

G20 Summit kicks off Monday in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Delegations from 55 countries and international organizations will meet at the Museum of Modern Art in Rio, venue of the event. Photo: EFE.

Rio de Janeiro, Novmeber 18 (RHC)-- In Brazil, the 19th G20 Leaders' Summit is scheduled for November 18-19, 2024, in Rio de Janeiro, composed of the leaders of the 19 member countries, plus the African Union and the European Union.

With the slogan “Building a just world and a sustainable planet”, Brazil will focus the summit on three axes: eliminating hunger, reform of international organizations (UN, IMF, World Bank, WTO...) and energy transition.

In addition, a plan to tax the world's billionaires will be presented at the Summit, with an annual 2% tax on the total net worth of the super-rich, in the interest of addressing growing global inequalities, among heavily indebted low-income countries, many in Africa.

Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, as host, will receive a long list of leaders, including Joe Biden (United States), Xi Jinping (China), Claudia Sheinbaum (Mexico), Javier Milei (Argentina), Narendra Modi (India), Emmanuel Macron (France) and Olaf Scholz (Germany).

However, the meeting will not be attended, once again, by the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, who sent in his place the nation's Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov.

Delegations from 55 countries and international organizations will gather at Rio's Museum of Modern Art, venue of the event, which coincides with the second week of the United Nations COP29 climate negotiations.

The Summit will take place with marked differences in geopolitical and economic aspirations among its members.

The forum, which brings together the world's largest economies, will be dominated by the issue of the conflicts that still remain at the international level, such as the Russian military operation in Ukraine and the genocide committed by the Israeli army in occupied Palestine.

On these two issues, Mauricio Lyrio, the head of the host country's delegation to the G20, announced at a press conference on the eve of the summit that, for Brazil, the message should be that “peace must be achieved”, but this reference is omitted by the Western powers, such as the United States, the United Kingdom and the European Union (EU), countries that are enemies of Russia and China.

On the other hand, on one of the main topics of the Leaders' meeting: energy transition, Argentina, a member of the organization, rejected the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In this regard, the president of the South American nation, Javier Milei, said that the plan for economic, social and environmental sustainability is “a supranational government program of a socialist nature that seeks to solve the problems of modernity with solutions that violate the sovereignty of nation-states and violate people's right to life, liberty and property.”

This year's summit in Rio de Janeiro was preceded by the 18th G20 Summit in New Delhi, India, which was held in September 2023, under the slogan “One Earth, One Family, One Future.”

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