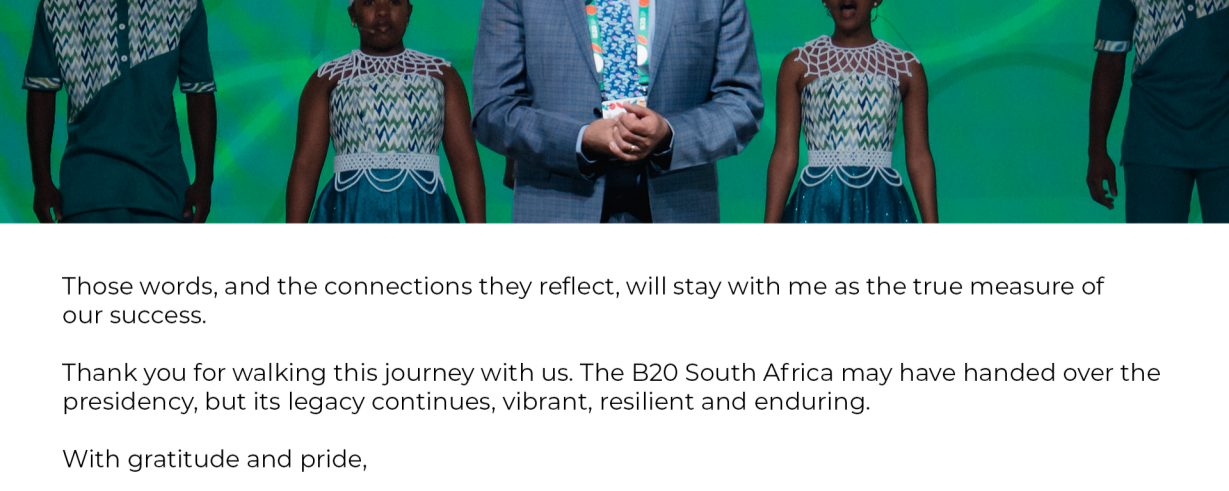
Continuity is our key message: even though the Summit lights have dimmed, B20 South Africa did not end. It lives on in the commitments, initiatives and partnerships we forged together.

I am hopeful that we can convene the four Sherpas, from Brazil, South Africa, the US and the UK (2027 host), to discuss continuity and legacy. This ensures that the momentum built in Johannesburg translates into lasting impact across presidencies.

Closing Reflection

As I said in Johannesburg:

"I have witnessed the extraordinary capacity of African business leaders to engage with global peers, not as recipients of change, but as agents of it. Leadership is not about commanding attention. It is about convening purpose, listening across differences, building bridges where there are divides and holding fast to the belief that progress is possible."



Those words, and the connections they reflect, will stay with me as the true measure of our success.

Thank you for walking this journey with us. The B20 South Africa may have handed over the presidency, but its legacy continues, vibrant, resilient and enduring.

With gratitude and pride,

Cas Coovadia
B20 South Africa Sherpa

Final Highlights

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