



BANDUNG SPIRIT ONLINE CONVERSATION SERIES
G20 PRESIDENCY OF INDONESIA
AMID GLOBAL CRISIS:
What challenges and what hopes
for a global future?

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The G20 Summit will take place at the end of October 2022 in Indonesia amid global crisis. The watchwords are "RECOVER TOGETHER, RECOVER STRONGER". Indonesia proposed to focus on three main pillars: GLOBAL HEALTH ARCHITECTURE, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRANSITION, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION. Through these pillars, Indonesia is committed to take the lead on ensuring equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, promoting sustainable and inclusive economic development through MSMEs participation and digital economy. However, the global crisis provoked by the Covid-19 pandemic was aggravated and prolonged by the Russian military attacks on Ukraine, and the G20 risks to be dragged into geopolitical battle between world power blocs.

This raises questions:

- 1) What are the global challenges seen from different countries and perspectives?
- 2) What common request / message / recommendation (from Bandung Spirit Community) to be addressed to Indonesia as president of G20?

The issue is particularly crucial and unique for the global community and for Indonesia due to the multiple positions of Indonesia: initiator and host of Bandung Conference; co-initiator of Belgrade Non Alignment Conference; its geographical position between China and India, between Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean; its geopolitical position between the West and China; its "eclectic" economic system combining elements of capitalism and socialism; its economic category as new "emerging" forces E7 (China, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia, Turkey) in front of the old "established" forces G7 (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, US); its belonging to Asia, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Developing Countries, Global South, Muslim World; a home to more than 500 ethnic groups and diverse religious/spiritual communities (Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam and hundreds of local beliefs) spread on more than 17000 islands.

Will Indonesia be able to defend its sovereignty and promote Bandung-NAM principles (especially under the pressure of the West that tries to use the G20 Summit as a geopolitical tool against Russia and the threat of certain Western countries to boycott the summit if Indonesia welcomes Russia and does not invite Ukraine)?

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