

Mazzucato appointed as SA's strategic planner for global economic growth

President Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed Professor Mariana Mazzucato as a technical expert for South Africa's G20 Presidency and as his special presidential representative to Taskforce 1 which focuses on inclusive economic growth, industrialisation, employment, and reducing inequality.



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Mazzucato will also contribute to Taskforce 3: Artificial intelligence, data governance, and innovation for sustainable development.

She'll also be helping out with the Sherpa Track's Trade and Investment Working Group, along with the sustainable finance and international financial architecture working groups in the Finance Track.

Professor Mazzucato has been a member of President Ramaphosa's Economic Advisory Council (PEAC) since 2019, advising on areas such as green industrial strategy, state capacity, and reform of state-owned enterprises.

In 2024, she co-chaired the Group of Experts for Brazil's G20 Task Force for the Global Mobilisation Against Climate Change (TF-CLIMA).

This appointment underscores South Africa's commitment to leveraging its leadership in the G20 to shape more inclusive and sustainable global economy.

Mazzucato, internationally recognised for her work on rethinking the state, green growth, mission-oriented innovation and public value creation, brings critical expertise to advancing South Africa's goals on green industrialisation, inclusive growth, and long-term structural transformation.

Under Ramaphosa's leadership and the G20 theme of "Solidarity. Equality. Sustainability.", South Africa aims to lead global discussions on these key issues, advocating for policies that foster resilient economic development, particularly in developing countries.

South Africa's G20 Presidency is committed to advancing a global economic framework that supports growth, economic resilience, and social equity, Ramaphosa has said.

2025 marks what Ramaphosa, along with President Lula da Silva of Brazil and Prime Minister Sánchez of Spain, has called 'a pivotal year for multilateralism,' with three major global gatherings – the G20 Summit in Johannesburg, the Financing for Development Conference in Seville, and COP30 in Belém.

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