



Welcome to the August 2023 edition of ICRIER's newsletter. This issue showcases our G20 engagements, events, publications, and op-eds in July 2023.

We are pleased to share the first volume of the G20 Independent Expert Group report, "The Triple Agenda." Our latest edition of the Agri-Food Trends and Analytics Bulletin (AF-TAB) - Volume III focuses on the repercussions of climate change-induced extreme weather events. Apart from the two, we published two reports and a policy brief covering topics such as 5G and Beyond, India-Korea Relations, and Green Bonds for Infrastructure Financing. Our faculty members have written op-eds on various topics, from digital next steps to India's agriculture and food inflation.

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The Triple Agenda — A Report by the G20 Independent Experts Group

On behalf of the G20 Independent Expert Group (IEG) on Strengthening Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and the support team, we are pleased to share the first volume of the G20 Independent Expert Group report, "The Triple Agenda," which is now public. ICRIER is privileged to serve as the Secretariat to the Independent Expert Group (IEG).

ABOUT THE REPORT:

The Triple Agenda proposes a roadmap for Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) to address global challenges effectively. Key highlights of the report:

- The MDBs should embrace a triple mandate by adding global public goods (GPGs) to their goals.
- Stakeholders should provide the MDBs with the financial firepower required to fulfil this triple mandate.
- A coalition of funders – including governments, philanthropies, and the private sector, should establish a new global challenges mechanism.

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EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

14th Clean Energy Ministerial and 8th Mission Innovation proceedings

ICRIER, in partnership with KPMG, is proud to have been appointed as the Clean Energy Ministerial, India Secretariat, supporting the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, in hosting the 14th Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) and the 8th Mission Innovation (MI) proceedings in Goa held between 19th - 22nd July 2023. The team is grateful for the guidance and direction extended by the BEE and the Global CEM and MI team in ensuring a smooth and seamless run of events leading up to the Ministerial, the theme for which was “Advancing Clean Energy Together”.

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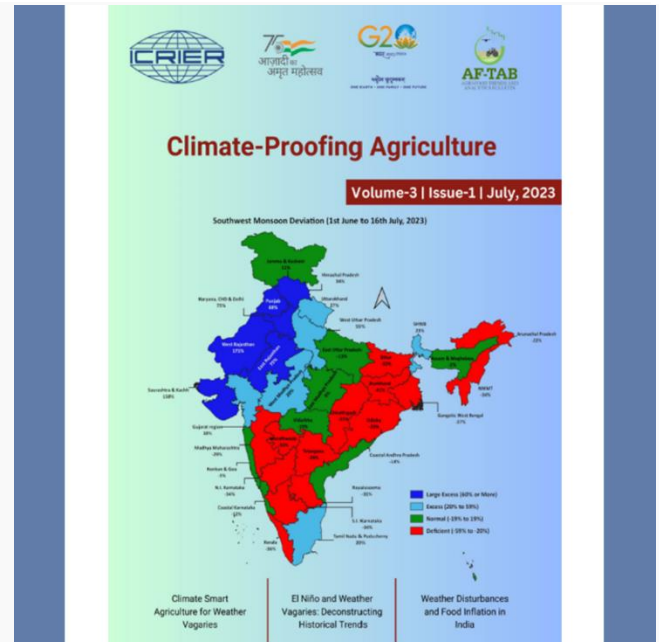


PUBLICATIONS

Climate-Proofing Agriculture

Author(s): Dr. Ashok Gulati, Dr. Shyma Jose, Dr. Reena Singh, Ms. Purvi Thangaraj, Ms. Sabarni Chowdhury, Mr. Sanchit Gupta, Ms Raya Das, Dr. Ranjana Roy

The AF-TAB's latest edition explores the link between El Niño, irregular rainfall, and their impact on agriculture and food prices. Insights reveal how these factors influence supply chains, markets, and productivity, emphasizing the need for climate-smart farming methods. The bulletin highlights strategies like improved water management, precision agriculture, and resilient crops to address challenges posed by climate change-induced events in India... [Read More](#)



5G and Beyond: Formulating a Regulatory Response

Author(s): Dr. Rohit Prasad, Dr. V. Sridhar

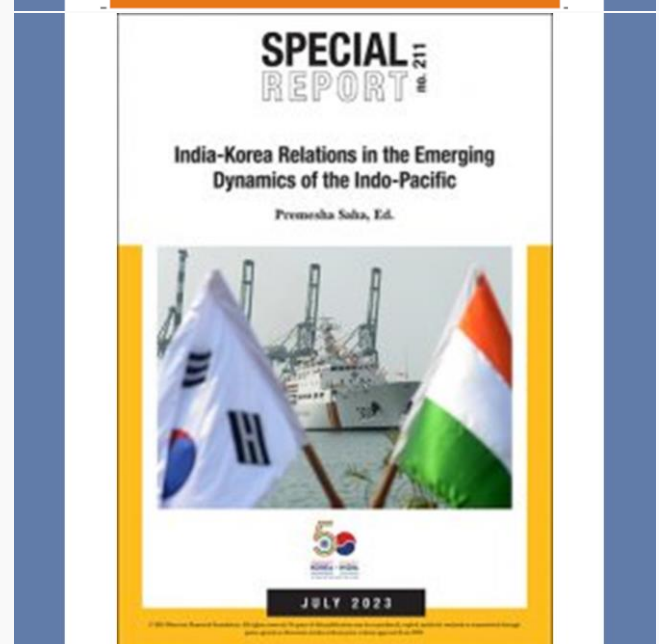
This report delves into 5G's global surge, projecting 1.2 billion connections by 2025. With 198 networks spanning 79 countries, 5G investment is set to exceed \$600 billion between 2022-2025. Indian MNOs launched services post-2022 spectrum auctions. Benefits include Industry 4.0's massive communication, consumer entertainment enhancements, and Captive Non-Public Networks for enterprises. Evolving business models, spectrum management, and regulatory insights shape the telecom landscape's future. [Read more](#)



India-Korea Relations in the Emerging Dynamics of the Indo-Pacific

Author(s): Yoon Jung Choi, Jagannath Panda, Wondeuk Cho, Sarabjeet S Parmar, Kuyoun Chung, Shimona Mohan, Arpita Mukherjee, Eshana Mukherjee Jeong Gon Kim, Premesha Saha

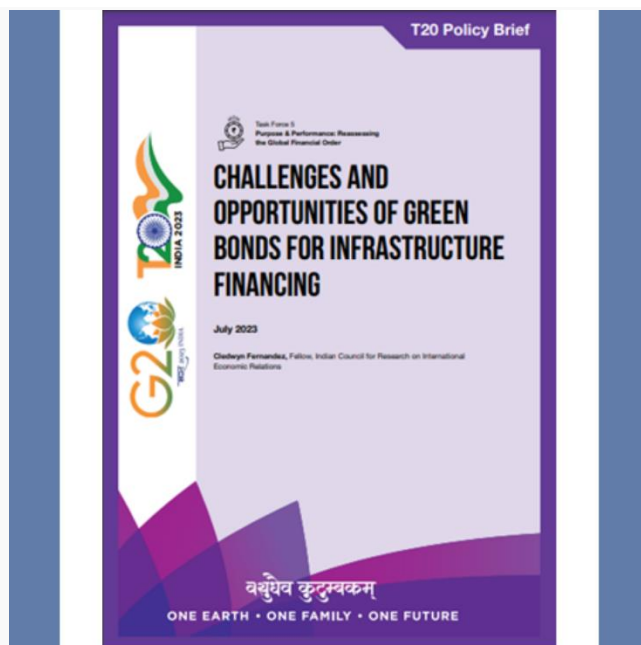
The report examines India's involvement in South Korea's Indo-Pacific Strategy, emphasizing trade, security, and technology partnerships. Expert insights from both nations enhance bilateral ties, while actionable policy recommendations aim to strengthen cooperation for mutual benefit... [Read more](#)



Challenges and Opportunities of Green Bonds for Infrastructure Financing

Author(s): Cledwyn Fernandez

This policy brief focuses on green financing as a structural financial activity that aims to improve environmental outcomes of projects. It explores green financing tools such as green bonds, which are the largest and most mature segment of the sustainable debt market. The brief provides an overview of the global green bonds market and discusses the role of G20 economies in enhancing it. It also offers measures to mitigate risks associated with green financing and scale up the green bonds market across G20 economies. [Read more](#)



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Introducing Dr. Amrita Goldar: With a dedicated career spanning over a decade at ICRIER

Dr. Amrita Goldar is a Senior Fellow at ICRIER, where she has been actively involved in various projects. She has led initiatives on G-20 negotiations, municipal bonds for financing urban solar rooftop projects, climate change impacts on urban economic competitiveness, renewable energy technologies for telecom towers, and rationalizing fossil fuel subsidies in India. Currently, her focus is on financing India's NDC commitments and studying the impact of renewable policies on job creation and industrial competitiveness in the economy. To learn more about our esteemed faculty members, please [click here](#)





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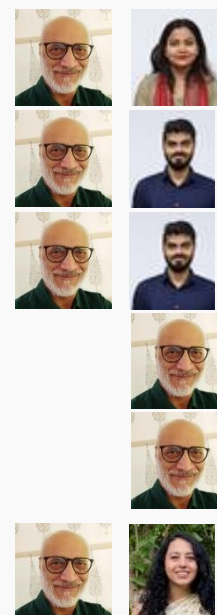
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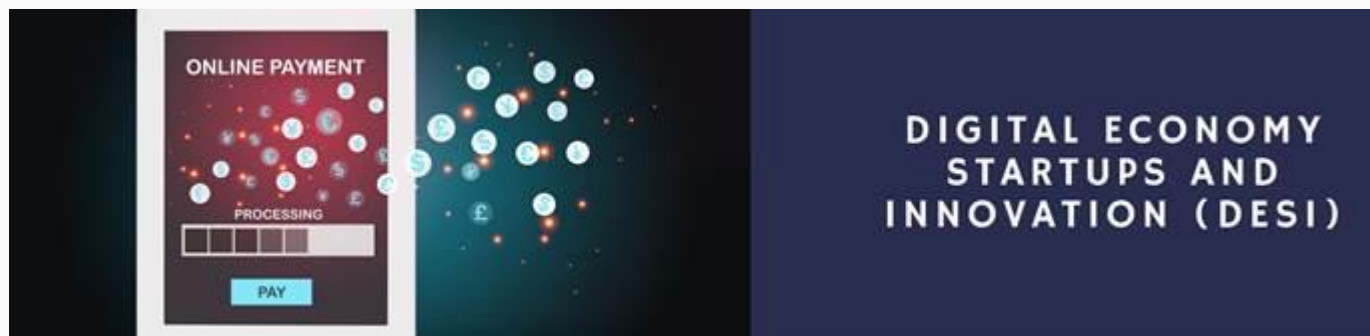
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Tomatoes: Squashed by the rear view

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Taking digital next steps

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